

**Ferry Conservation District
Special Board Meeting MINUTES: 8/23/2023**

Meeting Start – 4:59 pm (Dave Hedrick)

In attendance USDA Service Center(boat tour of Curlew Lake): Charlotte Coombes , Board Auditor; Eric Bracken , Supervisor; Jim Rochelle, Chair; Dave Konz, Vice-Chair; Joann Marshall, Supervisor; Dave Hedrick, FCD District Manager; Candy Roman , Staff; Mckenzi Coleman, Staff; Ryan Baye, WACD Leg Director; Cindy Bracken, Guest; Gordon McIntyre, Guest.

Official Action Items			
Motion	Motion made by:	Motioned seconded by:	Decision
Motion to approve agenda	Charlotte Coombes	Dave Konz	Carried
Motion to approve July 26, 2023 minutes	Charlotte Coombes	Dave Konz	Carried
Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report and Accounts Payable July 2023	Eric Bracken	Charlotte Coombes	Carried
Warrants to Pay: 3356--3374 Total \$18,073.04. Efts: \$5,006.34	Joann Marshall	Charlotte Coombes	Carried
Approve Addendum for 24-36 SFF grant.	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	Carried
Meeting Adjourned at 5:56 PM	Joanne Marshall	Eric Bracken	Carried

Open Public Testimony: None.

Partner Reports: None.

Operations Report

Implementation Grant (keeping the doors open)	Original Amount	\$128,935.00
	Amount Paid Through 8/23/23	<u>\$0</u>
	Amount Available Through 6/30/24	\$128,935.00

FY24 Funding : We haven't gotten paid for anything in the new fiscal year but have vouchered \$ 12,995.90 for July. It's not uncommon to have a lag in payment in July since this is an extremely busy time of year for financial staff.

Curlew Lake Ecology Grant: We sampled on 8/22 in the rain and continue to gather data. Herrera will be here on 8/24 to do core samples of the bottom

Education : I spoke with Deana Zakar from Kinross about the plans for the CD property and

Mckenzi talked with her about the community garden planning . She is looking for community projects that Kinross can support financially. She said they don't have much money right now but she was very interested in the projects and was going to discuss them with people further up the chain . It brought forward the need for a more specific plan with the actual layout of what we would like to have happen

Voluntary Stewardship Program : The program is getting a make-over after the meeting in Ellensburg. Interim SCC Director Kirk Robinson is working on a report with suggestions for the next director and the SCC. He is a person I have a great deal of confidence in and will no doubt recommend some good solutions . I'm completing the VSP Two-Year Report which is due on 8/30 with the help of Mckenzi . I will email a copy of the report to the board and a copy also goes to the county commissioners.

Forest Service Update: Josh White is the new CNF Supervisor. He has been the deputy supervisor for the past few years and was the ranger of the Three Rivers District in Kettle Falls before that. I have worked with Josh for a long time and they could not have made a better choice, in my opinion . It was a relief when he was selected .

Fair: The fair is just around the corner and we are busy getting things prepared . We have a day of cleanup next Tuesday for our booth to get rid of all the pigeon poop that accumulates over the year. Mckenzi has plans on winning the booth decorating contest and we will have some hands-on demonstrations for kids . I'm really looking forward to it and really looking forward to it being over.

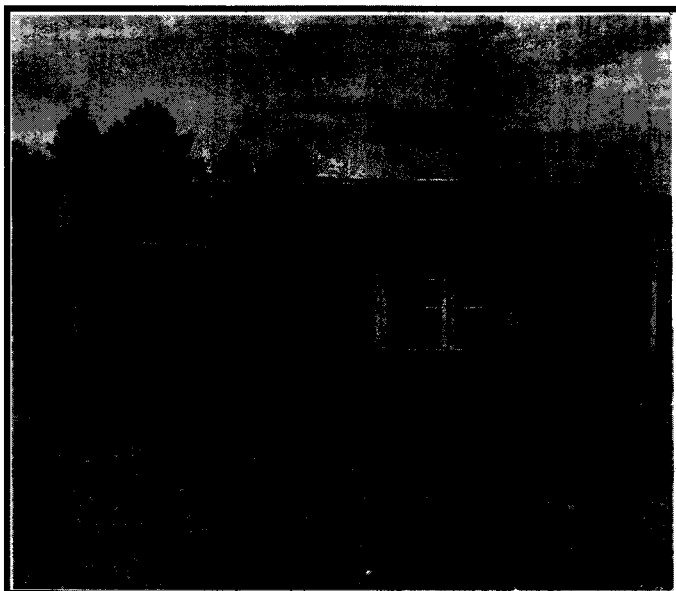
Forest Health/Wildfire Resilience Grant: We applied for a grant from the SCC centered around wildfire preparedness and forest health . This is an opportunity to work with the county, DNR, CNF and Job Corps on a way to improve the community and homeowner's chances in the next wildfire . More information to come at the next meeting . We asked for \$ 116,000 over two years

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 in the new shed out at the CD Property??



Dave Hedrick , District Manager

Meeting Adjourned: 5:56 PM

Candy L Roman
Candy Roman, FCD District Staff

J. Rochelle
Ferry Conservation District Board Member