



Clallam Conservation District

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Regular Board Meeting

November 8, 2022

Armory Square, OlyCap Conference Room and via Zoom
228 W. First St., Ste. G, Port Angeles, WA

MINUTES

Supervisors Present: Christy Cox, Chair; Bennett Smith, Vice-Chair; Lori DeLorm, Auditor; Nicole Rasmussen; Robert Beebe

Supervisors Absent:

Associate Supervisors Present:

Staff Present: Kim Williams, District Manager, Jennifer Bond and Meghan Adamire, Conservation Planners; Kevin Merrigan, Salmon Riparian Field Technician, Judy Minnoch; Bookkeeper/Administrative Asst.

Others Present: Hannah Coe, Water Quality Specialist with Dept. of Ecology (ECY)

Presiding Officer: Christy Cox, Chair

Secretary: Judy Minnoch

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes

Ben Smith moved to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2022 regular board meeting as amended.

Robert Beebe seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

REPORTS

District

Kim has been working with DOE's financial office on revising the budget for the Dungeness Well Metering contract. Lori DeLorm has signed the Well Metering Contract. Kim is working out some issues including warranties. There are two active OSS repairs that will hopefully proceed in with the next couple weeks, weather permitting. And, she has started the native landscaping classes which include three webinars and two field trips. One field trip will be ADA accessible as this was requested last year.

Jennifer reported that she and Kevin will be attending a Pollution Identification & Correction (PIC) Open House on Thursday, November 10 to share updates with the public regarding PIC projects. They will be co-presenting on the district programs that are available to help local homeowners improve and protect water quality on their properties including information about the onsite septic system (OSS) cost share program and the new buffers for salmon program.

Jennifer has been working closely with the contractor to fast-track septic installation on the two active OSS cost share projects since these homeowners don't have a backup plan for their homes over the winter. This will be 4th or 5th system repaired in Golden Sands. One system is scheduled to be installed on November 11 and the other system should be installed the following week.

Kevin reported he has been helping with all the Orca Recovery events. Only 1400 out of 2000 trees were planted during our Saturday volunteer event on the Elwha River due to inclement weather. An additional planting event has been added for November 10th to get those trees into the ground. He started an Instagram account in efforts reach out to those people we might be missing. The Instagram account has been linked to our Facebook, allowing us to post on both platforms at once. Kevin has been getting familiar with our riparian programs and has gone out with Meghan for a couple of site visits, including helping with cultural resources on a potential CREP project on the Hoko River. He also did a training session with Andrew to learn Arc GIS Pro and is studying for his Public Applicator License in December.

Meghan reported she worked with four farms on farm planning this month and has worked on promotion and coordination of event registrations for the Orca Recovery. As Kevin mentioned, they also worked on developing riparian buffer projects for sites on the Hoko, Hermison Creek (a tributary to the Quillayute River), and the Pysht River, as well as continuing planning for River's Edge. Meghan also reported we were awarded over \$13,000 from the Bonneville Environmental Foundation for riparian planting projects on the Elwha and Dungeness Rivers.

NRCS – Josh Hall and Jared Hamman, NRCS Resource Conservationists, have been in touch with Meghan to visit farms with active Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) contracts in our County until our local office is staffed.

DOE - Hannah Coe shared that the environmental emergency funds are available this season. No new ERTS.

SUPERVISOR

Lori will be at the PIC neighbored meeting. She will be covering how the focus areas relate to how testing areas are selected. Landowners get really interested to how and why we are sampling in the rivers.

Nicole wanted to say thank you to Meghan and Kevin for ORCA Recovery Day at the Hermison property. The community outreach was appreciated and had a very positive outcome.

Christy has an update from the Solid Waste advisory Committee. They are implementing changes due to the House Bill 1799. There is a compost procurement ordinance that will hopefully be put into place early 2023. In summary, it will state that if any city of county projects require compost it will be sourced locally. There are also several changes regarding establishment of organic waste services. WSU and the solid waste department are looking into a feasibility study for the establishment of organic waste removal services, specifically food waste reduction in the county.

WACD – The WACD annual conference is this month, Nov. 28-30.

Treasurer's Report

Ben Smith moved to approve the October 2022 Treasurer's report and approval of payments described as checks: FF10619-10630 and electronic funds transfers dated October 1-31, 2022 in the amount of \$42,112.94.
Robert Beebe seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Ben Smith moved to purchase two separate \$50,000 6-month CD's at the 3.30%.
Robert Beebe seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

NRI Projects, Reallocation of Funds

Ben Smith moved to approve the proposed NRI projects.
Robert Beebe seconded the motion. Nicole Rasmussen abstained from voting. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:22PM.

