

**Ferry Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
USDA Conference Room  
February 24, 2016**

**Supervisors Present**

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

**Others Present**

Lloyd Odell, District Manager  
Patrice Beckwith, USDA-NRCS  
Candy Lammon, Staff  
Liz Carr, WQT-Staff  
Karla Ware, USDA-NRCS  
Cheri Carrigan, USDA-NRCS, Stevens County  
Sarah Wilson, Grasshopper growers

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice-Chair, Eric Bracken called the meeting to order 12:00pm.

➤ **AGENDA REVIEW :**

- **CONSENT AGENDA:** Meeting minutes from the January 27, 2016, Charlotte Coombes moved to approve the consent agenda Randall Hansen, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Treasure's Report and Accounts Payable: Warrants paid:** 1508-1510 + 1515-1519, Total \$3936.46 and EFT's totaling \$2519.46.
- **Executive Session:** None

➤ **GUEST REPORTS:**

- **Karla Ware, USDA-NRCS:** *Handout attached.* Introduced Cheri Carrigan, she is the new Program Support Specialist. She covers the Tri-county area. Cheri came from the Stevens County Conservation District. Cheri's mission is the same as the Conservation Districts. Local work group priorities are 40% Degraded plant condition-Undesirable plant productivity and health. 25% Excess/Insufficient Water-inefficient use of irrigation water. 35% Water Quality Degradation- Excessive sediment in surface waters. EQIP funding \$263,000 NE team, Joint Chiefs Fuel Reduction \$470,000, Fire rehab whole state \$400,000. Patrice has 5 contracts so far on the Joint Chiefs Fuel Reduction Grant, 3 more expected this year. Feels like they didn't get enough applications. Need ideas to get more. Taking application for the 2017 year which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> and last year for this program.
- **Sarah Wilson:** *Handouts attached.* Sarah is promoting the Grasshopper festival which is being held on the fourth weekend in July. The Bug Chef will attend the festival again this year. Although edible insects are popular around the world, it is still new to the United States. Grasshopper nutritional value is high, 100g's of grasshoppers has 30g's of protein. She also talked about working with someone to get a pelletizer for wood waste and also using it for processing insects for animal feed. She has worked with a few landowners who have harvested grasshopper for her, which she was able to sell for around \$.25 per bug. And there are about 100+ grasshoppers per pound. Sarah is also looking for someone to maybe develop equipment

for catching grasshoppers, something that might be able to be attached to the front of hay cutting equipment.

- **District Manager Written Report; Lloyd Odell:** *Handouts attached.* We have spent the month in negotiation with the County Commissioners for the VSP grant. An approval from the Board is needed on our cooperative agreement with the County. (Which was approved at this meeting). When the County signs our agreement which needs to be looked at by their legal team first and we get our Chairmen's signature and the County has a signed agreement with the Conservation Commission we will be ready to go to work. It will also increase our budget by \$250,000 in the current biennium. On our SCIP grant we have around \$160,000 worth of projects to install this year, we also have around \$100,000 scheduled for the Kettle River this year. This will be one our busiest construction season ever. Liz will talk about our WQFC grant. We plan to pursue in cooperation with the North Four Tier Conservation District for funding through NRCS for the CIG grant which is a pilot studies on livestock management in Northeast Washington. Also this is the year for grant proposals to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). We plan on applying for the ALEA grant to develop education and recreation facilities on our Roberta Lake property. The Election will be Dave's by default at the end of the day if we have no other interest in the position. The new NE Area Director for WACD is John Floyd, from Pend Oreille. The Spring Conservation Fair is on April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. Hope that all of you can come and be part of the Fair.
- **Liz Carr:** Getting up to speed on past testing. Liz will talk about plans and goals at our next board meeting after her meeting with Martin Quinn from DOE on the WQFC Grant. Liz is also getting all the monitoring equipment ready to start testing soon. Liz is looking for input from the Project Manager on BMP's already in pipe line. Also work on the Kettle River has changed, she still needs to get updated numbers and 303D list. Run off from the fire's might be an issue, so that will be something to look at. Liz is also looking at data on Curlew Lake and getting up to date on information.
- **New Business:** None.
- **Summary of Motions/Agreements.**
  - Motion to approve Consent Agenda. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Randall Hansen seconded, Motion approved.
  - Motion to approve cooperative agreement contract with the Ferry County for VSP. Randall Hansen moved for approval, Charlotte Coombes seconded, Motion approved.
- **Other Topics:** Charlotte Coombes is working on getting more information on Water rights and putting a water bank together.
- **Public Comment:** None.

**Chair Dave Konz adjourned the meeting at 1:55 pm.**

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Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted this 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2016

**APPROVED**

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Candy Lammon, FCD Staff

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Board Supervisor