

**Ferry Conservation District Board Meeting
USDA Conference Room
June 26, 2013**

Supervisors Present

Lee Hall, Chair
Dave Konz, Supervisor
Marc Keith, Vice Chair
Charlotte Coombes, Supervisor

Others Present

Lloyd Odell, Staff
Kim Stevens, Guest
Patrice Beckwith, USDA-NRCS
Brad miller, County Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Lee Hall called the meeting to order at 5.34 p.m.

AGENDA REVIEW

CONSENT AGENDA: Charlotte Coombes moved to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the May 22, 2013 Board Meeting minutes and Treasurer/Accounts payable report. Marc Keith Seconded. Motion Carried. Agreement to pay warrants 5795-5804 and DC Purchase of Equipment trailer.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS/AGREEMENTS

- Approval of Consent Agenda
- Approval of 2014 Work Plan
- Approval of Special Meeting July 10,2013 for 2014 budget
- Approval of MOU with Colville Reservation CD
- Meeting adjourned at 7.23 p.m.

GUEST REPORTS:

Brad Miller, County Commissioner: 6/27 at 2pm eastern WA Rep from Senator Murray's office will be at the Commissioners' office discussing issues and concerns of Ferry County. At 3 pm newly appointed WA Secretary of Health will be introduced and answer questions. USFS crew will also be in Ferry County to Select the Capital Christmas tree.

Patrice Beckwith, USDA-NRCS: Conservation Stewardship Program CSP application period closed on June 15th. Received five applications, 3 forestry and 2 cropland. Ranking will take place July 10.

Conservation Reserve Program CRP: 5 applications; four in Inchelium and one in Keller. Waiting to hear what bids get accepted. This is a FSA program. NRCS does the technical work and field checks.

Cooperative Working Agreements CWA: Space agreement. Doug Allen, NRCS Area Conservationist, will come in August to discuss agreement options.

District Manager Report; Lloyd Odell: no written report. Items will be discussed below.

Old Business;

Audit Summary: Finances were in good order. Short comings identified with regards to how we conduct business within the Open Public Meeting Act. Auditor said that 2 board members meeting was subject to public meeting rules. In addition it was explained the CD emails sent to

a private home computer is now open to scrutiny and could be subject to search. Funds have been allocated by the Commission to pay for the audit.

Budget: Commission had \$400,000 surplus funds to distribute. FCD requested \$1) up to \$4000, \$6000, \$4000 to auditor and \$2000 for staff time, 2) 48" lawn tractor to maintain the CD nursery and weed eater, 3) GPS, 4) soil test kit. Lee suggested additional purchase of a trailer to haul lawn tractor and a cargo structure for storage

With no state budget no able to finish 2014 budget.

WADE: Lee reported. Good workshops for supervisors. Enduris presented financial and liability issues. FCD has a \$10 million policy in place to protect supervisors.

All districts need to check data base on applicants to make sure they are legally eligible to receive funds.

Grant workshops. Lee was given resources for assistance.

Lloyd went to technical workshops associated with stream bank and water quality projects.

Lloyd's time and part of Gretchen's was charged to DOE grants.

WADE auction raised \$2400 to provide scholarship for 2014 conference.

Work Plan: 2014 plan was distributed. Focuses on water quality improvement, forest health and outdoor education. We're able to increase the budget by 30%. Marc made a motion seconded by Charlotte to approve the 2014 work plan. Motion passed.

Budget addendum: Due July 12th to Commission identifying how 2014 funds will be used. FCD needs to hold a special meeting to review the budget before submittal. Wednesday July 10th at 5:30 pm to review and approve the budget was suggested.. Charlotte made a motion to meet and discuss the 2014 budget seconded by Dave. Motion passed. Notices will be posted.

Larry Brewer provided a written report. Dave Konz was thanked for serving another term. BIAS accounting system switch over is completed. WACD dues are \$3120 for 2014. After the state budget is approved and District funds are received we will vote at the July 24th meeting to pay the dues.

Gretchen has had surgery and is not available to work although she will come in to do payroll. Sandi Hall is volunteering to cover the office with abbreviated hours. Six applications were received for the Administrative Assistant position. Lloyd would like Gretchen and 2 supervisors to participate in the interview. Part of the duties of the new position will be to look for grant opportunities.

With the new budget Lloyd will advertise for the Technician's position.

ALEA grant is still under consideration.

Executive Session: No need was identified.

Dave reported Green River College students are not able to make their usual annual trip to Ferry County. However, the Professor is still coming to his private property and would like to find projects for his students. He is hoping to meet with NRCS and FCD on stream bank projects and fire abatement projects.

Enduris Board of Directors: Election on 3 positions. None of the supervisors were familiar with any applicants and felt they should not vote.

Colville Reservation CD: Lloyd presented the MOU for both districts to work cooperatively on the San Poil grant. Charlotte made a motion and seconded by Dave to accept the MOU. Motion passed.

Lloyd will need another \$150,000 plus in grant funding to complete all projects identified in the watershed.

Ferry County Fair: The CD has sponsored awards in the past. Although the CD cannot donate district funds, board members and staff can donate personally. Lloyd will accept donations at the next regular meeting.

Lee Hall adjourned the meeting at 6:38pm..

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Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted this 10th day of July, 2013.

APPROVED

Gretchen Plate, FCD Staff

Board Supervisor