

Asotin County Conservation District Thursday – September 2, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes taken and prepared by: Jennifer Zipse

6:03 PM: Chairman Levi Luhn called the Board meeting to order.

Supervisors present: Levi Luhn, Jerry Hendrickson, Kelsey Crawford, Rod Hostetler ACCD Staff present: Megan Stewart, Brad Riehle, Kodie Wight, Jennifer Zipse

ACCD Staff present via phone: Lacy Ausman-Ditto, Amanda Schmidt

Supervisors present via phone: Jason Schlee

MINUTES

Review and Approve Minutes from August 5, 2021, board meeting.

Kelsey Crawford moved and Jerry Hendrickson seconded a motion to approve minutes from August 5, 2021, board meeting. **Motion Carried 1.**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

August #16371 to #16422 and #2056 to #2060 and 5 EFT payments. Totaling \$73,991.23 Jerry Hendrickson moved and Kelsey Crawford seconded the motion to approve checks: August #16371 to #16422 and #2056 to #2060 and 5 EFT payments. Totaling \$73,991.23. Motion Carried 2.

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

Cougar Creek Fish Passage project has been approved for construction

CORRESPONDENCE

Employee update reports were reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

Employee schedule was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

WSCC – District Digest was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

- Southeast Area District meeting will be in Walla Walla on October 26th
- ACCD has similar guidelines in place to the new L&I rule for wildfire smoke when conducting field work.

NEW BUSINESS

Equipment Purchases – Megan's computer is having charging malfunctions that often hinder daily operations. Amanda's computer is outdated and performing quite slowly for her workload needs. Two new computer setups will need to be made before the end of 2021. Jerry Hendrickson moved and Rod

Hostetler seconded a motion to allot up to \$4,500 for the purchase of two new computer setups. **Motion Carried 3.**

Cost Share Rates — Conversations were had with a local contractor about the spike of increase in material costs. Current cost share rates are not reflective. Jennifer received current material costs from local companies. Fencing and livestock pipeline would increase for the tier 2 and tier 3 rates. Troughs would also increase from 1,000 gal to 1,200 gal per consumer standards. Rod Hostetler moved and Kelsey Crawford seconded a motion to adjust Fire Recovery Cost Share rates due to pricing increase for materials. **Motion Carried 4.**

Kelsey Crawford moved and Jason Schlee seconded a motion to adjust Cost Share rates for new and future projects due to pricing increase for materials. **Motion Carried 5.**

Fire Recovery Cost Shares – Megan received guidance from Shana Joy (WSCC) that ACCD may blanket approve the cost share requests for up to \$50,000 each (landowner cap per year). Kodie reviewed with the board the fire assessment information for Ted Blankinship, Denison Farms, Bob Kuther, Hendrickson Ranch, Dallyn Lord, Coe Living Trust, and Polumsky Estate. Jerry Hendrickson moved and Rod Hostetler seconded a motion to approve applications for WSCC fire recovery funds for Blankinship, Denison, Kuther, Hendrickson, Lord, Coe, and Polumsky, not to exceed \$50,000 each. **Motion Carried 6.**

*Special Board Meeting on September 14th to review additional Cost Shares

**Levi Luhn handed the Chair to Rod Hostetler

Luhn Cattle

 Cost share application 2019-23 revision 1. Kelsey Crawford moved and Jerry Hendrickson seconded a motion to approve the cost share application 2019-23 rev. 1 for Luhn Cattle. Motion Carried 7. Levi Luhn abstained.

Nathan Scheibe

Cost share application 2019-26 revision 1. Jerry Hendrickson moved and Jason Schlee seconded a
motion to approve the cost share application 2019-26 revision 1 for Nathan Scheibe. Motion
Carried 8.

MR Stock and Stubble

• Cost share application 2021-44. Rod Hostetler moved and Jason Schlee seconded a motion to approve the cost share application 2021-44 for MR Stock and Stubble. **Motion Carried 9.**

Hobart Farms

• Cost share application 2021-45. Jerry Hendrickson moved and Kelsey Crawford seconded a motion to approve the cost share application 2021-45 for Hobart Farms. **Motion Carried 10.**

Hostetler JV

Cost share tabled

WSCC Biennial Report – CD reports are due by September 24th. Reports are to share key accomplishments that happened in the 2019-2021 biennium. ACCD's key accomplishment was the completion of the Cottonwood Creek Fish Passage Restoration Project on the Grande Ronde River. The board reviewed the draft and no changes were recommended.

^{**}Rod Hostetler handed the Chair back to Levi Luhn

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Review of Motions:

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- 3. Jerry Hendrickson moved and Rod Hostetler seconded a motion to allot up to \$4,500 for the purchase of two new computer setups. **Motion Carried 3.**
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- 5. Kelsey Crawford moved and Jason Schlee seconded a motion to adjust Cost Share rates for new and future projects due to pricing increase for materials. **Motion Carried 5.**
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- 9. Rod Hostetler moved and Jason Schlee seconded a motion to approve the cost share application 2021-44 for MR Stock and Stubble. **Motion Carried 9.**
- 10. Jerry Hendrickson moved and Kelsey Crawford seconded a motion to approve the cost share application 2021-45 for Hobart Farms. **Motion Carried 10.**

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday – October 7, 2021

6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN SIGN

SUPERVISOR SIGN

DATE

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