

**CASCADIA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR DISTRICT MEETING
Zoom Meeting ID: 987 6961 1557
1350 McKittrick St., Wenatchee, WA 98801
Friday November 15, 2024
1:30 p.m**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Junell Wentz, Chair (In-Person); Pete Teigen, Member (Zoom); and Kurt Hosman, Member (In-Person).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dillon Miller, Vice-Chair; Amy Bridges, Auditor.

OTHERS PRESENT: The following District Staff: Ryan Williams (In-Person), Valerie Hampton (In-Person), and Nada Wentz (In-Person).

Junell Wentz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:34 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Consent Agenda: Approve October 18, 2024, Regular District Meeting Minutes, approve October Treasurer's Report and authorize paying bills.

M/S/C Pete Teigen moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Kurt Hosman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) REPORT: Frank Curtin
Not available.

WASHINGTON STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION (WSCC) REPORT: Mike Baden
Not available.

STAFF REPORT: None

GRANT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACT REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Contracts and Grant Applications for Consideration at the November 15, 2024 board meeting					
Grant Applications					
Granting Agency	Title	Amount		Activities	Action Needed
Grant Contracts					
Granting Agency	Contract Title	Duration	Amount	Activities	Action Needed
Salmon-Safe EPA Sub-Award	Salmon Safe Technical Assistance Funding	1/1/2025-12/31/2025	\$50,000.00	Funding from Salmon-Safe as an EPA sub-award to complete Salmon-Safe technical assistance.	Approve Executive Director to Sign the Grant Agreement
Community Foundation - Confluence Health & Wenatchee Valley Medical Group Community Partnership Grant 2024	Mission View One Planet Club- Outdoor Explorations	11/15/2024-12/31/2025	\$ 6,000.00	Funding for the after school program in 2025.	Approve Executive Director to Sign the Grant Agreement
ILAs/MOUs/MOAs/Contracts					
Agreement Entity	Agreement Purpose	Duration	Financial Commitment	Activities	Action Needed
Leah Hemberry	Pear Grower Workshops Outreach	10/1/2024-9/30/2025	Up to \$15,000	Funding for a pear grower to organize and lead feedback sessions to determine best management practices for the pear industry	Approve Executive Director to Sign the Contract
BFI Native Seeds	Aerial and Ground application of weed control on Balsamroot burn scar	11/15/2024 - 06/30/2025	Up to \$18,000	Treatment of 142 acres of the Balsamroot burn scar with both aerial and ground applied herbicides in preparation for seeding next season.	Approve Executive Director to Sign the Contract
Landowner Agreements/Cost Share					
Landowner Name	Project Funding Source	Cost Share Rate	Amount	Activities	Action Needed
Kristina Bowman	WSCC NRI	60%	\$ 5,382.80	Sprinklers, cover crop, compost facility	Approve cost share agreement
Russell and Connie Anderson	WSCC Forest Health + WSCC Post Fire	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Deann Schnibbe	WSCC Forest Health + WSCC Post Fire	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Paul St. Laurent	WSCC Forest Health + WSCC Post Fire	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
David and Susan Coe	WSCC Forest Health + WSCC Post Fire	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Jim and Alisa Becker	WSCC Forest Health + WSCC Post Fire	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Kent and Laurie Williams	WSCC Forest Health + WSCC Post Fire	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Tom and Maureen Bryant	WSCC Forest Health + WSCC Post Fire	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Warren Kinninger	WSCC Forest Health + WSCC Post Fire	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Jodi and William Murray	WSCC Forest Health + WSCC Post Fire	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Bill and Kay Larson	WSCC Forest Health + WSCC Post Fire	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Kevin and Karin Lammert	WSCC Forest Health + WSCC Post Fire	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Matt & Anne Jarmin	WSCC Forest Health + WSCC Post Fire	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Leslie Freytas	WSCC Forest Health + WSCC Post Fire	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Anton & Angela McCourt	WSCC Forest Health + WSCC Post Fire	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Jason & Shannon Grosdider	WSCC Forest Health + WSCC Post Fire	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Phil and Deb Dormaier	WSCC Forest Health + WSCC Post Fire	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Linda Derosier	WSCC Forest Health + WSCC Post Fire	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Nick and Sharon Cooper	WSCC Forest Health + WSCC Post Fire	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
John McKay	WSCC Forest Health	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Kevin Anderson	WSCC Forest Health	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Michael Fortman	WSCC Forest Health	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Asia Dela Cruz	WSCC Forest Health	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Curtis and Tiffany Peek	WSCC Forest Health	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Chad Keating	WSCC Forest Health	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Steve and Kim Crown	WSCC Forest Health	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Dale and Lesa Bergey	WSCC Forest Health	100%		Spray and reseed of Balsamroot burn scar	Approve district implemented project landowner agreement
Mike and Nancy Barnhart	WSCC Forest Health and Post Fire	90%	up to \$17,000	Post fire treatment of Pioneer Fire. Hillside Stabilization, Contour Logging and Seeding on 3.5 acres	Approve cost share agreement
Hansen	WSCC RCPP	80%	\$ 3,738.34	2 acres of forest health treatment	Approve cost share agreement
Conkle	WSCC RCPP	80%	\$ 7,327.84	2.6 acres of forest health treatment	Approve cost share agreement
Staton	WSCC RCPP	80%	\$ 11,900.00	5 acres of forest health treatment	Approve cost share agreement
Landowner Cost Share/Contract Payments					
Landowner Name	Project Funding Source	Cost Share Rate	Amount	Activities Completed	Action Needed
Coley	WSCC NRI	60%	\$ 4,275.68	Sprinklers	Approve partial cost share payment
Neal	WSCC SFF-Climate	60%	\$ 6,840.00	Manure spreader	Approve cost share payment
Johnson	WSCC FH/RCPP	47.6% FH, 17.23% RCPP	\$ 72,520.01	27 acre of forest thinning	Approve cost share payment
Daily	WSCC FH	56%	\$ 1,057.50	2.5 acres of forest thinning	Approve cost share payment
Selasco	WSCC NRI	60%	\$ 3,035.41	High Tunnel and micro-irrigation	Approve cost share payment
ILAs/MOUs/MOAs/Contracts	color codes	No color is neutral cashflow			
		Rust color is CCD paying somebody else			
		Green color is CCD receiving money			

