

**Ferry Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
USDA Conference Room  
March 26, 2014**

**Supervisors Present**

Dave Konz, Interim Chair Supervisor  
Marc Keith, Vice Chair  
Patty McKern, Auditor

**Others Present**

Lloyd Odell, Staff  
Gretchen Plate, Staff  
Eric Bracken, Guest  
Patrice Beckwith, USDA-NRCS  
Larry Brewer, Regional WSCC Manager  
Elaine Preston, Guest

**CALL TO ORDER**

Interim Chair, Dave Konz called the meeting to order at 5.31 p.m.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

**CONSENT AGENDA: Meeting minutes from the February 26, 2014 meeting. Warrants to pay 1035-1050 and EFT's. Marc Keith moved to approve agenda. Patty McKern Seconded. Motion carried.**

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS/AGREEMENTS**

- Approval of Consent Agenda and AP.
- Motion to Approve A Special Meeting on April 30
- Motion to Approve Lloyd and a Supervisor to attend All District Meeting
- Motion to Approve list of items as surplus
- Motion to Approve minimum bid
- Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

**GUEST REPORTS: Patrice Beckwith, USDA-NRCS:** Patrice said that the Farm Bill had been signed into law and has funding for an Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Conservation Stewardship Program and Agricultural Management Assistance program.

She mentioned that the EQIP Program Veterans are considered a special group and will receive a 90% cost -share. She currently has 20 projects and is reviewing them to see if any need upgrading. Patrice mentioned that there is a Local Work Group meeting either on 4/29 or possibly 5/1 in Colville covering aspects of Forestry, Irrigation and Range management.. There are considerations for special projects in Stevens, Pend Oreille and Ferry counties. Discussion ensued.

**Larry Brewer, Regional WSCC Manager:** Larry covered options for possible alternative Conservation District Elections. He requested that at the Special April meeting the Board have some ideas he could present to WSCC. Larry also went over the WSCC District Quick notes and a copy is attached. He also mentioned the District needed to update their 5 year plan. After some discussion, the Board agreed that it would be wise to address this topic later in the year after our new Board members have become more comfortable with their new positions.

**District Manager Report; Lloyd Odell:** Lloyd talked at length about the 20<sup>th</sup> upcoming Ferry County Pride month and how important this event is to the community He mentioned several events that are scheduled. 4/18 and 4/19 are the pickup dates for the District's Plant Sale..

He said most of the grant work has been focused on engineering or cultural resources.

Lloyd supplied the Board a list of surplus items that the District would like to auction off with a silent auction at the Conservation Fair on 4/19 and also listed possible minimum bids. Patty McKern moved to state that the listed items were surplus. Marc Keith Seconded. Motion carried. Patty then made a motion to accept the dollar amount on the minimum bids. Marc Keith Seconded. Motion carried.

Lloyd said that there was an All-District Meeting scheduled for April 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> in Ellensburg. He requested that the Board change the date of the scheduled meeting on 4/23 to 4/30. He also request that he and one supervisor be authorized attend. Patty McKern moved to change the 4/23 Board meeting to 4/30. Marc Keith Seconded. Motion carried. Patty McKern moved to allow Lloyd and one supervisor to attend the All District meeting in Ellensburg. Marc Keith Seconded. Motion carried.

**Old Business;** There was no old business to be transacted.

**New Business:** WADE Training at Sleeping Lady Resort, Leavenworth, WA June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, attendees. Candidate elect Eric Bracken said he would like to attend as did Elaine Preston (applicant for the appointed position) as well as Lloyd and Gretchen. Dave Konz said he also would like to attend if funding is available.

Election Results: Eric Bracken was unanimously elected to the vacant board position. He will assume that position in May.

The group introduced themselves to the prospective supervisors (Eric Bracken and Elaine Preston). These will be verified by the Commission during their May meeting.

As our usual practice, the board started making personal donations for awards at the Ferry County Fair. Patrice Beckwith and Patty McKern started this year's donations.

Patty said that she would come to the District office on 4/2 at 10:00 a.m. to do the Schedule 22 (Good Governance Self Audit).

Fish and Wildlife have asked for a letter of support for a grant application to acquire County property. It was tabled until the next meeting as Lloyd would like input from the County Commissioners and Sandy Dotts, Fish and Wildlife.

**Other Topics:** It was noted that Enduris is having a election and they are accepting nomination until 4/25 for 2 board positions.

Dave Konz adjourned the meeting at 7.57 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted this 30th day of April, 2014.

**APPROVED**

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Gretchen Plate, FCD Staff

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Board Supervisor