

**Ferry Conservation District
Special Board Meeting MINUTES: 3/22/2023**

Meeting Start – 3:05 pm

In attendance USDA Service Center: Eric Bracken ,Board Supervisor; **Joann Marshall**, Vice Chair; **Charlotte Coombes**, Board Supervisor Auditor; **Dave Hedrick**, *FCD District Manager*; **Candy Roman** , Staff; **Mike Baden**, WSCC; John Floyd, NE Area Director .

In attendance via “GoToMeeting,”: Mckenzie Coleman, Staff.

Official Action Items			
Motion	Motion made by:	Motioned seconded by:	Decision
Motion to approve agenda	Charlotte Coombes	Joann Marshall	Carried
Motion to name Jim Rochelle as the new Chair, and Dave Konz as the Vice Chair. And revisit every February	Charlotte Coombes	Joann Marshall	Carried
Motion to approve Feb 22, 2023 minutes ,	Eric Bracken	Charlotte Coombes	Carried
Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report and Accounts Payable February 2023.	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	Carried
Warrants to Pay: 3245-3263 Total \$22,801.80 ETfs: \$3,034.23. For Feb 23, 2023, March 22, 2023	Charlotte Coombes	Joann Marshall	Carried
Potential for Trade of District with Ferry County	Charlotte Coombes	Joann Marshall	Carried
Update of meeting times to Oct through March start at 3pm, April through September start at 5pm	Charlotte Coombes	Eric Bracken	Carried
Meeting Adjourned at 4:50 PM			

Open Public Testimony

None

Partner Reports : **Mke Baden, SCC**; Chris Pettit was let go as director of SCC, Ron Shultz is acting director.

Budget numbers are starting to come out. .7% decrease in revenue for the state. Salmon riparian funding. Election study bill is dead. Might be in the budget as a provisional for a study in election cost. Urban ag bill. VSP bill to let District not in VSP to op in. 5 million for fire money to WSCC. May 4th Forest health workshop. Draft guidelines for the grant manual, for different grants, asking for comments. NE area local workgroup meeting starts at noon on April 7th. Contracting and bidding training is April 27/28th.

Operations Report

Dave Hedrick

Implementation Grant: (keeping the doors open)	Original Amount	\$117,823.00 (100%)
	Amount Paid Through 1/31/23	\$74,553.25 (63%)
	Amount Available Through 6/30/23	\$43,269.75 (37%)

We're on track with the budget—slightly better than expected. At the SCC meeting on 3/16 they said they expected to have some year-end funding for districts but whether that's a little or a lot is yet to be determined. In any event, we should develop a list that can be prioritized at the next meeting.

Legislative Session: The legislative session is under way with both WACD and the SCC providing frequent updates. The biggest news is the riparian bill that could have potentially given the SCC \$100 million to spend is off the table. There will likely be some money in a proviso that would be centered around salmon recovery but that's probably it. Everyone is waiting for the revenue forecast and that's when things will really start happening

Curlew Lake Ecology Grant: Things are perking along. All the creeks except for Trout remain either frozen or dry. Our HydroLab probe is in for repairs and was not working properly. It's a necessary item for collecting data on the lake. Herrera Consulting will be here in person in April to do some work and meet with the Curlew Lake Association.

Education: Mckenzi and I went to a meeting in Curlew for their Career Technical Education (CTE) committee meeting to talk about the greenhouse and potential changes to the agreement. We also met with Republic school superintendent John Farley about the changes also. I am speaking to the Republic school board after our meeting on Wednesday

Voluntary Stewardship Program: I had my first meeting with Herrera about a monitoring plan for critical areas. They are coming out next month for a visit because this is a hard thing to understand unless you see the landscape first-hand. The SCC is proposing a monitoring guide that must be followed, which is very unrealistic for counties to be able to accomplish. There was an opportunity to submit comments (which I did) and then a follow-up meeting next week.

SCC Director: The SCC Director, Chris Petit, was terminated by the SCC at their March meeting. This probably isn't the last chapter in this story since he's a lawyer and the SCC made some mistakes throughout the process. In any event, the search for a new director is about to begin and we need to make sure that the mistakes from the last search are not repeated.

Annual Plan of Work: I have included last year's annual plan of work and we did a pretty good job of meeting our goals. We need to have a discussion about what the next year should bring and where the priorities are. The APW should be approved at the next meeting.

Upper Columbia RC&D: This a 501 c (3) non profit organization that the FCD has utilized in the past. The five NE CD's led by Spokane would like to resurrect and expand this organization. Having an organization like this expands the grant opportunities for the CD. It may be that the five district managers would constitute the board

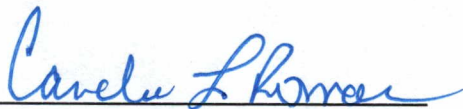
Committees I'm On:

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

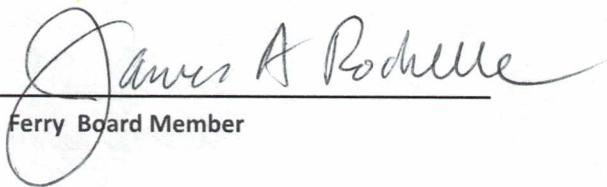
Upcoming Before the Next Meeting

- Review Open Public Meeting Act Guidelines and New Additions.
- Possible CD needs for year-end funding.
- Is it spring yet?

Meeting Adjourned: 4:50 PM



Candy Roman, FCD District Staff



Ferry Board Member