Ryan and the Board briefly discussed the Hemberry Pear Grower Workshops Outreach contract. This contract is designed to provide meetings where pear growers can meet and share information about best management practices for their orchards. The first meeting is on Tuesday at a facility in Peshastin. Board members are welcome to attend.

The majority of the cost share agreements are for forest health practices. Patrick and Joe have been busy talking with folks about port fire treatment of burned areas.

M/S/C Pete Teigen moved to approve the Contracts, Cost share Agreements and Cost Share Payments as presented. Kurt Hosman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report:

South Douglas CD Board of Supervisors Letter: The letter isn't yet ready for Board approval. Discussion to follow at the next meeting.

Finance & Operations Update: Out of the applications received, there are two candidates that are being considered for the position.

Annual Meeting in Spokane: Cascadia was the author of five of the twelve resolutions that will be presented at the Annual meeting. Only Board Members can vote. Ryan will look into the option of participating virtually. Junell plans to attend the meeting. Pete may be able to attend virtually, pending the possibility of that option. Ryan will be at the meeting presenting the resolutions and fielding questions.

Strategic Planning Meeting: The all-day planning meeting is December 9. Updates to the plan will be discussed in the morning. Aspects for outreach will be discussed after lunch. Kirk plans to present slides from his recent trip to Africa in the afternoon.

Staffing Update: Ryan discussed plans to hire a temporary technician. The long-term goal is to get a seasonal crew lead person; someone trained and responsible for managing a crew. This would be a trial basis to see if the plan is feasible. He plans to do a formal search after this winter.

