

**Ferry Conservation District
Board Meeting
USDA Conference Room
June 25, 2014**

Supervisors Present

Dave Konz, Interim Chair Supervisor
Charlotte Coombes, Supervisor
Elaine Preston, Supervisor
Eric Bracken, Supervisor

Others Present

Lloyd Odell, Staff
Gretchen Plate, Staff
Patrice Beckwith, USDA-NRCS
Karla Ware, District Conservationist
Larry Brewer, Regional WSCC Manager
Patty McKern, Retired Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Interim Chair, Dave Konz called the meeting to order at 5.32 p.m.

AGENDA REVIEW

CONSENT AGENDA: Meeting minutes from the May 28th, 2014 meeting. Warrants to pay 1069-1119, checks 1113 and 1114 were voided and EFT's. Charlotte Coombes moved to approve consent agenda. Elaine Preston Seconded. Motion carried.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS/AGREEMENTS

- Approval of Consent Agenda and AP.
- Motion to Approval of Cooperative Work Agreement
- Motion to Approval of 15-17 Budget
- Motion to Approve Auditor
- Motion to Approve Vice Chair
- Motion to Approve voting for Incumbents (Enduris)
- Meeting adjourned at 7:43p.m.

GUEST REPORTS: Patrice Beckwith, USDA-NRCS: Patrice introduced Karla Ware, NRCS District Conservationist for the NE Area. Patrice went over approved contracts she has: 1 CSP, 2 High Tunnels, 2 irrigation applications and 2 practices with the Tribe (1 Forestry and 2 Range).

There was some discussion regarding Cultural Resource Surveys. Discussion ensued.

Karla Ware, District Conservationist: Karla went over the Cooperative Work Agreement between NRCS and the District. Elaine Preston move to have the Board Chair sign the Cooperative Work Agreement. Charlotte Coombes Seconded. Motion carried.

Larry Brewer, Regional WSCC Manager: Larry stated that the Board needed to set a date to formulate a new Long Range Plan. He suggested that we wait until all the new supervisors were seated. He suggested that we contact Ray Ledgerwood, Craig Nelson, Stu Trefry and himself to facilitate the public meeting regarding the Long Range Plan. Elaine Preston suggested that we conduct a survey at the Ferry County Fair in conjunction with the District's booth. Discussion ensued.

Larry also touched on the 15-17 Budget.

District Manager Report; Lloyd Odell: Lloyd presented his manager's report. He proposed the District's Annual work plan and suggested that the Board take copies home and then vote on it at the July meeting.

Lloyd presented the proposed FY15 Budget. Charlotte Coombes moved to approve the FY 15 Budget. Elaine Preston Seconded. Motion carried.

It was decided to table WACD dues until the July meeting.

Lloyd also presented the budget proposal process for the upcoming 2016-17 biennium. One significant development with the new budget process is that we get to start with a maintenance level amount, the amount we are currently receiving \$79,624. In addition, we can ask for up to a 25% increase in our operations amount, which is \$19,906. Lloyd asked the board to suggest areas to allocate the \$19,906.00.

He went over the "Big Ask" portion of the budget that he will present to the Commission by July 10th. This category is to reflect unmet conservation needs within the District. There were several areas suggested to spend money if it is available. Elaine suggested the dam at Curlew Lake, Charlotte suggested the wet-land on the District property and also the replacement of the culvert under Highway 21 to help fish that could spawn up Trout Creek.

Old Business; Bank signatories: Gretchen said she would ask the bank the correct procedure and present it to the board at the July meeting

New Business: Appointment of an Auditor. Elaine Preston said she would do every other quarter and Eric Bracken volunteered to do the same. Charlotte Coombes moved to approve the dual Auditors. Eric Bracken Seconded. Motion carried.

Vice chair Appointment: Eric Bracken said he would volunteer to be vice chair and Charlotte Coombes said she would also be a co-vice chair. Eric Bracken move to approve the co-vice chair appointments. Elaine Preston Seconded. Motion carried.

Other Topics: Enduris Election: Eric Bracken moved to vote for the listed incumbents. Charlotte Coombes Seconded. Motion carried.

Dave Konz adjourned the meeting at 7.43 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted this 23rd day of July, 2014.

APPROVED

Gretchen Plate, FCD Staff

Board Supervisor