

**Ferry Conservation District Board Meeting
USDA Conference Room
April 24, 2013**

Supervisors Present

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

Others Present

Lloyd Odell, Staff
Gretchen Plate, Staff
Patrice Beckwith, USDA-NRCS
Dennis McKern, Guest
Brad Miller, Ferry County Commissioner
Ginny Lane, FSA

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Lee Hall called the meeting to order at 5.30 p.m.

AGENDA REVIEW

CONSENT AGENDA: Marc Keith moved to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the March 27, 2013 Board Meeting minutes and Treasurer/Accounts payable report. Charlotte Coombes Seconded. Motion Carried.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS/AGREEMENTS

- Approval of Consent Agenda
- Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

GUEST REPORTS:

Patrice Beckwith, USDA-NRCS: Patrice reported on the Conservation Fair and mentioned there was a good turn out and we had a representation of vendors for alternatives for cleanup for storm damage.

She said she had all but one of her EQIP contracts sign for the year and had attended the Colville Tribes Earth Day celebration. She also stated that the National Christmas tree was coming from the Colville National Forest this year and there was a huge effort to provide tree ornaments.

Brad Miller, County Commissioner: Brad gave an update on the Rail Trail. He said the County was awarded another grant for \$100,000 dollars for resurfacing the trestle. He also mention that they needed to change the planned surfacing composite to include 5% cement to help with those in wheel chairs using the trail. Discussion ensued.

. MANAGER'S REPORT: Lloyd Odell: Written Report: Lloyd reported on the Conservation Fair/Plant Sale He said we did a good job streamlining it this year and we have come up with some new ideas for next year. He mentioned that the new vendor exhibits/demonstrations created some interest: Dave Konz had his firewood processor on site, Northwest Edison demonstrated their portable saw mill and Dead-Wood Chipping had both of their wood chippers on display.

Lloyd said the Meyer's Creek property cleanup is under way. Fortunately the price of timber has gone up a bit so the District should see some profit from the logging.

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OLD BUSINESS: Signatures were obtained for the Districts Schedule 22.

NEW BUSINESS: Shared Inventory Policy. Lee suggested that there needs to be mention of training in conjunction with shared inventory to make sure all who are using it are up to speed on the equipment operation. It will be amended and presented to the board next meeting.

There was discussion of the All District Meeting in Ellensburg that Lee and Lloyd attended and it was mentioned that they are planning on attending the follow up meeting in May in Wenatchee.

OTHER TOPICS: We have been given the dates of the 2010 and 2011 audit by the State and this will be conducted May 13th through the 17th. We will be receiving a list of requested documents they will need to proceed with the audit.

BIAS: Gretchen will be in Spokane for the new accounting system the second week in May and signatures were attached to the formal contract.

Motion to adjourn.

Lee Hall adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted this 22th day of May, 2013.

APPROVED

Gretchen Plate, FCD Staff

Board Supervisor