

**CASCADIA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR DISTRICT MEETING
Zoom Meeting ID: 987 6961 1557
14 N Mission St.
Wenatchee, WA 98801
Friday, February 18, 2022
1:30 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Junell Wentz, Chair; Dillon Miller, Vice Chair; Amy Bridges, Auditor; and Kurt Hosman, Member.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Bartelme, Member.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Wright, NRCS; and the following District staff: Ryan Williams, Valerie Hampton, Mark Ingman, and Nada Wentz. Attendees were present in person and via Zoom Meeting / conference call.

Junell Wentz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Valerie provided updates to the Treasurer's Report. The Health Alliance insurance billing was higher than listed in the report due to adjustments for new staff and new 2022 rates for all staff.

Consent Agenda: Approve the January 21, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes, approve the January Treasurer's Report, and authorize payment of bills.

M/S/C Dillon moved and Kurt seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. (Unanimous)

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) REPORT: Chris Wright

Chris received word that the Joint Chiefs Partnership funding NRCS and the District applied for was not awarded. The two agencies are now working on pushing through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP) Supplemental Agreement - Enhancement. He will contact the District should there be additional funding applications to work on.

STAFF REPORT: Mark Ingman

Mark gave a PowerPoint presentation and report to the Board showing past projects in the Entiat, as well as Beaver Dam Analog (BDA) work in the Chumstick area.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant Applications:

FEMA Resolution 2022-3: The application for this round includes outreach efforts, workshops with landscape businesses, and flyers in multiple languages. The application requires a resolution from the Board to authorize Ryan's signature.

M/S/C Dillon moved and Amy seconded to approve FEMA Resolution 2022-3 authorizing Ryan's signature. (Unanimous)

Grant Contracts:

Rock Lake CD and Adams CD Requests: Rock Lake CD would like to hire Mark to do cultural resource work. Adams CD has a project for water tank evaporation reduction and they were told that a survey is required. They would like to hire Kim to write a letter of support stating a survey is not necessary for this project. Board approval and an agreement is needed with each district.

Wenatchee River Institute Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): The MOU is for partnering on an outdoor education event.

Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Shrub Steppe Restoration Initiative Cultural Resources Addendum: This addendum is for cultural resource work to be done before implementing a virtual fencing project.

M/S/C Kurt moved and Dillon seconded to approve the Commission's Shrub Steppe addendum, cultural resource agreements with the Rock Lake and Adams Conservation Districts; and the MOU for an outdoor education event with the Wenatchee River Institute. (Unanimous)

US Forest Service Drinking Water Provider Partnership (DWPP) Agreement: The project is to work with private landowners to install Beaver Dam Analogs (BDA's).

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Supplemental Agreement – Implementation: The implementation agreement is a two-year contract. The Board was asked to approve Ryan's signature on the contract.

M/S/C Dillon moved and Amy seconded to approve the Forest Service DWPP agreement; and authorizing Ryan's signature on the RCPP Supplemental Agreement – Implementation contract. (Unanimous)

Policies: Ryan and the Board talked about the Governor's mask mandate. The Board would like to have the masks go away, but they also asked Ryan to talk with staff and get a better picture of their comfort level regarding the use of masks.

Other Business:

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 89.08 Review the. The Board reviewed the RCW and briefly discussed the duties and responsibilities of district supervisors.

Executive Director's Report:

Vet Corps Intern: Ryan discussed the possibility of bringing on a Veteran Corps intern to assist with the chipping, inventory, forestry work and off-season planting. The position could be a six-month term. The Board was asked to give Ryan their thoughts on the plan.

Amy left the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Contracts: The contract is progressing slowly. It includes three work areas - cost share, a demonstration project with team Rubicon, and chipping. Additional funding may be available for outreach and assessments. That contract may route through the Commission, which would be the most efficient route.

Joint Chiefs: There has been no word regarding the reasons the application was not approved.

Policy Review: Ryan asked the Board to read through the policy section and send comments back to him. He would like to streamline the approval of agreements, contracts, meeting room rentals, etc. at meetings.

Other Programs: The Snowshoe School is fading out with the melting snow. Joe and Patrick are working hard at kicking off the RCPP and talking about an open house for cost share in July.

Set March Meeting Date and Agenda: The next meeting will be a Special Meeting on Friday, March 25, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. The Board Meeting will be from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The Planning meeting will go from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be a potluck lunch and Mike Baden will facilitate the meeting.

The District's five year plan will be reviewed at the March meeting, as will the mission, vision and current priority natural resource categories. All changes will be updated into the new plan and emailed to the Board for review at the April 22 planning meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Summary of Official Actions:

- Approved the Consent Agenda;
- Approved FEMA Resolution 2022-3 authorizing Ryan's signature;
- Adopted the Commission's Shrub Steppe addendum, cultural resource agreements with the Rock Lake and Adams Conservation Districts; and the MOU for an outdoor education event with the Wenatchee River Institute;
- Approved the Forest Service DWPP agreement; and authorizing Ryan's signature on the RCPP Supplemental Agreement – Implementation contract.

CHAIR_____

OFFICE ASSISTANT_____