



**Columbia Basin Conservation District
Meeting Minutes
January 9th, 2024 – 1:00 PM
In Person and Teleconference**

Attendance:

Supervisors – Dave Stadelman (Chair), Richard Leitz, John Preston

Staff - Kristina Ribellia, Elliott DeLong (Recorder), Harold Crose, Douglas Allen

Agencies – None

Public – Lloyd Peterson (Citizen)

Call to Order and Introductions: D. Stadelman called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

Public Input: None

Approval of December 12th, 2023, Monthly Board Meeting Minutes: Correction – Change date to December 12th not December 16th.

Motion by J. Preston to accept the December 12th, 2023, as presented, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.

Approval of January 9th, 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 J. Preston to accept the January 9th, 2024, Financial report as presented, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries. Grant County checks #11762-11791 totaling 78,111.34. Payroll checks #11750-11759 totaling \$21,771.47 and #11770-11782 totaling \$19,734.42 included in the above amount.

Agency Reports:

Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) – None

NRCS – Allen – CRP task orders have been developed and are set to start in the next couple of months. Currently six new staff members have been hired for the Ephrata office and will require training. Contracts for NWQI in Lower Crab Creek and the RCPP are part of the 94 EQIP applications that are being processed for selection at the end of February 2024.

Old Business:

Building Update – Ribellia –The Conservation District has officially moved into 903 W. 3rd Ave, Property as of December 18th. CBCD staff are working in the office and remotely as required. DES contractors completed work however, a contract for the electrical in the upstairs portion of the office will be likely in January or early February.



Moses Lake Watershed Council (MLWC) – Ribellia – The federal appropriation with NRCS is continuing to progress, NEPA status is still unanswered likely to see something soon. The next meeting will be January 16th, 2024 and be held at the Washington State Potato Commission Office in Moses Lake.

VSP Update – Ribellia – The majority of the planning has focused on the OGWRP as every grower receives a plan. The Grant County VSP meeting will be held January 25th and Adams County on February 1st, 2024. The meeting will both be virtual.

OGWRP Update – Ribellia/Crose – Contracting work for the 84.6 and 84.7 with design reviews. The work maybe something to explore in the future depending on the development of future RCPPs and future staffing. Contracting for the PL-566 has closed for comment with 41 comments. CBCD will continue to work with ECBID and DOE to complete the project. CBCD has demonstrated its capacity and valuable partner to OGWRP producers, a proven problem solver for the OGWRP.

Election Resolution – Ribellia – Currently one position in 2024 will be coming up for election. D. Stadelman is up for election. There is a need to complete the election form if any individual is interested. The election position will need to be filed by January 30th. The EF1 has been submitted. The election will be official in March 2024, to coincide with WSCC's Conservation Month and previous election cycles. Ballot requests will be coming out later this month and are due February 16th.

New Business:

Legislative Days – Ribellia – Legislative days are scheduled for January 25th. More information is being determined as the exact times and representatives have yet to be solidified. Okanagan CD is setting up a roundtable for the 7th district (northern Grant County). CBCD will have state rates and arrange lodging for the supervisors that are interested and likely arrange for combined transport as well.

BIE contract – DeLong – No contract received prior to 1/9/2024. Will be moved to February 13th, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting.

P. Friehe Cost Share Certification – DeLong - P. Friehe received cost share applicant in FY23. This application is for Sustainable Farms and Fields funds. The cost share would provide a No-till drill for use on organically farmed ground. The drill ended up being a Great Plains Drill and would save approximately 81.7 carbon unit. The equipment costs \$177,488.00 and that exceeds the 50% cost share originally projected. CBCD would be responsible for a maximum of \$58,868, approximately a 33% cost share, based on what was previously approved.

Motion by J. Preston to certify the P. Friehe Cost Share as presented, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.

Adjournment- *Motion by R. Leitz to adjourn. Seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.* The meeting adjourned at 1:52 PM.



Chair Approval

Recorder Signature

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