

**CASCADIA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR DISTRICT MEETING
Upstairs Conference Room
14 N Mission St.
Wenatchee, WA 98801
Tuesday, September 17, 2019
3:30 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Junell Wentz, Vice Chair; Roger Wristen, Auditor; and Jim Bartelme, Member.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Josh Koempel, Chair; and Dillon Miller, Member.

OTHERS PRESENT: Wendy Isenhart, guest; and the following District staff: Peggy Entzel, Mike Cushman, and Nada Wentz.

Junell Wentz, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the Minutes of the August 27th Special District meeting; approve the Treasurer's Report, and authorize payment of bills.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mike drafted a letter to the Heatherwood Community regarding their cost share project request. In the letter he shared program information to help clarify what the District is allowed to do within the cost share program requirements, availability of staff time, and funding. The Board reviewed the letter and briefly discussed the request.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) REPORT

Sarah Troutman was not able to attend the meeting today. Peggy reported the following for her: Alan McBee accepted a State Conservationist position in Alaska, and NRCS is working on some task orders with the District. Mike Baden will be taking on the scheduling of future task orders.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mike discussed coordination efforts and updates with partners including DNR, Chelan County Community Development, and the CD's in Douglas County. He also reported on the grant applications in progress and their submission deadlines: Coalition and Collaboratives (CoCo), Department of Ecology (DOE), and Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

OLD BUSINESS

Conservation Commission Projects:

Implementation Grant: Work continues on the current projects.

Irrigation Efficiencies: There is a meeting planned in October to discuss a project with Trout Unlimited (TU).

Drought Projects: Project outreach is ongoing. There will be more discussions when harvest and irrigation season is over.

Technical Service Provider (TSP) Task Order: Ken is working on two projects.

Cultural Resource Task Orders: Mark is finished with his projects and Kim is close to completion with hers. Another task order is expected in early October.

Project Updates by Region:

Lake Chelan Basin: The Board was given updates about the flooding at Decker Canyon in the Entiat and South Shore Lake Chelan, with brief discussion about the culverts and natural drainage resources.

Entiat Watershed: Mike described a flood insurance issue and upcoming Entiat project tours.

Wenatchee Watershed: Funding for projects and plans for work continue to move forward.

Southern Chelan County (WRIA 40): Meetings and work plans continue to be developed.

Other Updates:

Legislative Meetings: Mike met with Senator Brad Hawkins during his Listening Tour. Senator Hawkins mentioned the Kids in the Creek and Kids in the Forest programs.

Icicle Workgroup: Meetings and discussions are ongoing.

Area Meeting Preparation: Election issues will be discussed at the Area Meeting on October 17, hosted by Foster Creek. The meeting location will be in Mansfield instead of Waterville as previously reported. Roger will not be available for meetings that week, but Mike and Dillon will be attending. The Board discussed who would be available to attend and represent the District.

NEW BUSINESS

Interdistrict Agreement for Engineering Services: The Board was asked to approve the Interdistrict agreement between Kittitas County, Cascadia, Foster Creek, Okanogan and South Douglas Conservation Districts. This agreement comes up for review and approval every biennium.

M/S/C Roger moved and Jim seconded to approve the Interdistrict Agreement for Engineering Services.
(Unanimous)

Next Meeting: The next District Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at 3:30 p.m., in the Upstairs Conference Room. Roger will not be available for the October District meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Summary of Official Actions:

Approved the Consent Agenda;
Approved the Interdistrict Agreement for Engineering Services.

VICE CHAIR _____

OFFICE ASSISTANT _____