

**CASCADIA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING
Zoom Meeting ID: 987 6961 1557
14 N Mission St.,
Wenatchee, WA 98801
Tuesday, November 29, 2022
8:00 a.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Junell Wentz, Chair; Dillon Miller, Vice Chair; Pete Teigen, Member; and Kurt Hosman, Member.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amy Bridges, Auditor.

OTHERS PRESENT: The following District staff: Ryan Williams, Valerie Hampton, and Nada Wentz.

Junell Wentz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

GENERAL

Public Comment: None

ACTION ITEMS

Pending Payments: Two invoices for payment were received after the Board Meeting on November 18. One of the bills is to Northwest Woods for an order of BDA posts - \$536.90. A second bill is to Dave Spies for teacher and volunteer training for the Kids in the Forest classes - \$100.00. A third bill to Davis Arneil Law Firm was approved at the Board meeting as an electronic payment. The Law Firm does not have the capability to receive direct electronic payments, so the electronic payment was voided and a check will be issued for \$682.00 upon Board approval of the payment requests stated above.

M/S/C Kurt moved and Dillon seconded to approve payment of the Northwest Woods, Dave Spies, and Davis Arneil Law Firm invoices. (Unanimous)

Health Care Options for 2023: Health Care options were discussed at the November meeting, but the quorum was lost when Amy's call dropped. After further discussion the Board decided to offer staff the choice of the 1500 Gold Plan (the current plan), the 500 Platinum Plan, and the Medicare Advantage plan to any staff that are eligible. The Board authorized Ryan to choose the Medicare Advantage plan that best fits eligible staff needs.

M/S/C Kurt moved and Pete seconded to approve offering staff the choice between the Gold Plan or the Platinum Plan health coverage; and authorized Ryan to decide on a Medicare Advantage Plan with eligible staff. (Unanimous)

Temporary Employee: Ryan gave a brief report on the staffing needs and the time constraints for some of the grant funded projects, such as the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) project and the Urban Ag project. Both of these grants end about mid-year 2023. Ryan requested permission to hire a temporary employee from January through May to help with the outreach work needed.

M/S/C Dillon moved and Pete seconded to approve filling a temporary position to assist with outreach work from January through May of 2023. (Unanimous)

The Special District Meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Summary of Official Actions:

Approved payment of the Northwest Woods, Dave Spies, and Davis Arneil Law Firm invoices;
Approved offering staff the choice between the Gold Plan or the Platinum Plan health coverage; and authorized Ryan to decide on a Medicare Advantage Plan with eligible staff;
Approved filling a temporary position to assist with outreach work from January through May of 2023.

CHAIR_____

OFFICE ASSISTANT_____