

Regular Board Meeting August 9, 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

Supervisors Absent:

Associate Supervisors Present: Susannah Spock

Staff Present: Kim Williams, District Manager, Jennifer Bond and Meghan Adamire, Conservation Planners; Judy Minnoch, Bookkeeper/Administrative Asst.

Others Present: Alan Chapman, Whatcom Conservation District Supervisor and NW Area Director for Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD); Hannah Coe, Water Quality Specialist with Dept. of Ecology (ECY); Julie Knobel, community member

Presiding Officer: Christy Cox, Chair

Secretary: Judy Minnoch

Meeting called to order at 4:01 PM.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes

Ben Smith moved to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2022 regular board meeting as presented. Nicole Rasmussen seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Ben Smith moved to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2022 regular board meeting as presented. Lori DeLorm seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously

REPORTS

District

Kim Williams attended a Salmon and Seeds Legislative round table with tribes, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC) and local elected officials including Tharinger, Chapman and Van De Wege were in attendance. It was a listening session to hear and discuss everybody's perspectives about salmon buffers. Kim put in two proposals for salmon riparian money with the Commission. The Buffers for Salmon program has been accepted. We also applied for extra funding for CREP with hopes that the new hire will get more CREP recruitment while they will be out talking to landowners. Water SMART grant is ready to move forward with online portal connections ready to go. Next for Irrigation is for the Eureka Independent piping project, phase 2. We are finalizing the engineering plans then diving into Cultural Resources.

Jennifer Bond reported that three bids were received for the onsite septic system (OSS) cost share project located adjacent to Meadowbrook slough and the OSS cost share project located adjacent to Golden Sands slough has obtained two bids.

Jennifer, along with Mark Bowman of the North Olympic Development Council (NODC), met with managers at Angeles Millworks to discuss a possible agricultural equipment rental program. Angeles Millworks is interested in partnering to help make needed equipment available for local farmers. Jennifer plans to explore funding this program through the Sustainable Farms & Fields and has reached out to Alison Halpern for more information

Meghan Adamire coordinated two weeks of maintenance on CREP riparian buffers with a WCC crew donated by us from Department of Natural Resources for invasive weed work. They did an excellent job. Spoke with Josh Hall, NRCS, who is filling in for Sarah Tanuvasa until she returns later this fall. With our local office position vacant he requested Meghan's assistance writing a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan for an alpaca farm, and assistance with helping farms implement practices from their RCPP EQIP contracts.

NRCS – Justin Uressti is leaving, so our local office is vacant starting August 12.

Supervisor – Christy Cox, Chair, reported from the waste management board meeting that yard waste and bio solids are not currently being composted. They are not accepting hazardous waste by commercial users. There are pretty big concerns about bio solids being disposed of incorrectly.

WACD – Alan Chapman shared that the district should have received something from Whidbey regard the regional meeting on Oct 11, 2022. Go to WACD to see the resolutions that are currently under discussion. WACD is working hard to help all those involved to have a better idea on what is expected, what is the intent and when will the resolutions be implemented.

WSCC – The commission is in process of hiring a Sustainable Farms and Fields program manager. This program is still in draft. Over 3 million out of 10 million dollars has already been allocated for the Salmon Recovery Funding.

ECY – Hannah Coe shared that water quality acceptance of applications for funding starts today, 8/9, for non-point and septic funding. This funding has a cap of \$250,000, does not require a match and closes on 8/24. More information is on Ecology's website. Projects may include funding for fencing, planting, and building manure storage facilities (standard three bins), gutters to redirect rainwater, as well as septic repairs and replacements, and water quality testing and tracking. Refer to the guide or chat with us on what might meet the needs of the programs. These are 319 dollars from the Feds and some funds from the state.

Treasurer's Report

Ben Smith moved to approve the July 2022 Treasurer's report and approval of payments described as checks: FF10578-10589 and electronic fund transfers dated July 1-31, 2022 in the amount of \$51,419.94. Lori DeLorm seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Start Time

Ben Smith moves that starting with the September's Regular meeting move the start time back to 3:00pm. Lori DeLorm seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Mid-Term Supervisor Vacancy, Applications and Voting Procedure

The word has been spread far and wide with the closing date of September 5th in hopes to vote on an interim Supervisor. Discussion and edits were made on the Supervisor Application.

Cost-Share Policy update

Ben Smith moved to approve the Cost-Share Policy as amended. Lori DeLorm seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Full Time Employee Hire, Salmon Riparian Technician

Ben Smith moved to approve the hire of a Salmon Riparian Technician at Full time for one year (dependent on future grant funding) if the additional CREP funding comes through. Nicole Rasmussen seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Inter-Local Agreement with Clallam County: Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir Support Funding

Ben Smith moved to approve the Inter-Local Agreement between Clallam County and Clallam District for Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir Support Funding. Lori DeLorm seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously,

NRI project Approval/discussion

Ben Smith approved the two Conservation Commission Cost share projects with the additional NRI funding. Lori DeLorm seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Cost-Share Agreement

Ben Smith moved to approve the Cooperator agreement with client 22-007. Lori DeLorm seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Long Range Plan - The editing session began at 6:06PM.

Ben Smith moved to approve the Outreach & Education and District Operation Sections as amended of the 2023-2027 Long Range Plan. Lori DeLorm seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02PM.

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