

**Ferry Conservation District
Board Meeting
USDA Conference Room
June 22, 2016**

Supervisors Present

Dave Konz, Supervisor
Eric Bracken, Chair
Charlotte Coombes, Auditor

Others Present

Lloyd Odell, District Manager
Liz Carr, WQT - Staff
Candy Lammon, Staff

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair, Eric Bracken called the meeting to order 6:40pm

➤ **AGENDA REVIEW:**

- **Consent Agenda:** Charlotte Coombes moved to approve the consent agenda, Dave Konz, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Meeting Minutes:** Charlotte Coombes moved to approve the Meeting minutes for May 25, 2016, Dave Konz, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Treasure's Report and Accounts Payable:** Charlotte Coombes moved to approve the Treasure's Report and Accounts Payable for the month of April, Dave Konz, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Warrants and EFT's paid:** Charlotte Coombes moved to approve warrants 1632-1639 in the amount of \$3670.66 and EFT's of \$3799.62, for the month of June, 2016. Dave Konz, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Executive Session:** Time 6:45pm until 6:55pm. To approve Raises for Lloyd Odell, Candy Lammon, Liz Carr and Bill Chamberlin in the amount of \$1.00 per hour starting July 1, 2016. Dave Konz moved to approve raises for staff in the amount of \$1.00 per hour. Charlotte Coombes seconded. Motion carried.
- **GUEST REPORTS:** None
- **District Manager Written Report; Lloyd Odell:** *Handout attached.* New budget for FY 2017 IMP grant, money is the same as last year. Approval was given by the Board Members to the allocation on funds to match last year's categories and amount's. Range tour which was held on June 16, was full of good information. Tip Hudson from WSU Extension presented a workshop on range in proper

functioning condition (PFC). Which includes well managed range land, by grazing at the right time and length. Calves gain more weight by being grass fed, also well managed land helps to retain soil moisture and to control erosion from either water or wind. Travis Fletcher from CNF Range Conservationist, talked about the Forest Service range management after wild fires. Travis said there is no arbitrary time set that stock have to be kept out of burned allotments. How quickly the land recovers are the determining factor. WDFW wolf specialist Jay Shepard talk wolves and other depredation on range land. And that it is not their policy to move wolves into and out of any areas. State wildlife managers are charges with maintaining and protecting all wildlife, regardless of its impact. There are 14 wolf packs in the NE area. Part of his job is to ease conflict between predators and livestock producers. There is assistance available for carcass disposal, range rider assistance and tracking wolves by GPS. At times during the tour the weather was a little nasty. WADE there was a lot of new stuff we will need to deal with in the coming year. Administratively we are in compliance with Commission policies and procedures. The new focus on Districts will be to expand our roles in the County and community for emergency response and preparedness. We are doing as much as we can now with our staff level and budget. The Commission has hired a new Financial and Budget Manager, the first day of WADE was her 9th day on the job. WACD's new Executive Director is in the works, won't know much until the offer is final. We had a productive meeting between the WACD's elected officials and the District Managers. They agreed that the Conservation Districts and their state organizations, need to be more than another mouthpiece for Industrial Agriculture. Also John Floyd would like ideas for fund raising for the next annual meeting that would be more geared towards farmers, ranchers and foresters. Maybe getting corporate sponsors. We will need to talk about this and get back to him with any ideas we come up with.

- **Liz Carr WQT:** QAPP was submitted and approved to Ecology. Will be monitoring from this May through October 2017. We bought a new Turbidity meter through extra funding we received from the Commission. We had multiple site visits with landowners interested in BMP cost-share. Ecology has approved a cost-share with the Colville Tribes, restoration will be a large part of the project and the use of the cost-share money will go towards the restoring of 6.4 miles of roads that will be decommissioned and 15.6 acres of riparian habitat effected. Another project in the works is the Betschart property on the Kettle River. It is a bank stabilization project. The engineer is drawing up plans that we will submit to Ecology for approval. We also have another site which is the Munger property on the Kettle River. Plans will be drawn up by the engineer and also be submitted to Ecology for approval.

- **Summary of Motions/Agreements/Resolution.**

- Motion to approve Consent Agenda. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Dave Konz seconded. Motion approved.
- Motion to approve Meeting Minutes from May 25, 2016. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Dave Konz seconded. Motion approved.
- Motion to approve Treasure report and Accounts Payable. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Dave Konz seconded. Motion approved.
- Motion to approve Warrants and EFT's. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Dave Konz seconded. Motion approved.
- Motion to approve pay raise in the amount of \$1.00 per hour for Lloyd Odell, Candy Lammon, Liz Carr and Bill Chamberlin starting July 1, 2016. Dave Konz moved for approval, Charlotte Coombes seconded. Motion approved.
- Motion to approve the FY 2017 Implementation Grant as allocated in the Addendum. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Dave Konz seconded. Motion approved.

- **Other Topics:**

- First part of meeting was out at the Konz Hofmann project. Stewart Luce explained to everyone the details of what was going to be done and how it would stop the erosion of the stream banks. The plan is to start the project in July.
- Charlotte Coombes brought up maybe offering a cost-share agreement after July 1, 2016 with the Eagle Race track for reseeding on areas that are bare from new construction. (amended at board meeting 7/27/16, with the Ferry County Weed Board.)
- **Public Comment:** None.

Chair Eric Bracken adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm

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Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted this 27th of July, 2016

APPROVED

Candy Lammon, FCD Staff

Board Supervisor