

**Ferry Conservation District Board Meeting**  
**USDA Conference Room**  
**August 22, 2012**

**Supervisors Present**

Lee Hall, Chair  
Charlotte Coombes, Supervisor  
Dave Konz, Supervisor  
Marc Keith, Vice Chair

**Others Present**

Lloyd Odell, Staff  
Gretchen Plate, Staff  
Patrice Beckwith, USDA-NRCS  
Larry Brewer, Regional Manager WSCC  
Alan Walker, Associate Supervisor  
Alexis Walker, Guest

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Lee Hall called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Charlotte Coombes moved to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the June 25, 2012 Board Meeting minutes. Dave Konz seconded. Motion carried.

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS/AGREEMENTS**

- Approval of Consent Agenda
- Approval of Henry Youngue's Cost Share project
- Approval to Pay WACD dues
- Approval of Fiscal 2013 budget
- Approval of Lloyd Odell as District Manager
- Approval of Addendum to raise Lloyd's hourly wage
- Meeting adjourned at 7:00p.m.

**GUEST REPORTS:**

**Patrice Beckwith, USDA-NRCS:** Patrice reported that she was no longer acting DC and the newly appointed person would be taking over on 9/24/12.

She reported on the storm damage on 7/20/12. She said she had 30 applications for the EQIP Disaster Recovery program and had one hundred thousand dollars allocated for the program, which closed 8/15/12. Patrice said she had needed the help of 2 foresters from the Spokane office and 1 from the Colville office to help assess the damage. She said she was hoping to write 28 contracts of the 30 applications her office had received.

Patrice said that she had also asked applicants to apply through the DNR program and the Conservation District's Cost Share program.

**MANAGER'S REPORT: Lloyd Odell:** Written report. Lloyd reported that we had been extremely busy for the last two months and the Centennial Clean Water Fund (DOE) grant should have a contract in place with the District within the next couple of weeks.

With the storm damage Lloyd said we had approximately 18 cost share applications and he had not had the time to assess any property damage.

Lloyd went over the 2013 Budget outcomes and Implementation outcomes for the board.

He had received emails and 2 written consents for the proposed outcomes and budget for 2013 fiscal year, but needed a formal board motion. Mark Keith moved to approve the 2013 fiscal budget. Dave Konz seconded. Motion carried.

He mention the Ferry County fair is August 31 through September 2 and would appreciate any and all supervisors stopping by and spend some time with staff and fair attendees.

The Meyers Property on the Kettle River sustained significant storm damage and Lloyd said he was working on a Forest Practice application to remove blown-down timber.

Lloyd said he needed the board to re-approve the Youngue cost share project as he now had the cultural resource and engineering reports in place. Mark Keith moved to re-approve the Youngue cost share project. Charlotte Coombes seconded. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Trust for Public Lands:** Lloyd reported he had been in contact with them and it appears that we might be able to have some help from them regarding Conservation land easements.

Executive Session: Lee hall requested an executive session under 1-g at 6:43 p.m. for 15 minutes. The session ended at 6:58 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:58 p.m. The session was called to make Lloyd Odell the District manager. Charlotte Coombes moved to make Lloyd the new District manager. Dave Konz seconded. Motion carried. An amendment to the motion was made to raise Lloyd's hourly rate. Charlotte Coombes moved to increase Lloyd's hourly rate. Dave Konz seconded. Motion carried

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- WACD dues: Charlotte Coombes moved to approve payment of WACD dues as the district benefits from the association with WACD. Marc Keith seconded. Motion carried.
- NACD Dues. The board decided not to pay NACD dues. Charlotte Coombes moved not to pay NACD dues for the coming year. Marc Keith seconded. Motion carried.
- Managing B-class water system: Charlotte said that the community where she lives (Curlew Kai) is being downgraded from a class A water system to a Class B system. She would like the district to possibly take over taking water samples and there would be 200 dollar monthly stipend paid to the district if it would take over this project. The board agreed to have Lloyd looking into this as a possibility. He will report to the board at the next meeting. Discussion followed.
- Conservation Foundation Fund; Lee Hall brought up the suggestion that the district look into the formation of a Conservation Foundation Fund to possibly be able to receive donations that the District is unable to do per bylaws governing a conservation District. It was agreed that Lloyd would look into this as a possibility and report back to the board at the September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Other Topics:** Larry Brewer went over Commission updates and said the Commission had 4 high priority items.

1. Stable funding
2. Elections Improvement
3. 3-Communication between the Commission and board members, as not all have access to the internet.
4. Allocations to process budget requests for the 2014-2015 budget and there will be a meeting held in Chelan on Sept. 19, 2012 to address this issue and supervisor were encouraged to attend.

Larry also mentioned that a consolidation policy was being revamped, as the old system was 34 years old. Discussion ensued.

He also stated that the 2012 election results were certified by the Commission in May 2012.

Larry also discussed funding sources for the Districts.

Charlotte Coombes moved to adjourn.

Lee Hall adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted this 26th day of September, 2012.

**APPROVED**

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Gretchen Plate, FCD Staff

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Board Supervisor