NRCS Applicants: Sarah Troutman, Frank, Elizabeth and Ryan will be conducting interviews for the Conservation Planner position, which will be a Cascadia employee working directly with Frank for a three-year term. There were 65 applicants.

Jones Shotwell: The project was held up for a while due to the Army Corps of Engineers claiming jurisdiction on all open canals. They are viewing the canal as a natural waterway, which if filled in needs mitigation for the wetland loss. The Army Corps has accepted a proposal to dig a ditch beside the canal for the pipeline. The canal would be left open as it is.

County sponsored NRCS Watershed Planning to work on the Icicle and Chiwawa Irrigation Districts: A letter regarding a preliminary implementation feasibility report has been discussed among the folks involved in the Icicle and Chiwawa districts. It will be an expensive undertaking. There are concerns about moving forward with a plan and design that would need to meet NRCS requirements.

Planting Projects and Cash Flow: Ryan reported that staff have been cranking out the planting projects trying to beat the snow season. The plantings are done. Now they are

cleaning up and finalizing things. There are some big checks to be paid out, about \$110,000. Currently the District is waiting for payment on about \$300,000 of outstanding invoices.

December Meeting Date, Location and Time: The next regular meeting is December 20, 2024, at 1:30 pm. at the Cascadia CD office, 1350 McKittrick St. Ste. B, Wenatchee, WA 98801.

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 PM.

Summary of Official Actions:

Approved the Consent Agenda;

Approved the following contracts, agreements and cost share payments:

Grant Contracts:

Salmon-Safe EPA Sub-Award – funding to complete Salmon-Safe technical assistance;

Community Foundation – Confluence Health & Wenatchee Valley Medical Group
Community Partnership Grant 2024 – Funding for after school program 2025;

ILAs / MOUs / MOAs / Contracts:

Leah Hemberry – Pear Grower Workshops Outreach;

BFI Native Seeds – Aerial and ground application of weed control on Balsamroot burn scar;

Landowner Agreements/Cost Share:

Kristina Bowman – WSCC NRI – sprinklers, cover crop, compost facility;

The following are all WSCC Forest Health and WSCC Post Fire – Spray and reseed Balsamroot burn scar Cost Share agreements:

Russell & Connie Anderson;

Deann Schnibbe;

Paul St. Laurent;

David & Susan Coe;

Jim & Alisa Becker;

Kent & Laurie Williams;

Tom & Maureen Bryant;

Warren Kinninger;

Jodi & William Murray;

Bill & Kay Larson;

Kevin & Karin Lammert;

Matt & Anne Jarmin;

Leslie Freytas;

Anton & Angela McCourt;

Jason & Shannon Grosdidier;

Phil & Deb Dormaier;

Linda DeRosier;

Nick & Sharon Cooper;

John McKay;

Kevin Anderson;

Michael Fortman;

Landowner Agreements/Cost Share: Continued

The following are all WSCC Forest Health and WSCC Post Fire – Spray and reseed Balsamroot burn scar Cost Share agreements: continued:

Asia Dela Cruz;
Curtis & Tiffany Peek;
Chad Keating;
Steve & Kim Crown;
Dal & Lesa Bergey;

Mike & Nancy Barnhart – WSCC Forest Health and Post Fire – Post fire treatment, hillside stabilization, contour logging and seeding;

Hansen – WSCC RCPP – forest health treatment;

Conkle – WSCC RCPP – forest health treatment;

Staton – WSCC RCPP – forest health treatment;

Landowner Cost Share Payments:

Coley – WSCC NRI - sprinklers;

Neal – WSCC SFF-Climate – manure spreader;

Johnson – WSCC FH/RCPP – forest thinning;

Daily – WSCC FH – forest thinning;

Selasco – WSCC NRI – High Tunnel and micro-irrigation.

CHAIR_____

OFFICE ASSISTANT_____