

**CASCADIA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING
Zoom Meeting ID: 819 2557 1961
Chelan County Fire District 1 Station Meeting Room
206 Easy Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801
Friday, March 25, 2022
9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Baden, WSCC; Chris Wright, NRCS; and the following District staff: Ryan Williams, Valerie Hampton, Mark Ingman, Joe Hill, Elizabeth Jackson, Alex Harwell, Amanda Newell, Kathleen Deason, Kirk Beckendorf, and Nada Wentz. All attendees were present in person

Junell Wentz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m.

Consent Agenda: Approve the February 18, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes, approve the February Treasurer’s Report, and authorize payment of bills.

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

Review and Consider Grant Applications and Contracts:

Grant Contracts:

Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) - forest thinning cost share – Board approval;
DNR – Spring Roving Chipper Services – Board approval;
Conservation Commission – Community Wildfire Resiliency Grant – Addendum approval;
Icicle Fund – Kids in the Creek – Executive Director signature approval;
Washington Resource Conservation and Development Council - Practice implementation certification for Chumstick Wildfire Stewardship Coalition – Executive Director signature approval;

Agreements and Contracts:

Benton Conservation District – Heritage Garden program Interlocal Agreement – Board approval;
Wenatchee Valley Community College – Earth Day Event Stipend Agreement – Board approval;
SoilLab Inc – Application for Credit Account– Board approval;
Pac Forest Supply – Application for Credit Account – Board approval;
Numerica Credit Union – ACH Limits for Payroll – Board approval of ACH increase to \$50,000 daily limit;
Kingfisher Forestry – Thinning Project for Wenatchee River Institute (WRI) – Executive Director signature approval when contract is ready;
MC Fire LLC – Hazard Assessment Training – Executive Director signature approval when contract is ready;

Landowner Agreements / Cost Share:

WRI – DNR Thinning – Board Member signature approval;
Robert and Janlee Lewis – Department of Ecology (DOE) Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs) – Agreement approval;
Colin Sternagel – DOE BDAs – Agreement approval;
Allen Cushing – DOE BDAs – Board Member signature approval pending landowner’s signature
Chelan Douglas Land Trust – DNR Thinning – Board Member signature approval pending

landowner's signature.

M/S/C Kurt moved and Jim seconded to approve the contracts and agreements as presented.

Executive Director's Report: Ryan proposed some changes to make the meetings more efficient. Contract / agreement / application details would be emailed to the Board no later than the Wednesday before the meeting. The Board is in favor of this change.

The NRCS Report was emailed to the Board with this month's updates.

The District is now fully staffed, making us short one parking space at the office. Ryan and the Board discussed parking a District rig in the Leavenworth area, potentially in a partner public agency's lot. This would save time and gas for the District and staff, since multiple employees live in the area and frequently travel locally on District business. The Board was in favor of this.

The Line of Credit has been renewed at Numerica Credit Union.

Patrick, Joe, and Ryan met with the Forest Service's new Wenatchee River District Ranger to discuss the partnership agreements and programs that are in place.

Ryan updated the group on some of the legislative initiatives that would impact District programs and county residents. The stream buffers initiative received many comments. Feedback is requested for the Sustainable Farms and Fields grant program. The Board directed Ryan to prepare draft comments and submit them upon Board review.

The Special Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The Strategic Planning session began at 10:40 a.m. with a lunch break at noon.

The Board and staff discussed several of the changes they would like to see made in the long-range plan. A draft version of changes was developed for further consideration at the next Special District Meeting, to be scheduled in April.

The Strategic Planning session adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Summary of Official Actions:

Approved the Consent Agenda;

Approved the following:

Grant Contracts: Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) - forest thinning cost share; DNR – Spring Roving Chipper Services; Conservation Commission – Community Wildfire Resiliency Grant; Icicle Fund – Kids in the Creek – Executive Director signature; Washington Resource Conservation and Development Council - Practice implementation certification for Chumstick Wildfire Stewardship Coalition – Executive Director signature;

Agreements and Contracts: Benton Conservation District – Heritage Garden program Interlocal Agreement; Wenatchee Valley Community College – Earth Day Event Stipend Agreement; SoilLab Inc – Application for Credit Account; Pac Forest Supply – Application for Credit Account; Numerica Credit Union – ACH Limits for Payroll increase to \$50,000 daily limit; Kingfisher Forestry – Thinning Project for Wenatchee River Institute (WRI) – Executive Director signature when contract is ready; MC Fire LLC – Hazard Assessment Training – Executive Director signature when contract is ready;

Landowner Agreements / Cost Share: WRI – DNR Thinning – Board Member signature; Robert and Janlee Lewis – Department of Ecology (DOE) Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs); Colin Sternagel – DOE BDAs; Allen Cushing – DOE BDAs – Board Member signature pending landowner’s signature; Chelan Douglas Land Trust – DNR Thinning – Board Member signature pending landowner’s signature.

CHAIR_____

OFFICE ASSISTANT_____