

**Ferry Conservation District  
Special Board Meeting MINUTES: 9/27/2023**

**Meeting Start – 5:00 pm pm (Jim Rochelle)**

**In attendance USDA Service Center: Charlotte Coombes , Board Auditor; Eric Bracken , Supervisor; Jim Rochelle, Chair; Dave Konz, Vice-Chair; Joann Marshall, Supervisor (on phone); Dave Hedrick, FCD District Manager; Candy Roman , Staff; Mckenzi Coleman, Staff;**

<b>Official Action Items</b>			
<b>Motion</b>	<b>Motion made by:</b>	<b>Motioned seconded by:</b>	<b>Decision</b>
Motion to approve agenda	Dave Konz	Eric Bracken	Carried
Motion to approve Aug 23, 2023 minutes	Eric Bracken	Joann Marshall	Carried
Motion to approve Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable Aug 2023	Eric Bracken	Dave Konz	Carried
Warrants to Pay: 3375--3393 Total \$21,615.15. Efts: \$3,337.80	Dave Konz	Eric Bracken	Carried
Approve Engineering agreement	Eric Bracken	Charlotte Coombes	
Approve Addendum for 24-36 FH grant.	Dave Konz	Charlotte Coombes	Carried
Approve VSP County agreement	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	
<b>Meeting Adjourned at 6:04 PM</b>			Carried

**Open Public Testimony:** None.

**Partner Reports:** None.

**Operations Report**

<b>Implementation Grant (keeping the doors open)</b>	<b>Original Amount</b>	<b>\$128,935.00</b>
	<b>Amount Paid Through 9/26/23</b>	<b>\$12,786.84</b>
	<b>Amount Available Through 6/30/24</b>	<b>\$116,148.16</b>

**FY24 Funding :**We haven't gotten paid for our August voucher for \$13,054.71. Some of our big expenses are front-loaded, so not every month will be as big as the first two.

**Curlew Lake Ecology Grant:** We sampled on 9/25, and October will probably be our last month on the lake.

**Education :** We had a great meeting with the Pacific Education Institute about the district property. They were excited about the potential and could be a good resource for the future. Mckinzi and I participated in the two-day Water Festival at the Sherman Creek Hatchery. We gave a presentation on riparian health to mostly fifth graders. It went very well, and we have some good ideas for next year. We will host the Republic second graders at the district property on 11/15. Looking forward to that.

**Voluntary Stewardship Program :** I completed the VSP Two year report and sent it in on 9/30. I also met with the county commissioners and discussed the report. They are happy with our work implementing VSP and asked many good questions.

**Fair:** The fair was very successful, and not just because Mckenzi won the decorating contest. We had more people stop by than last year and got several projects out of it.

**NE Area Meeting:** The WACD meeting of the NE Area will be on October 18 this year. It will be held at the Camas Center in Pend Oreille County. It's always interesting to hear what other districts are doing and listen to the big plans NRCS has that never quite happen. Candy, Mckenzi, and I are going, and anyone else who wants to.

**Forest Health/Wildfire Resilience Grant:** We received the funding. This will mainly be a capacity-building and planning grant. There will be another opportunity to ask for money for cost shares and implementation. There was \$15 million that was given to the SCC, and over \$10 million was committed in the first round of applications. It is expected that \$5 million will be ongoing funding, which presents the opportunity to develop a longer-term program.

**Committees I'm On:**


- Sustainable Funding (WACD): Oxymoron?
- Elections (WACD): 1 against 44
- Washington Association of District Employees (WADE) Board: Annual training event in Leavenworth.

**Upcoming Before the Next Meeting:**

- Meeting before hunting season??

**Dave Hedrick , District Manager**

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:04pm**



**Candy Roman, FCD District Staff**



**Ferry Conservation District Board Member**