

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

Supervisors Present

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

Others Present

Lloyd Odell, District Manager
Patrice Beckwith, USDA-NRCS
Candy Lammon, Staff
Liz Carr, WQT-Staff
Rochelle Osborne, FCNWCB

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair, Dave Konz called the meeting to order 12:20pm

➤ **AGENDA REVIEW :**

➤ **CONSENT AGENDA:** Meeting minutes from the December 16, 2015, Charlotte Coombes moved to approve the consent agenda Randall Hansen, seconded. Motion carried.

➤ **Treasure's Report and Accounts Payable: Warrants paid:** 1490-1500, totaling \$3148.28 and EFT's, totaling \$4147.82

➤ **Executive Session:** Motion to give Candy Lammon a raise as of January 1, 2016, Randall Hansen moved for approval, Charlotte Coombes seconded, Motion approved.

➤ **GUEST REPORTS:**

- **Patrice Beckwith, USDA-NRCS:** *Handout attached.* Patrice will be gone February 15-19th for the National CR Review Team. EQIP, 30 for Ferry County, all have been screened and checked for eligibility and I have begun ranking them. Local work group meeting is April 20th at 1pm at the Colville Service Center. It will work on how EQIP funding will be aligned. Emergency EQIP initiatives, WA NRCS has an additional \$400,000 in EQIP money to help with fire assistance. NRCS has asked Congress for emergency Watershed Protection funding. ECP Emergency Conservation Program funding through FSA is available. Joint Chief's Initiative FY16 deadline was December 11, 2015, there are 5 applications in Ferry County. CIG Grant, Proposal for NE WA, Okanogan County and Colville Reservation CD, protect rangeland and soil through low stress grazing first meeting was on the 19th. Also another idea would be creating BioChar from wood waste, it can also improve water quality and soil. Voluntary Natural Resource Conservation Plan received 7 request in Ferry Co; 3 for forest and 4 for cropland planning. Civil Rights; Board Members can request civil rights training from NRCS. Save the date of March 19, 2016. The 5th annual Women in Agriculture Conference is sponsored by Washington State University Extension office.
- **Rochelle Osborne, FCNWCB:** *Handout attached.* Noxious Weed Workshop is Wednesday March 23, 2013 12-4pm at the Ferry County Commissioner's Office. 2015 Season Update; total miles sprayed is 1,240.3 (Rail Corridor, Tiger Trail, Public Works Road Spray and BIA Road

Spray). Private Spray total is 312.28 (RAC, CB/OR, PUD, Airport and city). WCB has Equipment for Loan-out. WCB has a cost share RAC Grant for seeding and spraying.

- **District Manager Written Report; Lloyd Odell:** *Handouts attached.* WQFC Grant has finally been signed by all parties. Liz Carr will be working on this grant and is finishing up her training and getting familiar with the Grant. The grant will be mainly for the Sanpoil, Kettle River and Curlew Lake. VSP, we are moving forward on this with the Conservation District being the lead entity for the County. We had a great turnout on January 19th for the Low stress/Holistic livestock Management workshop. Staffers felt that people showed enough interest that we will try to find funding to do more work in this area. We will apply to NRCS for a CIG grant for more education and possibly some pilot projects. Our Supervisor election will be at our March meeting. So far, we have not had any other interest in Dave's position, except for Dave. If we have no opposing candidate, then we do not have to go through the election process. FSA/CD Board of Supervisors Joint meeting. We were introduced to the members of their team. Celeste Acord will be working out of the office one day a week on Tuesday. WACD Legislative Days are February 22nd and 23rd. A group meeting is on the 22nd, with appointments with District Legislators on the 23rd. Our 7th District team meeting is set for 3:30pm on that day. If any one might think about attending let Candy or I know so we can figure out the details.

- **New Business**
 - Liz Carr is the newest member of the Conservation District team. She joined us in early January. Liz is our new Water Quality Specialist. She will be working on water quality improvement projects throughout the District. Liz has a Bachelor of Science in Marine Ecology and a Masters in Environmental Studies from The Evergreen State College. She has an extensive and diverse background in environmental monitoring, public outreach and education. Her presence on our team is a huge plus for us and for our public.

- **Summary of Motions/Agreements.**
 - Motion to approve Consent Agenda. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Randall Hansen seconded, Motion approved.
 - Motion to approve raise for Candy Lammon. Randall Hansen moved for approval, Charlotte Coombes seconded, Motion approved.
 - Motion to Nominate Eric Bracken as new Board Chair after election. Randall moved to elect Eric Bracken, Elaine Preston seconded. Motion approved.
 - Motion to Nominate Randall Hansen as new Vice Chair after election. Elaine Preston moved to elect Randall Hansen, Eric Bracken seconded. Motion approved.
 - Motion to Nominate Charlotte Coombes as new Auditor after election. Elaine Preston moved to elect Charlotte Coombes, Randall Hansen seconded. Motion approved.

- **Other Topics:**
 - Introduction of Celeste Acord as the new FSA, Ferry County Director. Celeste will be here one day a week on Tuesday from around 8:30am until around 3:30pm. She will be working to giving our landowners/cooperators more support in Ferry County. She will also be updating Farm records.
 - Dave Konz talked about Sara Wilson and the Grasshopper festival and her wanting and needing people to harvest Grasshopper, which there is funding available. Dave also talked

about the idea of a pelletizer to process grasshoppers and maybe for him to process his sawdust from his wood cutting business.

- Eric Bracken noted the need of NE Director Representative for WACD. Eric also brought up the idea of maybe monitoring the springs that feed into Lake Curlew for phosphate levels by using GPS for the sites to rule out areas. And that the outlets being clogged with an old dock and other debris which might be under the WQC Grant.
- Randall Hansen talked about the Annual Northeast Chapter Washington Farm Forestry Association Winter meeting. The Meeting is February 20, 2016 at the NE WA Fairgrounds Ag Center 317 West Astor Ave, Colville WA 99114. Register by February 15, 2016. There will be a raffle and silent auction, continental breakfast and lunch included in the registration fee. Lots of great information for everyone. Handout attached.
- Total so far for the Accountability Audit by the State Auditor Office is \$4658.30. They are checking the payroll records and plant sale invoices and deposits.

➤ **Public Comment:** None.

Chair Dave Konz adjourned the meeting at 2:05pm

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Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted this 24th of February 2016

APPROVED

Candy Lammon, FCD Staff

Board Supervisor