



**Columbia Basin Conservation District  
Meeting Minutes  
April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 7:00 PM  
In Person and Teleconference**

**Attendance:**

**Supervisors** – Dave Stadelman (Chair), Richard Leitz, John Preston, Glenn Burkholder, Dan Roseburg

**Staff** - Kristina Ribellia, Elliott DeLong (Recorder), Harold Crose, Dinah Rouleau, Griffin Hansen

**Agencies** – None

**Public** – None

**Call to Order and Introductions:** D. Stadelman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Public Input:** None

**Approval of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Monthly Board Meeting Minutes:** Correction – None

*Motion by R. Leitz to accept March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as presented, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.*

**Approval of April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Monthly Financial Reports:**

Presented by E. DeLong – Reviewed current grants through fiscal year 24. Financial topics include burn permits, funds received, grant funding, DOE, WSCC, EPA and NACD grant, cost share allocations, fiscal year 24 implementation grants, VSP, SFF, NRI, LT, NRCS, VSP Supplemental funds, and DOE Burn Applications. Additional information on the building funds was included. Check # 11760 was void due to damage from the printer ruin printed area.

*Motion by R. Leitz to accept the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Financial report as presented, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries. Grant County checks #11884-11931 totaling \$357,701.04. Payroll checks #11884-11893 totaling \$24,865.82 and #11908-11919 totaling \$23,570.60 included in the above amount.*

**Agency Reports:**

**Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC)** – None

**NRCS** – None

**Old Business:**

**Staffing Update – Ribellia** – Three positions were opened in March. An RCPP grants management, Maintenance and Planner position were opened and applications have been received. There are multiple candidates for each position and interviews will occur in Mid to late April depending on staff availability for the interview process.

**Building Update – Ribellia** – None

**Moses Lake Watershed Council (MLWC)** – Ribellia – With Harold's changes an stepping down, there will also be a need for a new chair of the watershed council, determined at the next MLWC meeting. The next



meeting is April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the CBCD office from 10-12. The MLWC also working to provide additional advertising to the community through the Columbia Basin Herald and the Spanish speaking community through Spanish radio broadcasting.

**VSP Update – Ribellia** – The majority of the planning has focused on the OGWRP as every grower receives a plan. The VSP technical panel is working on further developing the monitoring plan specifics as required by the WSCC. The plan needs to be submitted and approved by July 1, 2024. The quarterly meeting approved the use of a contract to develop the monitoring plans to meet the WSCC requirements.

**OGWRP Update – Ribellia/Crose** – Contracting work for the 84.6 and 84.7 with design reviews. The work on the PL-566 plan continues and will be important in the development of future RCPPs and future staffing. CBCD will continue to work with ECBID and DOE to complete the project. Funding progress towards the 22.1 has started and will be part of the RCPP in the next round. There is a Washington DC delegation traveling to meet with senators and agency personnel and with support K. Ribellia will be going as well.

**Working Group Meeting – Ribellia/Stadelman** – The working group was beneficial despite technical difficulties. Working with the executive director provided useful information and having a dialogue with the state office will be a benefit for the district in the future.

**Mobile Drip Irrigation – Crose** – Mobile drip irrigation has been demonstrated to be efficient and will focus on similar systems for use for producers in the OGWRP. Funding will come from a partnership with Bonneville Environmental Group for an estimated 1.5 million dollars.

**New Business:**

**WaterSMART Support Letter – Ribellia** – The USBR is providing a grant opportunity for Grant County to develop a Water Bank for the development to address the water concerns in the Area. The grant would all the county to acquire rights to mitigate for uses outside of irrigation. The WaterSMART grant allows for the county to be proactive in the approach to water management in the county. The county would like the CD's support to submit the letter of support.

*Motion by R. Leitz to provide a letter of support for the WaterSMART Grant application, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.*

**Storage Contract – DeLong** – The storage contract with Eutrophix has come up several times and now all the information is in place. The product will be produced and secure in a bonded location for the Conservation District b SerPRO (Eutrophix parent company) for use in the June 2024 treatment. The product will be for the approved material and will allow for the product to be on hand without delay.

*Motion by G. Burkholder to approve the storage contract as presented, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.*

**J. Craghead Cost Share Certification – Rouleau** – J. Craghead has received cost share from the CD before., This is a continuation of a previous project. The project focused on rotational grazing on planting the CD helped with in the past. The area was fenced as per NRCs requirement to allow for controlled rotational grazing in the area. The total project cost was \$1,327.00 for materials and the Cd would be providing a 0% cost share totaling \$663.25.

*Motion by D. Roseburg approves C. Craghead pump pivot cost share, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.*



**C. Calloway Cost Share Certification – Rouleau** – C. Calloway replaced a pump that was in excess of 12 years old and outside the effective lifespan on the NRCS. The new pump increases the energy efficiency of the dairy and improves dairy operations. The current pump was in excess of \$25,000.00 and while the CD could no provide a complete 50% cost share, the producer accepted he \$6,000 dollar maximum that was provided. The district would be providing these funds once the cost share has been approved.

