

**Ferry Conservation District
Special Board Meeting MINUTES: 12/06/2023**

Meeting Start – 3:15 pm (Jim Rochelle)

In attendance USDA Service Center: Charlotte Coombes , *Board Auditor*; Jim Rochelle, *Chair*; Dave Konz, *Vice-Chair*; Joann Marshall, *Supervisor*; Eric Bracken, *Supervisor*; Dave Hedrick, *FCD District Manager*; Candy Roman , *Staff*; Mckenzi Coleman, *Staff*; Mike Baden, *WSCC*; Ray Vipperman, *Guest*.

Official Action Items			
Motion	Motion made by:	Motioned seconded by:	Decision
Motion to approve agenda	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	Carried
Motion to approve Oct 11, 2023 minutes	Charlotte Coombes	Dave Konz	Carried
Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report and Accounts Payable Oct/Nov 2023	Eric Bracken	Joann Marshall	Carried
Warrants to Pay: 3402--3441 Total \$44,458.51. Efts: \$6,565.40	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	Carried
Approve a letter to the County Commissioners on an inquiry on property exchange with Ferry County.	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	Carried
Meeting Adjourned at 5:07 PM			Carried

Open Public Testimony: None.

Partner Reports: Mke Baden, WSCC. James Thompson was appointed as the new Executive Director on Nov 30th. Alison Halpern left for a position as WSDA. Jodi Prout will be supporting the Governor's education and outreach on riparian work. Open Government training, Jim Rochelle is due.

Operations Report

Implementation Grant (keeping the doors open)	Original Amount	\$128,935.00
	Amount Paid Through 11/1/23	\$46,878.70
	Amount Available Through 6/30/24	\$82,056.30
	Percent used:	36.4%

FY24 Funding : We are still running a little over budget on our Implementation grant but have other grants funds available going forward that more than compensates for that. So far this fiscal year, we have accrued over \$9,000. in overhead, which is the CD’s money we can spend on anything.

Curlew Lake Ecology Grant: Sampling may be over for the winter or at least until the ice gets thick enough to walk on safely.

Education : We took the 2nd grade out on 11/1, planted some willows, and sprinkled some pollinator seeds around. Mckenzi made a great video of the whole thing. Taking 2nd graders out the day after Halloween should come with hazard pay. The teachers and volunteers were great.

Voluntary Stewardship Program : With the appointment of a new Executive Director, the VSP program should get a much-needed overhaul.

NE Area Meeting: The WACD meeting of the NE Area was held on October 18th. Once again, NRCS talked about how much money they had to spend, but probably not much would land in Ferry County.

SCC Executive Director Search: The new director has been chosen, and it's James Thompson. Not my choice but we need to move forward. He ran the Port Districts in Washington and then spent considerable time in the private sector. Not sure he could find Ferry County on a map.

Forest Health.Wildfire Resilience Grant: We received an additional \$43,366 for a cost-share that involves thinning/mastication/wildfire resilience. I've learned that there's a considerable disconnect between the county, fire district, DNR, and Forest Service regarding wildfire coordination.

WACD: Joann and I attended the WACD conference in Wenatchee. It was well attended but maybe lacked some of the quality content of the past. There were a few good points that I took away from it and a couple of interesting resolutions we can discuss. I'm interested in Joann's take on it.

Fairgrounds Crossing Grant: Mckenzi and I have been working on a NOAA grant to fix the Sanpoil crossing to the fairgrounds and the fish barrier just downstream at a private crossing. The budget isn't quite finished yet, but it is in the \$750,000 range. We hope to send it off by next Friday.

Committees I'm On:

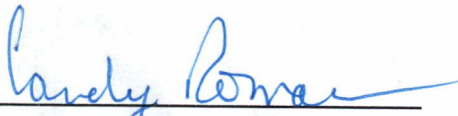
- Sustainable Funding (WACD): Oxymoron?
- Elections (WACD): 1 against 44
- Washington Association of District Employees (WADE) Board: Annual training event in Leavenworth.

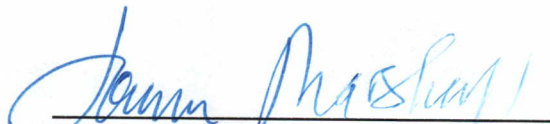
Upcoming Before the Next Meeting:

- Survive Christmas and New Years

Dave Hedrick , District Manager

Meeting Adjourned: 5:07pm


Candy Roman, FCD District Staff


Ferry Conservation District Board Member