



Thursday, August 8, 2024
Board Meeting
Minutes taken by: Jennifer Zipse

6:00 p.m.: Chairman, Levi Luhn called the Board meeting to order.

Supervisors present: Levi Luhn, Jerry Hendrickson, Rod Hostetler

ACCD Staff present: Jennifer Zipse, Megan Stewart, Brad Riehle, Tony Monzingo, Lacy Ausman-Ditto, Keaton Martin

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) –The board of supervisors called an executive session at 6:00 pm for approximately 30 minutes to review the performance of a public employee. The executive session ended at 6:30 pm.

PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS report from Mitch Ruchert – “As of now, NRCS has obligated 11 EQIP contracts for FY24, for a total of \$323,368. CSP workload is light this year for Asotin County, all of our applications were either cancelled or deferred to FY25. Chance and I helped with the CSP workload in Garfield, Columbia, and Walla Walla counties. Jacob has been busy completing CRP status reviews across all 5 counties in our team as well as helping Chance and I with various field work for the active contracts and applications we have. We have 6 CSP renewal applications for FY25 that Chance and I will be working on this fall. Our FY25 application deadline dates have been released. The deadline for FY25 EQIP applications is October 22, 2024, and the deadline for FY25 CSP General applications is January 17, 2025. I know in my last report I mentioned that a Natural Resources Specialist position for the Clarkston office had opened, and we did send a job offer to one of the applicants but unfortunately, they chose not to accept. I am hopeful that we will be able to fly that job opening again in the next month or two. My wife and I welcomed our daughter, Ayva, on the 22nd of June so the past couple of months has flown by! That being said, I will be going on parental leave (daddy daycare) starting August 19th as my wife starts nursing school at LCSC so I will only be working Wednesdays and Thursdays until the 2nd week of December. Please still feel free to call, text, or email me if you have any questions. Thank you all, I hope you have a great rest of your week!”

MINUTES

Minutes from July 11, 2024, board meeting was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. *Jerry Hendrickson moved to approve, and Rod Hostetler seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2024, board meeting. Motion Carried.*

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Checks: July #18580 to #18617 and #2240 to #2247 and 10 EFT payments. Totaling \$80,777.87
*Jerry Hendrickson moved to approve, and Rod Hostetler seconded the motion to approve the checks from July #18580 to #18617 and #2240 to #2247 and 10 EFT payments. Totaling \$80,777.87. **Motion Carried.***

Board Supervisors reviewed the Transaction Journal, Treasurer's Report, Accounts Payable, Compensated Absences, Outstanding Voucher Status, and District Budget.

ACCD REPORTS

- Outstanding Cost-Share was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.
- The Project Status Report was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.
 - WB Rattlesnake 1-2 scheduled for construction in 2025
 - Couse Creek PA-78 construction has been going smoothly
- Employee update reports were reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.
- Employee schedule was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.
 - Megan will be meeting (August 16th) with a group who are surveying all WA Conservation Districts on the pros/cons for having District elections on the general ballot

CORRESPONDENCE

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Riparian Grant Application #2 Projects

- Scheibe Farms – Maintenance: Weed Control (3 locations)
*Jerry Hendrickson moved to approve, and Rod Hostetler seconded the motion to approve Scheibe Farms' maintenance for weed control, contingent on approval of funding from SCC riparian grant program. **Motion Carried.***
- Kevin Botts – Maintenance: Weed Control, Water Development
*Rod Hostetler moved to approve, and Jerry Hendrickson seconded the motion to approve Kevin Botts' maintenance for weed control and water development, contingent on approval of funding from SCC riparian grant program. **Motion Carried.***

Matthew Miller – 2024-23 Riparian Fence

The Board of Supervisors reviewed and discussed project 2024-23

Terry Busch – 2024-26 Spring Development

The Board of Supervisors reviewed and discussed project 2024-26

Colleen Ozard – 2024-28 Water Development

*Jerry Hendrickson moved to approve, and Rod Hostetler seconded the motion to approve Colleen Ozard's 2024-28 water development cost-share application. **Motion Carried.***

Halsey JV – 2024-20 Riparian Fence

*Jerry Hendrickson moved to approve, and Rod Hostetler seconded the motion to approve Halsey JV's 2024-20 riparian fence cost-share application. **Motion Carried.***

PA-78 Ash Kickers Agreement Amendment – Equipment Lowboy

Not all of the material for the project fit within the original staging area, a lowboy was needed to transport equipment to a second staging area to avoid damaging the roadway.

*Jerry Hendrickson moved to approve, and Rod Hostetler seconded the motion to approve PA-78 Ash Kickers agreement amendment for lowboy equipment. **Motion Carried.***

Weather Station Locations

Currently, ACCD has three weather stations streaming data across the county. The District has funds for 5-8 more weather stations. Purchasing additional stations will help to fill in the data gaps when weather systems hit different parts of Asotin County.

*Jerry Hendrickson moved to approve, and Rod Hostetler seconded the motion to approve purchasing and installing six additional weather stations. **Motion Carried.***

SRFB Grant Applications – Construction Planning

Asotin Creek 11.2 will go to construction in 2026/2027. ACCD will work with USFS to determine if they are able to provide project materials. The bid package for 3.2 will go out in fall of 2024.

Fire Damage Inventory

While there currently is no specific money from SCC for fire recovery, ACCD will be assessing damages on private property focusing on natural resource impact and ag infrastructure from the 2024 fires.

WCC Crew Hosting

ACCD has made the decision to revoke the application to host another WCC crew for the 2024/2025 season. There were too many issues that outweighed the benefits of hosting the crew. The Board supports ACCD staff exploring options and strategies for hiring its own crew.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm by Chairman, Levi Luhn.

Review of Motions

- 1. Jerry Hendrickson moved to approve, and Rod Hostetler seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2024, board meeting. **Motion Carried.***
- 2. Jerry Hendrickson moved to approve, and Rod Hostetler seconded the motion to approve the checks from July #18580 to #18617 and #2240 to #2247 and 10 EFT payments. Totaling \$80,777.87. **Motion Carried.***
- 3. Jerry Hendrickson moved to approve, and Rod Hostetler seconded the motion to approve Scheibe Farms' maintenance for weed control, contingent on approval of funding from SCC riparian grant program. **Motion Carried.***

4. Rod Hostetler moved to approve, and Jerry Hendrickson seconded the motion to approve Kevin Botts' maintenance for weed control and water development, contingent on approval of funding from SCC riparian grant program. **Motion Carried.**
5. Jerry Hendrickson moved to approve, and Rod Hostetler seconded the motion to approve Colleen Ozard's 2024-28 water development cost-share application. **Motion Carried.**
6. Jerry Hendrickson moved to approve, and Rod Hostetler seconded the motion to approve Halsey JV's 2024-20 riparian fence cost-share application. **Motion Carried.**
7. Jerry Hendrickson moved to approve, and Rod Hostetler seconded the motion to approve PA-78 Ash Kickers agreement amendment for lowboy equipment. **Motion Carried.**
8. Jerry Hendrickson moved to approve, and Rod Hostetler seconded the motion to approve purchasing and installing six additional weather stations. **Motion Carried.**


NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Thursday, September 5, 2024
6:00 p.m.**



CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE

9/5/2024
DATE



SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE

9-5-24
DATE