



Clallam Conservation District

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Regular Board Meeting

July 12, 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; Carolyn Wilcox, Auditor; Lori DeLorm; Nicole Rasmussen

Supervisors Absent:

Associate Supervisors Present: Susannah Spock

Staff Present: Kim Williams, District Manager, Jennifer Bond and Meghan Adamire, Conservation Planners

Others Present: Jean Fike, Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC); Alan Chapman, Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD)

Presiding Officer: Christy Cox, Chair

Secretary: Meghan Adamire

Meeting called to order at 4:01 PM.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes

Ben Smith moved to approve the amended minutes from the June 14, 2022 regular board meeting as presented. Lori DeLorm seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously

REPORTS

District

Kim Williams – Worked on closing out and beginning several WSCC grants. Attended several managers meeting with WSCC that provided more details on the salmon funding. They have altered their guidelines and we will be able to apply for that funding to help fund someone to develop this program and associated projects. WSCC also received five million in additional funds for CREP, so we plan to put in for more CREP funds to help expand on that program. If we are funded on both of those proposals, the plan is to hire a new technician to assist with salmon recovery projects and CREP that would be 80% funded through those pots of money, and 20% would come from project funding and grants that we currently have. Received the \$1.5 million WaterSMART grant which will fund several irrigation conservation projects. Reported that starting next week we are receiving two weeks with a DNR WCC crew at no cost to us with maintenance on riparian forest buffers.

Jennifer Bond – Received three bids for the onsite septic system repair project on Meadowbrook Creek Slough, waiting for WA State Department of Health to give the okay to proceed. Worked with Ryan Bartelheimer, cluster engineer with Snohomish CD, on a couple projects including waste storage structure on a horse boarding facility in Sequim and options for a stream crossing over Lees Creek on a livestock farm in Port Angeles. Received a call from the rental facility manager at Angeles Millwork and they would like to pursue including getting some farm equipment to rent out such as a manure spreader.

Meghan Adamire – Set up a booth at Forever Streamfest which was held at Peninsula College. Mentioned that she worked with the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe to solicit twelve volunteers to help with fence weir smolt traps on Salt, Deep and Tumwater Creeks. Provided a close out summary including photos of both RCO SRFB grants, the FS 2900 Road Milepost 15.9 Culvert Replacement project and the FS 2900 Road Phase II Design project. Attended an in-person planning meeting with the USFS, including engineers and District Ranger, Kelly Lawrence. The partnership between the Conservation District and other agencies was highlighted as being very important to help get restoration on the ground in the Olympic NF, and future partnership opportunities, including projects on the 2900 Road were discussed.

NRCS – Justin Urresti left a report that he is leaving NRCS on August 12. He isn't sure when the Port Angeles field office will be staffed again.

Supervisor – Christy Cox reported that she sits on the Solid Waste Advisory Board for Clallam County, and there have been concerning changes to how waste is handled in the City of Port Angeles, including recycling and yard waste, which may lead to these items being sent to the landfill instead of being recycled or composted.

WSCC – Jean Fike mentioned that the Commission has received several new pots of money. They are holding meetings with District managers to make decisions about how best to put this funding on the ground.

WACD – The Plant Material Center nursery has more orders this year than normal, and they are working on trying to figure out how to increase and retain staff since last year it was a challenge during harvest and shipping season. Gave an update on the plan for the WACD annual meeting. WACD is soliciting ideas on how they can help Districts. Some examples may be things like grant writing, policies, legislative representation.

Treasurer's Report

Ben Smith moved to approve the June 2022 Treasurer's report and approval of payments described as checks: FF10563-10577 and electronic fund transfers dated June 1-30, 2022 in the amount of \$38,758.58

Lori DeLorm seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Position Elections

Ben Smith moved to nominate Christy Cox as Chair of the Board. Christy Cox accepted. Motion approved unanimously.

Ben Smith moved to nominate Lori DeLorm as Vice-Chair. Lori denied the nomination, but moved to nominate Ben Smith as Vice-Chair. Ben Smith accepted. Motion approved unanimously.

Ben Smith nominated Lori DeLorm as Auditor. Lori DeLorm accepted. Motion approved unanimously.

Implementation Grant FY 22-23

Ben Smith moved to approve the FY22-23 Implementation Addendum. Lori DeLorm seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Long Range Plan - The editing session began at 5:14 PM.

Ben Smith moved to approve the Healthy Soil, Sustainable Farmland section as amended of the 2023-2027 Long Range Plan. Nicole Rasmussen seconded the motion. Carolyn Wilcox voted no, Nicole Rasmussen, Lori DeLorm and Ben Smith voted yes. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Ben Smith 8-9-22
Ko Williams 8/9/22