

**Ferry Conservation District  
Board Meeting  
USDA Conference Room  
January 22, 2020  
5:30 p.m.**

**Supervisors Present**

Eric Bracken, Chair  
Charlotte Coombes, Auditor  
Scott Palmer, Supervisor  
Jim Rochelle, Supervisor

**Others Present**

Dave Hedrick, District Manager  
Bill Chamberlin, Staff  
Candy Roman, Staff  
Trevor Lane, WSU  
Joann Marshall, Guest  
Johnna Exner, Ferry Co Commissioner.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Eric Bracken, called the meeting to order 5:35 pm

➤ **AGENDA REVIEW:**

- **Consent Agenda:** Charlotte Coombes moved to approve the consent agenda, Scott Palmer, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Meeting Minutes:** Charlotte Coombes moved to approve the Meeting minutes for December 11, 2019, Jim Rochelle, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Treasure's Report and Accounts Payable:** Scott Palmer moved to approve the Treasure's Report and Accounts Payable for the month of December 2019, Charlotte Coombes seconded. Motion carried.
- **Warrants and EFT's paid:** Scott Palmer moved to approve warrants 2580-2605, in the total amount of \$67,743.13 for the months of Dec 11/Jan 22 and EFT's of \$3,333.94 for the month of December 11, 2019/January 22, 2020, Charlotte Coombes, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Supervisor's Reports:**
  - Eric Bracken; None
  - Charlotte Coombes, None.
  - Dave Konz, None.
  - Scott Palmer, Glad Eric is back.
  - Jim Rochelle,
- **Executive Session:** None.
- **GUEST REPORTS:**
  - **Johnna Exner, Ferry Co Commissioner;** \*Ferry County Comprehensive plan is out for 60-day public review and comment. \*Bills being reviewed by the Legislation, water rights & guns. Lots of issues with water rights, "keep within WRA's or property, or if sold would come back after so many years. \* Board members write letter of support for keeping water in Ferry County. Maybe do water banking and not selling them out of the area.
  - **Trevor Lane, WSU Extension;** \*Farm Ranch tour, April 15-17<sup>th</sup>, plans on working in issue of water rights during tour. \*Opportunities zones, help serve Rural areas. Works in progress. Broad

Band to invest in, 7 cell towers in area. Magellan investment group from West coast area, "not in state". Finding people or companies to invest in the area.

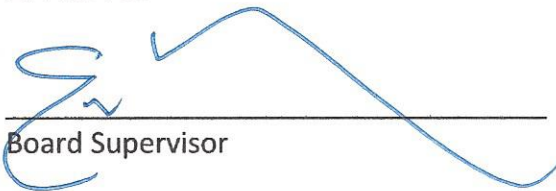
- **District Manager Report: Dave Hedrick,** \* Five-year plan, Stu Trefry is scheduled to come up for the February Board meeting on 2/26 to spend couple hours on a draft. Must be completed by 6/30 & must be out for public comment for 45 days. \*VSP meeting on 2/12, hope to get more input for producers. Will discuss on 2/26 meeting. \* Elections, 2 bills in the legislature regarding "Special Districts". There's a very organized push from WSCC to get CD's out of the bills. Unlike other districts, CD Board members are not paid. Also, to put CD's on the County ballots, which could cost the Districts up to \$40,000 which would be about half of our budget. \*Legislature, spent a few days in Olympia, talked to legislators on Elections, fire funding, and the urban/rural divide. \*Seeding projects, have 2 in the works for the spring. \*Colville Tribe, spoke with Cody Desautel, we have over \$10,000 on IMP grant for Orca recovery which the tribe might be able to help with ideas for education. \*VSP, Commission hired a new person to help. He will be reviewing the 5-year reports & helping with technical issues. Good news he is in Spokane. Hope to meet him before our next VSP meeting on 2/12. \*Soil testing, a lot of interest, need to figure out how to pay for it. NE representative for the Farm Bureau said there is possibly money to help pay for the testing. \*Evaluations; will be doing staff evaluations in February. Will work on a way that the Board and staff can be involved in evaluating me.
- **Staff reports, Bill Chamberlin;** Starting in March having presentation which supports the VSP program. 1) Dr. Patricia Talcott, WSU Veterinary School Professor & Toxicology. Protect your livestock from toxic plants. 2) Guy Gifford DNR Firewise expert. How to prepare your home for wildfire. 3) Ken Bevis, DNR. Improve your forest health. 4) Kevin Miller, Rainier Seeds. Seed choice & seeding techniques. Watch paper, Website & Facebook for advertisements.
- **Cost-Share agreements Approvals:** None.
- **New Business:** 1) Eric Bracken plans on providing information by filing deadline of February 26, 2020. Appointed position will be advertised. Deadline to apply is March 31<sup>st</sup>.  
2) Motion made by Scott Palmer to not participate in the Voluntary Contribution program for Employment Security dept, Charlotte Coombes seconded. Motion carried.
- **Public Comment:** Joanne Marshall, Curlew Lake Association plans on putting on a grant writing presentation. What to do on Lake.
- **Summary of Motions/Agreements/Resolution.**
  - Motion to approve Consent Agenda. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Scott Palmer seconded. Motion approved.
  - Motion to approve Meeting Minutes from December 11, 2019. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval; Jim Rochelle seconded. Motion approved.
  - Motion to approve Treasure report and Accounts Payable for December 2019. Scott Palmer moved for approval; Charlotte Coombes seconded. Motion approved.
  - Motion to approve Warrants and EFT's for December 2019/January 2020. Scott Palmer moved for approval; Charlotte Coombes seconded. Motion approved.
  - Motion to not to sign up for Voluntary Contribution program with Employment Security. Scott Palmer moved for approval. Charlotte Coombes seconded. Motion approved.
- **Chair Eric Bracken adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm**

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Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted this 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2020

  
Candy Roman, FCD Staff

**APPROVED**

  
Board Supervisor