

**Ferry Conservation District  
USDA Conference Room  
April 28, 2021  
5:30 p.m. Call-in**

**Supervisors Present**

Charlotte Coombes, Auditor, on phone.  
Jim Rochelle, Supervisor, on phone.  
Eric Bracken, Chair, on phone.

**Others Present**

Dave Hedrick, District Manager, on phone.  
Candy Roman, Staff, on phone.  
Mike Baden, WSCC, on phone.  
Derek Gianukakis, Ferry Co Commissioner, on phone.  
Debra Hansen, WSU Extension, on phone.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Eric Bracken, called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

➤ **AGENDA REVIEW:**

- **Consent Agenda:** Charlotte Coombes moved to approve the revised consent agenda, Jim Rochelle, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Meeting Minutes:** Charlotte Coombes moved to approve the Meeting minutes for February 24, 2021, Jim Rochelle, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Treasure's Report and Accounts Payable:** Jim Rochelle moved to approve the Treasure's Report and Accounts Payable for the months of February/March 2021, Charlotte Coombes seconded. Motion carried.
- **Warrants and EFT's paid:** Charlotte Coombes moved to approve warrants 2862-2902, in the total amount of \$24,924.91 and Efts of \$3,575.91 for the month of February 25, 2021 to April 28, 2021, Jim Rochelle, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Cost-Share contract approvals:** None.
- **Guest Report, Debra Hansen WSU Extension:** \*April is suicide prevention month. Federal/State funding to work with groups to get information out to the producers. Washington state is higher in producer suicide than the National average. Pend Oreille, Stevens & Ferry counties are the highest in Washington state. Training available online 90 minutes, learn how to watch for signs of possible suicide.
- **Guest Report Mike Baden WSCC:** \*Budget news. 2 million in T/A money, equal between all districts. Operating budget, no cuts, base budget came out ahead. 3 million for fire recovery projects. 1.5 million per year. Capital budget, 4 million. Each district will get an equal amount for NRI projects, able to use on a lot of smaller projects up to a total for all at 50 thousand per district. Annual audit due by May 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Guest Derek Gianukakis Ferry County Commissioner:** Passed a resolution to purchase the property from the City of Republic next to the school for the pump track Nathan Davis has been working on for the last 3 years. Also, with plans for a theater, volleyball court, basketball court, RV campground, new Sheriff's office, and daycare. Should be official next week. It is 33+ acres.

- **District Managers Report Dave Hedrick:** \*Both NRI projects were unable to be completed. Returned funds to the Commission in March. \*Curlew Lake, plan on starting up the water sampling. With plans on applying for an Ecology grant with the help of Joan Hardy who is the consultant who offered her services for little or no cost. Make sure we have broad support and a clear path on the plan. \*NRCS, we have a permanent person in the Republic office. Alex and she is coming from the Ephrata office. She has been getting acquainted with the area and producers. NE Area work group meeting is May 20<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm. Mike Baden is facilitating the meeting. It will be help virtually. \*3F2P project. Another project on the east fork of the Sanpoil. Waiting for final drawing then the start of permitting and buying a bridge and hiring a contractor. Motion passed to approve Dave Hedrick as signer for Ferry CD. \*Election. Meeting every Wednesday for two hours until we make our recommendations to the Commission in September. Substantial divide between urban & rural perspectives on being on the general election ballot. \*Fire training, completed two rounds of training with one more next week. \*Plant sale successful, thanks to everyone for their help. \*Farm to table, grant from SCC to work with food issues. Joint between Stevens, Pend Oreille, Ferry CD's, and Stevens County WSU extension. Putting together an insert for the Silverado express with a map showing all farms who sell directly to the public. Will also be on our websites. \*Updating our website & putting in a new VSP page. Easier to view on a phone. Contractor who is helping also did Pend Oreille site. \*Bill's last day was Monday. Happy he is getting a little more free-time, retirement party later in the year. \*HB2126 Dept of Ag Wolf funding, Dave Hedrick is on the panel for another two year term representing Ferry County.
- **Executive Session:** None.
- **NACD dues:** Charlotte Coombes moved to pay \$50.00 in dues to NACD. Jim Rochelle seconded. Motion carried.
- **Employment Security:** Jim Rochelle moved not to voluntary contribute to Employment Security Dept. to lower rate with the cost not saving the District money. Charlotte Coombes seconded. Motion carried.
- **Summary of Motions/Agreements/Resolution.**
  - Motion to approve Consent Agenda. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Jim Rochelle. seconded. Motion approved.
  - Motion to approve Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2021. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval; Jim Rochelle seconded. Motion approved.
  - Motion to approve Treasure report and Accounts Payable for February/March 2021. Jim Rochelle moved for approval; Charlotte Coombes seconded. Motion approved.
  - Motion to approve Warrants and Efts for February 25 to April 28, 2021. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval; Jim Rochelle seconded. Motion approved.
  - Motion to approve paying dues to NACD. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval; Jim Rochelle seconded. Motion approved.
  - Motion to not contribute to Employment Security Dept. Jim Rochelle moved for approval; Charlotte Coombes seconded. Motion approved.
  - Motion to pass 3F2P resolution for Boiko project as Dave Hedrick as signer. Jim Rochelle moved for approval; Charlotte Coombes seconded. Motion approved.
- **Chair Eric Bracken adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm**

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Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted this 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2021.

  
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Candy Roman, FCD Staff.

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Board Supervisor