Motion by R. Leitz certify the C. Calloway cost share a proposed, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.

**J. Preston Cost Share Certification – Rouleau** – J. Preston was accepted as one of two Irrigation efficiency grant projects. The project replaces a worn-out pivot with significant leakage issues. Portions had repaired but have worn out again preventing water use efficiently. The pivot has exceeded the design life by a number of years and the improved irrigation pivot is 10% more efficient (90% total efficiency). The project was completed at \$177,717.30 and CBCD would be providing \$88,858.67 to the producer as a 50% cost share.

Motion by D. Roseburg to approve J. Preston Cost Share as presented, seconded by G. Burkholder, J. Preston abstains, motion carries.

**D. Bator Cost Share – Rouleau** – This cost share would meet the conservation practice 449, Irrigation Water Management as the applicant is planning to replace an aged system. The current irrigation system has been in place for 40+ years. It is a sergeant pivot that is no longer capable of re-piping. The system is leaking in several places and is highly inefficient. The project would benefit wetlands, habitat, critical aquifer recharge areas, frequently flooded areas and geological hazardous areas. The funding request would be for \$44,022.50.

Motion by R. Leitz to approve D. Bator cost share, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.

**E. Goodrich Cost Share - Rouleau** – This cost share would meet the conservation practices 442 Sprinkler System, 449 Irrigation Water Management and practice 420 Wildlife Habitat Planting. The applicant is converting rill ground to solid set sprinkler irrigation, and handline to solid set sprinkler. The applicant is also interested in grass and permanent habitat. Priority will be given to irrigation, then planting. The funding request would be for \$ 100,000.00.

Motion by R. Leitz to approve the E. Goodrich cost share as proposed, seconded by D. Roseburg, motion carries.

**H. Duvall Cost Share – Rouleau** – This cost share would meet the conservation practices 442 Sprinkler System, 449 Irrigation Water Management and practice 420 Wildlife Habitat Planting. The applicant is converting rill ground to solid set sprinkler irrigation, and handline to solid set sprinkler. The applicant is also interested in grass and pollinator plantings and earthworks. Priority will be given to irrigation, then earthworks and finally wetland. The funding request would be for \$ 100,000.00.

Motion by R. Leitz to approve the Duvall cost share a proposed, seconded by D. Roseburg, motion carries.

**R Brown Cost Share– Rouleau** – Rowdy Brown is looking to purchase a no-till drill through the VSP supplemental cost share program plans. The drill could eliminate six passes, reduce, or replace discing, 3 rod weeds, cultivation, and harrowing. The drill would be used on approximately 5000 acres in the eastern Adams County. The cost share would account for \$ 100,000.00.

Motion by R. Leitz to approve the R. Brown cost share a presented, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.



**S. Krautschied Cost Share – Rouleau** – This cost share would meet the conservation practices 329 Residue and Tillage Management, Not-till and 345 - Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till. The applicant would like to purchase a no-till drill. Applicant is currently using conventional till practices and plans to implement no-till and reduced till practices across 1200+ acres. The project protects wetlands, habitat, critical aquifer areas, geologically hazardous areas, and frequently flooded areas. The funding request would be for \$ 100,000.00.

*Motion by J. Preston certify the Krautschied cost share a proposed, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.*

**Freeman 24-49-IM Cost Share – Rouleau** – D. Freeman is updating sprinkler nozzles and updating pump motors that are over their NRCS practice lifespan. Sprinklers are over 5 years and pump is over 12 years old. The cost of the project is over 9,000.00 dollars. Several Implementation projects came under budget, and the proposed \$4,500.00 would be coming out to the remaining Implementation funds.

*Motion by D. Roseburg to approve D. Freeman Cost Share as presented, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.*

**Money Market Update – DeLong** – Currently Banner Bank is requiring a signed and certified set of minutes to complete the process of opening the savings account and completing the account transfer. Once these minutes are approved, the process will be completed on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**GeoEngineer Contract – DeLong** – GeoEngineer was contacted to provide well monitoring information and possible provide services for the development of a VSP monitoring plan. Currently it was identified that aquifer recharge was the easiest and most data driven metric to evaluate VSP success. The proposal would be provided for both Adams and Grant County to monitor the program monitoring development going forward to meet the WSCC VSP requirements. The program would cover both counties for the monitoring requirements with a completed program monitoring plan completed prior to the July 1 due date.

*Motion by R. Leitz to approve the GeoEngineer Contract for VSP Monitoring, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.*

**Adjournment-** *Motion by J. Preston to adjourn. Seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.* The meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM.



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Chair Approval

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Recorder Signature

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