



Clallam Conservation District

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Regular Board Meeting
Online Access via GoToMeeting
October 13, 2020

MINUTES

Supervisors Present: Matt Heins, Chair; Ben Smith, Vice-Chair; Christy Cox, Auditor; Scott Chitwood and Carolyn Wilcox

Supervisors Absent:

Associate Supervisors Present: Cathy Lucero

Staff Present: Joe Holtrop, Executive Director; Meghan Adamire, Jennifer Bond, Conservation Planners; Judy Minnoch, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Kirk Selmeyer, NRCS; Jean Fike, SCC Regional Manager, Alan Chapman, Whatcom CD Supervisor & WACD NW Area Rep; Nina Sarmiento, local Dam Sense Rep; Anne Baxter, Water Quality Specialist with Department of Ecology, Mike Carman, Reporter with Peninsula Daily News

Presiding Officer: Matt Heins, Chair

Secretary: Judy Minnoch

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Ben Smith moved to approve the minutes from the special board meeting held on September 8, 2020. Scott Chitwood, seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

REPORTS

Staff Reports

Meghan – update on Orca Recovery Day. Three separate plantings this Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020.

Jen – Tom Grundwaldt’s onsite septic system installation is complete. Meghan and Jen did the first webinars this past month. Received good feedback. Diamond Excavating was the lower bidder for the Smith project and they are moving forward.

Joe – no questions or comments given.

Conservation Commission – Jean reported that the comments are being taken as to whether or not the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife should be a voting member of the Conservation Commission board. The agency is currently a non-voting member, and adding them as a voting member alters the agency versus conservation district balance of representation. We were reminded that there will be changes in how district supervisor elections will be run this year.

NRCS – Kirk reports that several applications for Environmental Quality Incentives Program, and November 20, 2020 is the deadline for 2021 applications.

Treasure's Report

Ben Smith moved to approve the September 2020 Treasurer's report and approval of payments described as checks: FF10247-10261 and SB 306-307 and electronic funds transfers dated September 1-30, 2020 in the amount of \$95,837.42.

Chisty Cox seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment and Announcements

Alan Chapman reported that WACD Northwest Area meeting is October 21. Four resolutions were recommended for passage during the work session held earlier this month.

Nina Sarmiento with the non-profit Dam Sense explained how her organization is focused on a campaign to remove or breach the lower Snake River dams. She may be reached at info@damsense.org.

OLD BUSINESS

Plant Sale update:

Hope to have a proposal for the board next month on how we will execute the regular sale.

2020 Long Range Plan Update Discussion – Water Resources

Joe shared the draft Water Resources Program section for discussion.

- Christy requested more updated data on other watersheds within the district. Joe shared the available data from the Clean Water Act 303(d) list of impaired water bodies for the entire county.
- Carolyn inquired about shellfish production and harvesting in Port Angeles Harbor, particularly for Native Americans. Joe explained that the harbor is closed to shellfish production due to contamination, mostly legacy industrial contamination from mills and combined sewer and stormwater discharges of raw sewage during storm events.
- Cathy Lucero surmised that the plan actions and goals were based on current or anticipated funding. Joe clarified that everything was based on resource concerns, not budgets.
- Christy questioned why the annual goal for water quality practice implementation for horse and livestock owners is only eight when our current goal is 22. Joe explained that the goal was reduced at the request of staff. Meghan explained that the annual goal should be 40 people receiving assistance, not implementing practices. Joe explained that the number people assisted is a sub-metric that does not currently have a goal; the only goal is the implementation of eight practices annually, as proposed by staff.
- For future long-range plan discussions, supervisors and staff will make edits to the documents sent out by Joe, and he will coordinate review of the edits.

A survey will be sent out later this week to solicit input about long-range plan priorities. Christy offered to provide some edits on the Climate Change Program item.

NEW BUSINESS

Support of WCRRI Program Funding

Chisty Cox moved to approve the support full funding of the Washington Coast Restoration and Resiliency Initiative program funding in the Governor's budget.

Scott Chitwood seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval Elections Supervisor

Ben Smith moved to appoint Judy Minnoch as Election Supervisor.
Scott Chitwood seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Ben Smith moved to appoint Joe Holtrop, alternate Election Supervisor.
Scott Chitwood seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Cooperator Agreement with Lindsey Crouse

Ben Smith moved to approve Cooperator Agreement with Lindsey Crouse.
Christy Cox seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Ben Smith moved to officially remove the Review of actions at the end Board Meetings
Christy Cox seconded the motion. Motion approve unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 PM.

