



## Columbia Basin Conservation District

### Meeting Minutes

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 1:00 PM

In Person and Teleconference

#### **Attendance:**

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

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

**Agencies** – Heather Wendt (WACD)

**Public** – Lloyd Peterson (Citizen)

**Call to Order and Introductions:** D. Stadelman called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

**Public Input:** Lloyd Peterson expressed concern about invasive species and erosion within the Winchester and Frenchman Wasteways area. Noted changes in the number of ponds, waterways, and drainages in terms of quantity and quality. Solutions over invasive species and erosion control are not simple due to the current status and options of management on public lands.

**Approval of November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Monthly Board Meeting Minutes:** Correction – None

*Motion by J. Preston to accept the November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as presented, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.*

#### **Approval of December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 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.

*Motion by G. Burkholder to accept the December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Financial report as presented, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries. Grant County checks #11669-11749 totaling \$164,461.09. Payroll checks #11699-11708 totaling \$20,568.79 and #11724-11736 totaling \$27612.01 included in the above amount.*

#### **Agency Reports:**

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

**NRCS** – None

**Washington Association of Conservation districts (WACD)** – Wendt – WACD Annual Meeting had 39 of 45 districts in attendance. There were 66 virtual attendees, 139 in-person attendance and an additional 25 sponsors. 28 resolutions were passed during the WACD conference and will be taken in front of the National NACD. The 2024 WACD meeting will be held in Spokane, WA.



## **Old Business:**

**Building Update** – **Ribellia** – The Conservation District will begin moving into the 903 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Property December 18<sup>th</sup>. CBCD staff will be working the week 26-29<sup>th</sup> remotely. The DES contractor will be working December 6-29<sup>th</sup> on the roof and ADA bathroom.

**Moses Lake Watershed Council (MLWC)** – **Ribellia** – The federal appropriation with NRCS is continuing to progress, NEPA status is still unanswered. The next meeting will be December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**VSP Update** – **Ribellia** – The majority of the planning has focused on the OGWRP as every grower receives a plan. 100 total to be completed with 10 currently done including those in Franklin County.

**OGWRP Update** – **Ribellia** – 45 million has been awarded to the OGWRP through RCPP with a state match of an additional 65 million match. 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.

## **New Business:**

**Election Resolution** – **E. DeLong** – Currently one position in 2024 will be coming up for election. D. Stadelman is up for election. WSCC requires a new election resolution. The election will be official in March 2024, to coincide with WSCC's Conservation Month and previous election cycles. The resolution states that elections will be mail-in only occurring in March. The election position will need to be filed by January 30<sup>th</sup>. Once the resolution is based a legal announcement will go out and there will be another two weeks

**L. Bode Certification** – **E. DeLong** – L. Bode was approved for the purchase of an Agitation Pump for North Star dairy. The pump is a 42 ft mobile unit from GEA. The pump was \$28,000.00, well over the 50% cost share previously approved. CBCD would be providing \$10,000.00 for the cost share to L. Bode if approved by the CBCD supervisors.

*Motion by G. Burkholder to approve L. Bode Cost share as presented. Seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.*

**A. Mickelson Certification** – **E. DeLong** – A. Mickelson was approved for 8,000.00 for a lagoon pump from NRI funding for Washington state Conservation Commission. Mickelson has provided 15,848.00 for the purchase of the floating lagoon pump. Currently the cost share is slightly under 50% so the cost share would be slightly less than the previously approved amount. CBCD would be responsible for \$7,924.00.

*Motion by G. Burkholder to approve Mickelson Cost share as presented. Seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.*

**J. Baird Certification** – **E. DeLong** – J. Baird was approved for a chipper cost share for the WSCC funding. The chipper is a small unit to address smaller resource needs. The chipper was purchase through Vermeer for 47608.00. CBCD will be providing less than 50% cost share was the approved amount did not exceed 10,000.00.

*Motion by G. Burkholder to approve J. Baird Cost share as presented. Seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.*

**P. Booker Grazing Plan Approval Update** – **E. DeLong** – The concerns addressed in the previous plan are sufficient and the passage and approval of the Original VSP application should be sufficient for the project to continue without further need for any additional input from CBCD supervisors or staff.



**Eutrophix Contract for Moses Lake – E. DeLong** – CBCD has provided the NRCS with the required documents for approval of the release of funds for a 3.1-million-dollar phosphorus mitigation project, however no NEPA has been approved as of December 12, 2023. This contract is similar to one brought to the CBCD board in the past. However, there are contingencies to prevent any work from occurring prior to approval on the NEPA at a federal level. This contract has set the controls, limitations and requirements in order to meet the contract requirements as approved by NRCS.

*Motion by J. Preston to approve Eutrophix Contract. Seconded by G. Burkholder, R. Leitz Abstains, motion carries.*

**Adjournment-** *Motion by J. Preston to adjourn. Seconded by D. Roseburg, motion carries.* The meeting adjourned at 2:39 PM.



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Chair Approval

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Recorder Signature

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