Asotin County Conservation District

# Monday – October 7, 2019

# SPECIAL Board Meeting

***8:30 a.m.***

**Taken by: Colleen Ozard**

**Prepared by: Colleen Ozard**

Chairman Levi Luhn called the Board Meeting, held at the District Office, to order at 8:40 a.m.

Supervisors present: Jerry Hendrickson, Kelsey Crawford, Rod Hostetler, Jason Schlee

ACCD Staff: Colleen Ozard, Brad Riehle, Lacy Ditto, Jennifer Zipse, Amanda Schmidt

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* Review 5-Year Plan (2018 to 2023)
* Strategic Planning for 2020

Board discussed 5-year plan

Natural Resource Data & Information

Suggestion made that this info should be consistent with the VSP work plan.

Priority: Water Quality

Lacy gave and overview of manure management efforts in the county and progress towards bringing in a contractor as an option for producers to get their manure spread.

Priority: Education

Interested in taking new actions on top of the programs/events currently offered.

Priority: District Operations

They would like to see a brief description of what progress has been made towards each Milestone, including what specific actions have been taken (i.e. add a progress column to Milestone tables). Overview of the staff’s effort to reduce the use of paper files in the office and digitize existing paper files.

Priority In-stream Habitat and Flows

Suggestions to begin work on developing riparian management program now. Current instream projects include Asotin PA-06 design, Tenmile Creek PA-66, and Couse Creek PA-79.

Priority: Forest Health

Identifying new funding sources is always ongoing, as is Forestry programs. Lacy gave an overview of her current forestry work.

Priority: Weed Management

Discussed with Nelle’s “Pesticide Recertification Course” coming up this fall. Amanda is coordinating with Sarah Murt on weed issues in and around CREP contracts.

Priority: Soil Health

Pilot Cover Crop and PH programs were discussed, and we are waiting on funding for these items. Outreach to all producers that do not currently have direct seed on their property. Ph being an issue and how to fix it is something we need to research.

Priority: Working Lands Protection and Viability

Continuing with WDFW Blue Mountain Management Plan – promoting benefits of working lands within the plans developed.

Priority: Water Conservation and Use

Water temperature monitoring with tidbits is currently in progress. Replacing/installing fish screens on systems pumping from Asotin Creek is a possibility.

Priority: Technical Assistance

Brad is currently working on becoming an NRCS Certified Planner, taking classes when available. Brad and Lacy are working on small acreage Ag Stewardship Plans. Planner school in Asotin or sticking with the current system was discussed.

Staffing Needs

ACCD is looking into more staffing needs as we continue to grow.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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SUPERVISOR SIGN DATE

# NEXT BOARD MEETING:

**Thursday – October 10, 2019**

**7:00 p.m.**

***Mission Statement:***

*"To advocate, educate and assist people in responsible land management and agricultural practices that conserve and improve air, soil and water quality and fish and wildlife habitat for present and future generations.”*

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