

**Ferry Conservation District
Board Meeting
USDA Conference Room
September 24, 2014**

Supervisors Present

Dave Konz, Board Chair
Elaine Preston, Auditor
Randall Hansen, Supervisor
Eric Bracken, Vice Chair

Others Present

Lloyd Odell, District Manager
Gretchen Plate, Staff
Larry Brewer, Regional Manager, WSCC
Patrice Beckwith, USDA-NRCS

CALL TO ORDER

Interim Chair, Dave Konz called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

AGENDA REVIEW

CONSENT AGENDA: Meeting minutes from the August 27, 2014 meeting. Warrants to pay 1166-1188 except 1182,1183,1184,1185 totaling \$24672.84 and EFT's. Eric Bracken moved to approve the consent agenda. Randall Hansen seconded. Motion carried.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS/AGREEMENTS

- Approval of Consent Agenda and AP.
- Motion to Approval to ask FSA to have a set schedule in office.
- Motion to Approval (post facto) of Modini cost share project.
- Motion to Approve Caudell Cost Share project.
- Motion to Approve Stevens Cost Share project.
- Motion to Approve McKern Cost Share project
- Motion to Approve Hoonan Cost Share project.
- Motion to Approve Rockwell Cost Share project.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

GUEST REPORTS: Patrice Beckwith USDA-NRCS: Patrice stated that most of the 2014 EQIP applications have been approved, 7 contracts for \$86,000. 3 in Ferry County have been obligated.

3 Tribal contracts in Ferry Co have yet to be approved for \$359,000.

1 EQIP in Ferry Co, 9 in Stevens and Pend Oreille have yet to be approved for \$ 392,000 by September 30th.

CSP 2015 continuing contracts: 3-2010 in Ferry Co have requested extensions. To automatically qualify each needs to select at least one new enhancement to contract over the next 5 years.

Patrice said NRCS is now up to date with all their cultural resource studies.

Patrice said that NRCS has requested EQIP Wildfire Initiative for \$1,000,000.

Larry Brewer, Regional Manager, WSCC: Larry went over the Capital Budget Process and Prioritizing project. He touched on the 2015 election process. He handed out a possible scoring Criteria Worksheet Discussion ensued.

Larry mentioned that it would be a good idea if the District requested that FSA have a set schedule when they plan to be in the Ferry FSA office.

Elaine Preston moved to request a consistent and set schedule for FSA to staff the Ferry Co office. Randall Hansen Seconded. Motion carried.

District Manager Report; Lloyd Odell: Lloyd requested that the Board approve the Modini cost share project in de facto. Eric Bracken moved to approve the Modini cost share project in post facto. Elaine Preston seconded. Motion carried.

Lloyd presented the Board with 5 new cost share projects:

1- Deborah Caudell property which was part of the Devil's Elbow fire. She had 20 acres burned and needs fire rehabilitation to divert water and grass reseeding. The total maximum cost of the project would be \$2800.00 and our portion would be at a maximum of \$1400.00. Randal Hansen moved to approve the Caudell cost share project. Eric Bracken seconded. Motion carried.

2-Richard Hoonan needs 20 reseeded due to the Devil's Elbow fire. Total maximum cost would be \$1800.00. The District's maximum would be \$900.00. Elaine Preston moved to approve the Hoonan cost share project. Randall Hansen seconded. Motion carried.

3- Patty and Denise McKern had approximately 70 acres of trees that needed to be clear cut due to root rot. They need to reseed the area. The maximum cost would be 46300.00 and the District's maximum portion would be \$3150.00. Eric Bracken Moved to approve the McKern cost share project. Elaine Preston seconded. Motion carried.

4-Sherry Rockwell needs approximately 500 feet of fencing along St. Peter's Creek to keep cattle out of the creek. The maximum cost would be \$1500.00 and the Maximum cost to the District would be \$750.00. Elaine Preston moved to approve the project. Randall Hansen seconded. Motion carried.

5-Leland Steven' needs to cross fence some pasture to help manage the grazing animals.. He needs about 1200 feet of fencing and the cost of the project would be \$3600.00 and the cost to the District would be \$1800.00. Randall Hansen move to approve the project and Elaine Preston seconded. Motion carried.

Lloyd also reminded the Board that our regular meeting had been change to a special meeting on 10/15 and 10/29 and 11/12 were special meeting to address our Long range plan. He also reminded the board that November and December's regular meeting had been combined to a special meeting on 12/17.

NE Area meeting; Lloyd Odell, Gretchen Plate, Eric Bracken and Dave Konz express a wish to attend the meeting 10/22 in Spokane. Reservations need to be in by 10/8.

Old Business; none

New Business: none.

Other Topics:

Chair Dave Konz adjourned the meeting at 7: 29 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted this 15th day of October, 2014.

APPROVED

Gretchen Plate, FCD Staff

Board Supervisor

