



## Columbia Basin Conservation District

### Meeting Minutes

September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 7:00 PM

### In Person and Teleconference

#### Attendance:

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

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

**Agencies** – None

**Call to Order and Introductions:** D. Stadelman called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**Public Input:** No public input.

**Approval of August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Monthly Board Meeting Minutes:** Correction – None

*Motion by R. Leitz to accept the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as presented, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.*

#### **Approval of September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Monthly Financial Reports:**

Presented by E. DeLong – Reviewed current grants through fiscal year 23. Financial topics include burn permits, funds received, grant funding, DOE, WSCC, EPA and NACD grant, cost share allocations, implementation grants, VSP, SFF, livestock funding, NRCS, VSP Supplemental funds, and DOE Burn Applications. Additional information on the building funds and the Lauzier grant were included.

*Motion by G. Burkholder to accept the September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Financial report as presented, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries. Grant County checks #11528 – 11584 totaling \$193,896.65. Payroll checks #11528-11540 totaling \$25,656.25 and #11557-11571 totaling \$35,934.88 included in the above amount.*

#### **Agency Reports:**

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

**NRCS** – None

**Old Business:**

**Staffing Update** – Ribellia – None

**Building Update** – Ribellia – Demolition is complete, and the current progress is based on the Department of Enterprise Services. The plan is to have the Conservation District in the Building by End of December 2023 and confirmed with Kerri Richins as an acceptable timeframe.

**Moses Lake Watershed Council (MLWC)** – Ribellia – The 2023 State of the Lake will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup> (next Tuesday). The presentation will help fill in the community about the current lake conditions and actions in place to continue to progress. The presentation is open to the public and all supervisors are



welcome to attend. The federal appropriation has been allocated and the RFP has concluded with a single response. The respondent will be interviewed in the coming weeks.

**VSP Update – Ribellia** – The two-year report has been submitted as of August 31, 2023. Going forward the focus will adjust to the Shrub steppe portions of Grant County and the OGWRP. Both counties will be submitting 10 yr. reports in the next couple years.

**OGWRP Update – Ribellia** – 11 RCPPs were planned and 7 were submitted. Each RCPP is approximately valued at 25 million. CBCD will partner Lincoln and Franklin Conservation Districts to help implement the RCPPS once approved. Additional funds may be available from a United State Buruea of Reclamation WaterSMART program Grants.

**New Business:**

**Deanna Elliott Data Migration Program with University of Washington – DeLong** – Currently D. Elliott is looking to increase her capacity at the district by adding the data management and migration experience to her skill set. The district has provided the support in the past and the total cost of the program would be 210 dollars.

*Motion by R. Leitz to approve payment of D. Elliott’s class Tuition, seconded by D. Roseburg, motion carries.*

**Adams County CD Technical Services Agreement– Rouleau** – Currently Adams CD has requested that CBCD provide assistance with the Sustainable Farms and Field program in the County. Currently one producer has been funded. The agreement would allow CBCD staff to work within the county to provide the support for the producer. The cost covers wages and mileage not to exceed \$1,000.00 dollars if approved by the CBCD supervisors

*Motion by R. Leitz to approve the Technical Service agreement with Adams County CD, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.*

**Bar E3 Dairy Certification – Rouleau** – The Bar E3 dairy is being updated to address preexisting issues with the new plan. Currently there is a need for a nutrient lagoon monitoring device (stick)and overall update. There is no change to the number of livestock. The current plan is designed for growth and should not need to be altered significantly in the near future.

*Motion by G. Burkholder to approve Bar E3 Dairy Plan as presented, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.*

**Royal Dairy Plan Approval – Rouleau** – The Royal dairy plan was updated in February 2021 and needs an update was required by Washington Department of Agriculture. This is the third of three dairies. The update includes numbers increases however, there is no need to change much due to extra acreage and an excess of space. The update is based on WSDA requirement.

*Motion by J. Preston to approve the Royal Dairy Plan as Presented, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.*

**VSP Cost Share Approvals – Rouleau** – There are several VSP cost share up for approval. All VSP cost shares they are listed as follows and funded pending WSCC State Panel Approval:

1. Hardebeck
  - Rill to Pivot Conversion
  - Irrigation improvement on 65 acres





- Project would cost more than \$200,000.
  - CBCD would provide 50% cost share for (\$100,000.00)
2. Brown
- Rill to Pivot Conversion
  - Irrigation improvement on 150 acres
  - Currently the field is subdivided into three 50-acre sections.
  - Project would cost more than \$345,000.00.
  - CBCD would provide 50% cost share for (\$100,000.00 maximum)
3. Stadelman
- Pivot to Pivot Conversion (Pivot renovation)
  - Irrigation improvement on 80 acres
  - Currently the field is in close proximity to an existing wetland.
  - Project would cost approximately \$79,347.00.
  - CBCD would provide 50% cost share for (\$39,673.50 maximum)
4. Vanderveent
- Wheel to Sprinkler Conversion
  - Pipeline replacement for irrigation Improvement
  - Project would cost \$54,493.00.
  - CBCD would provide 50% cost share.
5. Salback
- Wheel to Pivot Conversion
  - Project covers approximately a half circle (roughly 70 acres)
  - The current system is more than 25 years old.
  - Project would cost \$92,855.00.
  - CBCD would provide 50% cost share.

Motion by R. Leitz to approve the VSP cost shares as presented, seconded by D. Roseburg, motion carries.

**NRI Cost Share Approvals – Rouleau** – There is a cost share for Jim Baird. The conversion is for a hand line to drip system on newly planted Orchard. The micro would provide more efficient, and the orchard would provide permanent cover. The project would cost \$17,843 and CBCD would provide a 50% cost share if approved.

Motion by R. Leitz to approve the 24-49-NRI Cost share as presented, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.

**NRI Addendum – DeLong** – The NRI addendum will be submitted as follows pending approval of the CBCD board of supervisors. The Addendum is as follows \$61,000 for four cost shares as previously approved. Three for \$15,000.00 and one for \$16,000.00. An Additional 20,000.00 will be allocated for technical assistance with the above-mentioned projects once submitted to the WSCC.

Motion by R. Leitz to approve the 24-49-NRI Addendum, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.

**24-IM Cost Share Approvals – Rouleau** – Cost share project for Jose Ramirez. The project would be a concrete pad with engineering costs for on ground storage and composting of material left over from the orchard. The project would cost approximately 20,000.00 and CBCD would be using \$10,000.00 of the remaining Implementation Cost Share funds.

Motion by D. Roseburg to approve the 24-49-IM cost share, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.



**NC and Annual Area Meeting – Ribellia** – The annual area meeting for North central Washington has been hosted by Adams County this year in Ritzville on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The annual Meeting will be in Wenatchee, WA from November 27-29<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to attend either event, please let K. Ribellia know, and the registrations will be completed on your behalf.

**No-Till Update – Rouleau** – Progress has been made according to Central Washington Machine. Britton Baker is maintaining the communications and will hopefully have the equipment back and ready by October 2023.

**Adjournment- Motion by Motion by G. Burkholder to adjourn. Seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.** The meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.



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Chair Approval

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Recorder Signature

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Date

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