

**Ferry Conservation District
Board Meeting
USDA Conference Room
March 23, 2016**

Supervisors Present

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

Others Present

Lloyd Odell, District Manager
Liz Carr, WQT - Staff
Candy Lammon, Staff
Bill Chamberlin, Staff
Mike Baden, Regional Manager
John Floyd, NE Area Director for WACD

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair, Eric Bracken called the meeting to order 5:30pm

➤ **AGENDA REVIEW :**

- **Consent Agenda:** Randall Hansen moved to approve the consent agenda, Charlotte Coombes, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Meeting Minutes:** Randall Hansen moved to approve the Meeting minutes for February 24, 2016, Charlotte Coombes, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Treasure's Report and Accounts Payable:** Charlotte Coombes moved to approve the Treasure's Report and Accounts Payable, Dave Konz, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Warrants and EFT's paid:** Charlotte Coombes moved to approve warrants 1533-1537 in the amount of \$1351.28 and EFT's of \$2472.02, for the month of March 2016. Randall Hansen, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Executive Session:** None
- **GUEST REPORTS:**

- **Patrice Beckwith, USDA-NRCS:** *Handout attached.* Not present.
- **John Floyd NE Area Director WACD:** Is part of the Upper Columbia Children Forest program. They still have money available for education. The theme is "No Child Left Inside". John is from Mississippi and loves to hike. He is the new Area Director for WACD and is willing to help us with any problems we might have, also would like to know what we are happy with.
- **Mike Baden, Regional Manager:** More Non Shellfish funding is available, so Districts will be able to fund their next project in line. Money is available for the 11 counties affected by the fires last year. The money is for private land that was burned. Funding is available for five items. Protect Water Quality, Stabilize Soil, Prevent Crop Damage, Replace Fencing, and Help Landowners Recover Losses sustained from wildfires. The money is still being divided up on percentage of

private acres burned per county. Good Governance check list is coming up in April. Commission meeting is April 20, 2016 in Ellensburg.

- **District Manager Written Report; Lloyd Odell:** *Handouts attached.* April is Ferry County Pride Month. Plant sale is going great. We only have a few trees left to sell. Dave Konz was automatically reelected to his position. He was unopposed. Conservation Commission meeting in Colville on March 16 & 17th had some highlights. One was the Vaagen Brothers lumber mill. It is very efficient and very “high tech” mill. Also we visited the Colville Fish Hatchery. Stevens County, Colville and Kettle Falls school districts and the Stevens County CD took over the facility for education use. They are raising fish to sale for eating and to stock ponds. Later on during the “community interaction” dinner the talk was about the use (or non-use) of resources on U.S. Forest Service lands, (Stickpin Fire) and the waste of wood. Talk was also about how to balance livestock management on public lands with reintroduced predators (wolves). We finally have a contract between Ferry County and the Commission on the VSP Grant. All paper work has been signed. The District is officially the County’s lead entity for the program. WADE training is in Leavenworth WA again this year on June 13-15th. If any Supervisor would like to attend please let us know. SAO audit for 2014 is done, with a few recommendations which we have already started to work on. All we have left is the Exit meeting. We are continuing to work on finding funding sources for Innovative/Adaptive Livestock Management Project. We are planning to apply for two fund sources. USDA/NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) and Regional Conservation Partnership Program Grant (RCPP). Proposals are due May 10th. SCIP Grant project Konz/Hoffman is in the works for this July, after we get the power pole moved by the PUD which approval for payment of the permit has been passed by the Board Members. The cost is an allowable expense for the grant. We also will have an outdoor meeting in June to show what is happening and what is going to be done on that project.
- **Liz Carr WQT:** DOE Water Quality Grant will address issues in Ferry County, Both the Kettle River and Sanpoil River will be monitored, and our goal is to continue to restore riparian areas. The success of this project will depend on the willingness of community members to participate. We will monitor Curlew Lake to try to identify the source of phosphorus. We will organize a series of meetings with the Curlew Lake Association and community members where we will discuss monitoring efforts implemented to date, and findings and recommendations from these efforts.
- **Summary of Motions/Agreements/Resolution.**
 - Motion to approve Consent Agenda. Randall Hansen moved for approval, Charlotte Coombes seconded. Motion approved.
 - Motion to approve Meeting Minutes from February 24, 2016. Randall Hansen moved for approval, Charlotte Coombes seconded. Motion approved.
 - Motion to approve Treasure report and Accounts Payable. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Dave Konz seconded. Motion approved.
 - Motion to approve Warrants and EFT’s. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Randall Hansen seconded. Motion approved.
 - Motion to approve payment for permits and moving utility pole for Konz/Hoffman SCIP grant in amount of \$2766.30. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Randall Hansen seconded. Motion approved.
 - Motion to approve Cost-Share payment to Grass Fed Cattle Company in amount of \$1085.00. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Dave Konz seconded. Motion approved.

- Resolution to make Lloyd Odell Claim agent for District and to file with Ferry County Auditor. Charlotte moved to make a resolution, Randall Hansen seconded. Resolution made.
- Motion to set minimum bid for surplus items for the Conservation Fair. Dave moved for approval of minimum bid to be at \$5.00. Charlotte Coombes seconded. Motion approved.

➤ **Other Topics:** None

➤ **Public Comment:** None.

Chair Eric Bracken adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm

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Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted this 27th of April, 2016

APPROVED

Candy Lammon, FCD Staff

Board Supervisor