

**Ferry Conservation District
Board Meeting
USDA Conference Room
April 27, 2016**

Supervisors Present

Dave Konz, Supervisor
Randall Hansen, Vice Chair
Charlotte Coombes, Auditor
Eric Bracken, Chair

Others Present

Lloyd Odell, District Manager
Liz Carr, WQT - Staff
Candy Lammon, Staff
Bill Chamberlin, Staff
Patrice Beckwith, NRCS

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair, Eric Bracken called the meeting to order 5:35pm

➤ **AGENDA REVIEW:**

- **Consent Agenda:** Randall Hansen moved to approve the consent agenda, Charlotte Coombes, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Meeting Minutes:** Randall Hansen moved to approve the Meeting minutes for March 23, 2016, Charlotte Coombes, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Treasure's Report and Accounts Payable:** Charlotte Coombes moved to approve the Treasure's Report and Accounts Payable, Randall Hansen, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Warrants and EFT's paid:** Charlotte Coombes moved to approve warrants 1550-1564 in the amount of \$5142.73 and EFT's of \$3692.75, for the month of April 2016. Dave Konz, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Executive Session:** None

• **GUEST REPORTS:**

- **Patrice Beckwith, USDA-NRCS:** *Handout attached.* EQIP: Contract packets submitted for obligation, cultural resource packets submitted. Ferry County has 8 pre-approved: 2 Joint Chief Forestry, 1 High Tunnel, 1 Energy Audit, and 1 Pasture Contract. Three on reservation; 2 Range and 1 Irrigation. And the NE Team has 45 pre-approved applications for approximately \$1.5 million. The Local Work Group, meeting was cancelled. A second written report with updates will be developed. Chief's Joint Initiative NE WA Fuels Reduction Project; Walker Hill treatment area. 2015 contracted practices being applied. 2016 will be sent in for obligation. 35 pre-approvals in the NE. CSP 2017: one application for Colville Tribe. Range Tour will be on Thursday June 16th at the Malo Grange, 8:30am, a tour of Gordon Strandberg's private land and USFS permit within the Kettle Complex Fire. Conservation Fair was held April 16th. Great media coverage in the View and on social media. Civil Rights, Ferry CD Board members may request civil rights training for NRCS. May is Older American's Month.

- **District Manager Written Report; Lloyd Odell:** *Handout attached.* The Conservation Fair was a great success. Which include our Annual Plant Sale. Our customers were happy with the quality of our plants. On April 20th and 21st the Commission held the first of several budget meetings and are planning a lofty goal of 75 % increase, which would be about a \$10 million increase for the next biennium. Now they just have to convince the state government the Governor and the Legislature that conservation work deserves the increase. The Commission has not filled the Financial Manager position. WACD has not hired a new Executive Director either. VSP, we are starting to work more intensively on this project. Lloyd has recruited the WSU extension office to help with the web page and communication relating to VSP. Included is a scope of work, which explains the process. Ferry CD have been allocated \$88,320 from WSCC to help with fire recovery on private lands and USFS lands where leases lost fences and other infrastructure during the fires. On April 11th Lloyd and Candy had a phone conference with the SAO. The major concerns were compensated time not imputed correctly when the transfer was done from Quick Books to Bias. They are satisfied with the changes made with the policies and procedures to prevent this in the future. And that we had fixed the problems. Also they mentioned that Lloyd carried over 162 hours of annual leave in 2014 when policy only allows 160. They recommend that we pay our medical stipend as part of payroll, which we would then have to increase the amount by 30% to cover taxes. It was noted during the Board meeting that we are following NRCS federal guide lines that they use for their employees as a pretax amount. So the stipend will stay as it is. We will be hosting a Range tour June 16th. Along with NRCS and WSU extension office. More information to come.
- **Liz Carr WQT:** Goal of the Water Quality Grant is to reduce sediment and fecal coliform bacteria levels in the Kettle River and Sanpoil River through implementation of BMP. Proposal has been submitted to DOE for review. Hope to start monitoring around May 25th. I'm actively reaching out to landowners expressing interest in cost share's. Lloyd and I have a site visit next week with a potential partner, Todd Thorn, Watershed Program Manager, Colville Tribes and Ecology Program Manager, Martyn Quinn. We will also have a site visit for riparian fencing along the Gold Harvest Creek a tributary in the Sanpoil Watershed.
- **Summary of Motions/Agreements/Resolution.**
 - Motion to approve Consent Agenda. Randall Hansen moved for approval, Charlotte Coombes seconded. Motion approved.
 - Motion to approve Meeting Minutes from February 24, 2016. Randall Hansen moved for approval, Charlotte Coombes seconded. Motion approved.
 - Motion to approve Treasure report and Accounts Payable. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Randall Hansen seconded. Motion approved.
 - Motion to approve Warrants and EFT's. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Dave Konz seconded. Motion approved.
- **Other Topics:** WADE Conference will be attended by Lloyd Odell District Manager, Candy Lammon Administrative Assistant and Board member Randall Hansen on June 13-15th, 2016. Sold surplus items at the Conservation Fair in the amount of \$130.00. Plant cost for the plant sale was \$3957.00, profits on plant sale was around \$2912.00 not including payroll cost.
- **Public Comment:** None.

Chair Eric Bracken adjourned the meeting at 6:35pm

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Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted this 25th of May, 2016

APPROVED

Candy Lammon, FCD Staff

Board Supervisor