



Clallam Conservation District

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Regular Monthly Board Meeting
228 W. First St., Ste. H, Port Angeles
February 11, 2020

MINUTES

Supervisors Present: Ben Smith, Vice-Chair; Robert Beebe, Auditor; Christy Cox and Scott Chitwood

Supervisors Absent: Matt Heins, Chair

Associate Supervisors Present:

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

Others Present: Carolyn Wilcox, Martin Muschinske

Presiding Officer: Ben Smith, Vice-Chair

Secretary: Judy Minnoch

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Christy Cox moved to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on January 14, 2020.

Robert Beebe seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

REPORTS

Staff Reports

Meghan – Absent due to illness. Submitted staff report electronically.

Jen – Presented a financial summary of the septic repair cost-share program. The district will have a booth at the Clallam County Home & Lifestyle Show. Asked for input from the board about staffing the booth with volunteers or employees. Christy recommended employees help staff to build relationships. Ben recommended staffing the show about half the time with employees or Board members and fill in with volunteers. Will follow-up at the staff meeting next week to finalize a staffing schedule and come up with booth outcome objectives (e.g., increased newsletter signups coinciding with annual plan goals).

Joe – Provided a summary of the Delta Farm water quality complaint meeting attended by numerous state agency representatives, as well as County and Jamestown S’Klallam Tribal representatives. Also toured the site of the Bear Creek water quality complaint with the Department of Ecology. Evans Road Project is moving along, should reach the end of the piping tomorrow. Received verbal approval for additional funding from Department of Ecology that should satisfy Irrigation Efficiencies Program grant match requirements. Met with the City of Port Angeles stormwater engineer to discuss potential opportunities to partner, most of which would likely involve outreach and education activities.

NRCS Report

Environment Quality Incentives Program is a \$2 billion program. Have more money to get out the door with fewer employees. Snowpack is at 125% of normal. Met with the Lower Elwha and Makah tribes, they have a lot of good projects happening and there may be some mutual interest projects in the future. Met with Clallam CD to discuss expectations for conservation practice planning and implementation.

Treasurer's Report

Christy Cox moved to approve the January 2020 Treasurer's report and approval of payments described as checks: SB 295-296, FF 10139-10158, DD1049-1052 and electronic funds transfers dated January 1-31, 2020 in the amount of \$560,360.47.

Robert Beebe seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Announcements/Public Comment

Christy shared that Port Angeles Earth Day Farmers Market on Saturday, April 25, is a good day for the District to attend. Compassion Campaign of Clallam County, is putting together schedule for Earth Day events. Ben inquired about balancing our work between existing activities and additional outreach activities. Meghan has been discussing with the Lower Elwha Tribe a potential Earth Day project involving pulling ivy along the Tumwater Creek truck route.. Carolyn and Christy said they would find out if the City of Port Angeles has a budget for taking care of ivy issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Agreement with Aqua Terra Cultural Resource Consultants for On-Call Cultural Resources Surveys

The agreement is good through the rest of this year and will be reviewed for renewal annually for up to three years.

Scott Chitwood moved to approve an Agreement with Aqua Terra Cultural Resource Consultants for On-Call Cultural Resources Surveys.

Christy Cox seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Update with the legislature Process

One bill under consideration in this legislative session would require all special interest district board members to file financial disclosure information.

Another bill would put all special purpose district elections on the general ballot. All conservation district supervisors would be elected, no more appointed, they would be four-year terms instead of three-year, with elections in even numbered years. WACD is lobbying to exempt conservation districts from this bill.

The Clallam County acting elections supervisor said it would cost us \$10-20,000 per election, more, if there is a primary. And, there would be virtually no additional cost to the County unless there was a primary election.

NEW BUSINESS

Christy Cox moved to approve the Parameters for Publishing Candidate Information Policy as presented.

Robert Beebe seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM.

