

**CASCADIA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING
Upstairs Conference Room
14 N Mission St.
Wenatchee, WA 98801
Wednesday, January 11, 2017
3:30 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Josh Koempel, Chair; Hal Hawley, Vice Chair; Roger Wristen, Auditor; and Jim Bartelme, Member.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Junell Wentz, Member.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Wright, NRCS; Keith Goehner, Chelan County; Mike Kaputa, Chelan County Dept. of Natural Resources; Lisa Grueter, Berk Consulting, Inc.; Evan Sheffels, Washington State Farm Bureau; and the following District staff: Peggy Entzel, Valerie Hampton, Craig Gyselinck, Mike Cushman, and Nada Wentz.

Hal Hawley, Vice Chair, opened the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Josh arrived at 3:34 p.m.

VOLUNTARY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (VSP)

Lisa Grueter and Evan Sheffels went through the presentation packet with the Board members. The material covered the VSP work plan, goals and timeline. The final draft is to be submitted to the technical panel by April 2017. There was a brief question and answer period between the Board and the presenters.

There has been some concern about funding for the program and for the agencies assisting in the program implementation. The Board stated that Rates & Charges funds are to be used to cover District programs and are not available for VSP.

ICICLE PESHASTIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT FISH SCREEN PROJECT

The County is drafting an application to Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) for funds to design new fish screens for the Icicle Peshastin Irrigation District. Mike Kaputa said that once the designs are approved, the WA Department of Fish and Wildlife would fabricate the screens. He asked Craig for support from the District.

Josh stepped out of the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

After a brief discussion, Craig asked the Board to approve supporting the County by including the District name on the BPA application that Mike Kaputa is working on.

M/S/C Jim moved and Roger seconded to approve adding the District name to the County BPA application for the fish screen design funding. (Unanimous)

Josh returned at 5:15 p.m.

ICICLE WORK GROUP

Mike Kaputa asked the District to consider joining the Icicle Work Group. He'd like to see the membership better represent the local community. Keith Goehner commented that it is important to have local members involved that are familiar with the area. The Board discussed the options.

M/S/C Jim moved and Roger seconded to approve joining the Icicle Work Group. (Unanimous)

2017 SALARY CHANGES

Peggy and the Board discussed salaried versus hourly wages. Under the current laws the following staff are qualified to be salaried: Craig, Sandy, Peggy, Valerie, Jason and Patrick. Overtime hours would instead become exchange hours at straight time for salaried positions.

M/S/C Jim moved and Roger seconded to approve changing the following staff to salaried status: Craig, Sandy, Peggy, Valerie, Jason and Patrick. (Unanimous)

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Summary of Official Actions:

Approved adding the District name to the County BPA application for the fish screen design funding;
Approved joining the Icicle Work Group;
Approved changing the following staff to salaried status: Craig, Sandy, Peggy, Valerie, Jason and Patrick.

VICE CHAIR _____

OFFICE ASSISTANT _____