

Asotin County Conservation District
Thursday – December 19, 2019
Board Meeting

Taken by: Colleen Ozard
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Chairman Levi Luhn called the Board Meeting, held at the District Office, to order at 12:22p.m.

Supervisors present: Jerry Hendrickson, Jason Schlee, Rod Hostetler, Kelsey Crawford
Associate Supervisors present: Casey Scott
ACCD Staff: Megan Stewart, Colleen Ozard, Brad Riehle, Lacy Ditto, Amanda Schmidt
Guests: Jim Schroeder and Angela Williams (NRCS)

Minutes:

Review and approve minutes from November 7, 2019 Special Board Meeting and November 14, 2019 Special Board Meeting and November 22, 2019 Special Board Meeting, December 9, 2019 Special Board Meeting ~ *Rod Hostetler moved and Jason Schlee seconded a motion to approve minutes from November 7, November 14, November 22, December 9 2019 Special Board Meetings. Motion Carried 1*

Financial Reports:

Board reviewed and approved check register ~ *Jerry Hendrickson moved and Jason Schlee seconded a motion to approve November 2019 ~ checks #15059, 15066 to 15126 and #1940 to #1945 and 4 EFT pymts (2-941pymts, 2-DCP Contribution pymts) - Totaling \$104,275.69. Motion Carried 2*

Board reviewed Accounts Payable, Treasurers Report, Transaction Journal, Compensated Absences, and Grant Voucher Status, Budget and Outstanding Cost-Shares.

Calendars and Events: reviewed:

Employee Schedule
Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th – Office Closed
New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1, 2020 – Office Closed

Correspondence:

WSCC Quick Notes reviewed by Supervisors.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting Agenda discussed – will use last year's format with dinner on March 12, 2020 – location and time TBA. Election/Appointment discussed the Board of Supervisors will determine Election date at January 9, 2020 Board Meeting. *Rod Hostetler moved and Jason Schlee seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to set the election date at January 9, 2020 Board Meeting. Motion Carried 3*

Asotin Co Hazard Mitigation Goals for ACCD reviewed. *Jerry Hendrickson moved and Kelsey Crawford seconded a motion to approve goals for Asotin Co Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented. Motion Carried 4*

2020 Cost-Share Practices & Rates discussion – Board will review recommended changes for the 2020 Cost-Share Practices & Rates at the January 9 Board Meeting. Staff provided a quick overview of the practices that will have change recommendations presented.

New Business:

Cost Share Applications:

Commercial:

Hostetler JV– Water Development ~ *Jason Schlee moved and Kelsey Crawford seconded a motion to approve Hostetler JV – Water Development as presented. Motion Carried 5 Rod Hostetler abstained - Assigned #2019-32*

Thiessen Ranch LLC – Water Development ~ *Jerry Hendrickson moved and Jason Schlee seconded a motion to approve Thiessen Ranch LLC – Water Development as presented. Motion Carried 6 – Rod Hostetler abstained - Assigned #2019-33*

Non-Commercial: n/a

Revisions: n/a

Conservation Plan Revisions: n/a

CREP Maintenance Reports:

Hendrickson Ranch CN 11023 & 11032 Asotin Creek ~ *Kelsey Crawford moved and Jason Schlee seconded a motion to approve Hendrickson Ranch CN 11023 & 11032 as presented. Motion Carried 7 Jerry Hendrickson abstained*

Blue Mt RC&D Partnership Agreement ~ *Jerry Hendrickson moved and Rod Hostetler seconded a motion to approve payment of \$100.00 to Blue Mt RC&D toward partnership agreement. Motion Carried 8*

SRFB Grant Awards ~ Megan gave update on SRFB Grant requests/awards: 3 have been approved and 2 will be resubmitted during the 2020 grant round. ~ *Jason Schlee moved and Kelsey Crawford seconded a motion for Megan Stewart to sign the 3 approved contracts. Motion Carried 9*

WACD Annual Meeting Review – Calculations of dues with outcome for equal dues for all districts. Elections: survey results were discussed showing a lot of districts do not support “general ballot elections” nor the offered alternatives. There has been information provided to WACD and WSCC and they are anticipating a bill being introduced in regards to special district elections, which include conservation districts. The board discussed sending a letter to the District 9 representatives and that participation in legislative days is going to be very important. *Jerry Hendrickson moved and Jason Schlee seconded a motion for Megan to draft letter to District 9 legislative representatives. Motion Carried 10*

Coordinator’s Reports:

Megan reported:

Another grant coming available from DOE, discussion if projects are available for funding from the new grant. Discussion on which projects will be best suited for these funds. *Jerry Hendrickson moved and Hostetler seconded a motion to approve staff to choose appropriate project(s) (Tenmile/Couse Crk or Mill Crk) that are best qualified for these funds. Motion Carried 11*

Brad reported:

Attended WACD with Jason and Megan. Top subjects- to watch direction of Dept of Fish and Wildlife, Elections and issues of going to a general ballot, FSA updates and changes to CRP (rental rates and incentives-not very farmer friendly). Working on Planning Class – just need to get it sent off and setup for new employee arriving in Jan.

Technician’s Reports:

Jennifer reported: n/a

Lacy reported:

Completion of Forest Stewardship Plan: has been reviewed by Carrie Gaines and is in compliance with NRCS planning. Working on possible funds from DNR. Line up crew for following week and Tidbits are now on hold thru winter.

Amanda reported:

Updating CREP/CCRP project lists. In field project reviews and processing bills for CREP that are competed.

NRCS Report:

Jim reported:

Programs on hold till 2020. Signups are available with a hold on actual implementation until farm bill is in place. Has been attending local work groups.

Angela reported:

Working on Coordinated Resource Management Plan on WDFW land. Looking to shift to NRCS responsibility with help from ACCD re: Grazing management, enhance wildlife habitat. Looking for support from the district. Input from Board that this is something they would like to be involved in. *Jason Schlee moved and Jerry Hendrickson seconded a motion to actively engage with NRCS to Coordinate a Resource Management Plan for Livestock grazing on WDFW Land by drafting a letter to WDFW. Motion Carried 12*

Jason Schlee moved and Jerry Hendrickson seconded a motion for Megan to draft a public response comment to be submitted during the WDFW Land Acquisitions Public Comment period ending January 3. Motion Carried 13

3:55pm Executive Session: approx. 15 minutes

RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) – To review the performance of a public employee

Board Reconvened at 4:11pm

Public Comment: n/a

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m. by Chairman Levi Luhn

Review of Motions:

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday – January 9, 2019

****12:00 p.m.****



CHAIRMAN SIGN

1-9-20

DATE



SUPERVISOR SIGN

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