Asotin County Conservation District Resolution No. 2023-02

Cost Share

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature authorizes the entering into agreements...to furnish financial or other aid...any occupier of lands within the district in the carrying on of preventive and control measures and works of improvement for the conservation of renewable natural resources", RCW 89.08.220; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Conservation Commission Policy, Cost share Assistance Policy, authorizes local conservation district board to establish annual cost share ratios and landowner labor rates within policy parameters; and,

WHEREAS, the Asotin County Conservation District determines entering into such agreements will likely increase participation of land occupiers to implement USDA NRCS approved management practices which will benefit natural resources and the public; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Asotin County Conservation District Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the establishment of the following maximum cost share percentage and landowner labor rates for state '23-'25 biennium:

Cost Share Assistance Percentage Rate of Reimbursement

- a) Implementation of USDA NRCS approved best management practices at a maximum reimbursement of 100% of eligible expenses. Specific practice rates and reimbursement percentages have been set for each eligible cost-share practice and are subject to change as the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.
- b) Implementation of special, demonstration, education and pilot projects/practices at a maximum of 100% of eligible expenses, not to exceed 100% of total project costs.

Cooperator Labor Rate

- c) The landowner labor rate shall be set at \$25.00 per hour.
- d) Minor labor 17 years of age or younger shall be consistent with Washington's established minimum wage.

DATED the 8th day of June, 2023

, Acting Chair