



Columbia Basin Conservation District

Meeting Minutes

August 8th, 2023 – 7:00 PM

In Person and Teleconference

Attendance:

Supervisors – Dave Stadelman (Chair), Glenn Burkholder, Richard Leitz

Staff - Kristina Ribellia, Elliott DeLong (Recorder), Dinah Rouleau

Agencies – NONE3

Call to Order and Introductions: D. Stadelman called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Public Input: No public input.

Approval of July 11th, 2023, Monthly Board Meeting Minutes: Correction – None

Motion by R. Leitz to accept the July 11th, 2023, as presented, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.

Approval of August 8th, 2023, Monthly Financial Reports:

Presented by E. DeLong – Reviewed current grants through fiscal year 23. Financial topics include burn permits, funds received, grant funding, DOE, WSCC, EPA and NACD grant, cost share allocations, implementation grants, VSP, SFF, livestock funding, NRCS, VSP Supplemental funds, and DOE Burn Applications. Additional information on the building funds and the Lauzier grant were included. Inadequacies and discrepancies with the “blue sheet” were noted as well and the option to move to an alternative budget reporting program would also be ideal going forward.

Motion by G. Burkholder to accept the August 8th, 2023, Financial report as presented, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries. Grant County checks #11528 – 11584 totaling \$200,720.10. Payroll checks #11528-11540 totaling \$26,656.25 and #11557-11571 totaling \$35,943.33 included in the above amount.

Agency Reports:

Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) – Baden –None

NRCS – None

Old Business:



Staffing Update- Ribellia – Deanna Elliott honored as one of the 40 people under 40 within the conservation world in Washington State.

Building Update – Ribellia – Most of the demolition for the building has been completed. CBCD met with the Department of Enterprise Services (DES)

and their contractor on August 3rd. The meeting provided some additional information, however there is still a need to determine the structural feasibility of wall removal. DES as proven less than an Ideal solution and may not be the best option to use if the project is pursued into the future.

GCFD 5 Building – DeLong – The invoice for GCFD 5 has been paid on 7/20/2023.

Moses Lake Watershed Council (MLWC) – Ribellia – Federal appropriations have been approved and the contracting process continues. The RFP for the appropriation has gone out and the expected return date is on September 8, 2023, by 4:30 PM. An award will be determined by October 1 and contracting complete by November 1, 2023. Hopefully the contract with NRCS will line up with the program fairly quickly.

VSP Update – Ribellia – VSP cost shares have gone out for the Supplement VSP funding. The supplemental funding will be funded based on the state ranking system and CBCD will be notified if and when the applications are approved. The VSP 2-year report has been completed and will be submitted August 31, 2023.

OGWRP Update – Ribellia – The next round of RCPP contracts is due August 18th, 2023. CBCD is planning to put 11 separate contracts into funding individual pipelines. Currently CBCD is in the process of acquiring waivers for the NRCS for the additional funding to provide 200 million to the OGWRP. The CBCD RCPP proposals will be capped at approximately 25 million per proposal. Additionally, CBCD will be putting in for a USBR Applied Sciences grant to match funds for the project.

CBCD Internal Audit Update – Ribellia – see attached document (Internal Audit Memo – K. Ribellia)

New Business:

FCD ILA for Wheat Week – DeLong – CBCD has been participating in Wheat Week for several years. Last year was a short-notice contract but the FY 24 contract is for \$10,000 for 10 weeks. Jacob Towne would be providing the service and would provide a significant portion of the annual outreach. The program has always had a significant number interested schools with three already willing to participate once the contract is approved.

Motion by G. Burkholder to approve the FCD Wheat Week ILA for FY24, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.

WA State FFA Soil Judging – Rouleau – State FFA reached out to see if CBCD would be willing to host the 2023-2024 state soil judging competition. The competition is set for November 8th, 2023. CBCD would be responsible for having a field with four sites for students. Additionally, if CBCD could provide staff for the event it would help the project run smoothly.

Motion by R. Leitz to approve the participation in the FFA soil judging state final in November, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.



B. Lawson VSP Cost Share – Rouleau – B. Lawson is looking for a rill to pivot conversion outside George along the 281 spur. The project is for a pivot to replace a partially covered field and older rill-based ground. The existing pivot was sold, and the access has been removed. Total cost for the project is estimated at \$230,000 with a maximum of \$100,000 in cost share for a 44% cost share. The project also comes with a 25% cost share for district staff. Funding approval is pending on the VSP state panel. It may be prudent to evaluate the cost of material on an annual or semiannual basis depending on the cost of material to determine if all bids are accurate.

Motion by R. Leitz to approve the B. Lawson Cost share project, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.

P. Friehe SFF Cost Share – Rouleau – P. Friehe was a cost share applicant in FY23. This application is for Sustainable Farms and Fields funds. The cost share would provide a No-till drill for use on organically farmed ground. The drill is a John Deere 1560 and would save approximately 81.7 carbon unit. The equipment costs \$117,000 with a 50% cost share. CBCD would be responsible for \$58,868.

Motion by G. Burkholder to approve the P. Friehe cost share, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.

R. Mensionides IM Cost Share – Rouleau – Looking for a cost share for a cover crop. Currently the fields are in wheat and the cover crop would be covering 95 acres just outside Moses Lake. The total cost of the cover crop application would total \$6,630 and CBCD would provide \$3,315 for a 50% cost share.

Motion by R. Leitz to approve the Mensionides Cover Crop cost share, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.

J. Morigeau IM Cost Share – Rouleau – Small landowner with limited number of livestock (mostly horse). Looking to purchase a small compost spreader to apply compost of personal pasture. The producer is a new applicant for cost share, and the equipment would have a total cost of \$1,400. CBCD would cover 50% from Implementation funds for a maximum of \$700.

Motion by G. Burkholder to approve the Morigeau Compost Spreader, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.

J. Craghead IM Cost Share – Rouleau – CBCD has cost share with Craghead in FY 2022. The project was for a pasture planting and was overall fairly successful. The cost share would provide support of a prescribed grazing plan would be divided the pasture into three separate sections to allow for more control during grazing. The cost share would provide funds for a stock tank for watering and fencing for the three-part division. The total project cost would total \$4,000 and CBCD would provide a 50% cost share for \$2,000.

Motion by R. Leitz to approve the Craghead grazing plan, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.

S. Englund IM Cost Share – Rouleau – Englund received fire recovery funds for a planting and weed control. Th project was part of a multipart plan, including Invasive species removal and native plantings. This is a second part of the project, though funds would come from Implementation. The cost share would provide chipping of invasive Russian olive and Riparian plantings in the same area to prevent reestablishments. The cost share would be \$8,000 and CBCD would provide \$4,000 for 50%.

Motion by G. Burkholder to approve the Englund cost share, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.

M. Para IM Cost Share – Rouleau – Para operates a feedlot outside of Othello. Currently Para is looking to increase the access his livestock has to water. Currently due to numbers and required Doe splits, he



requires more. The cost share would provide additional tanks and pipelines to approve the water distribution. The cost would total \$20,000 and CBCD would provide a 50% cost share for \$10,000.

Motion by G. Burkholder to approve the Para watering cost share, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.

E. Goodrich IM Cost Share – Rouleau – Previously Goodrich buried a pipeline to reduce erosion. The pipeline handles the overflow for the irrigation canal. This is a continuation of the previous pipeline however, would require engineering to approve the project. The cost share would total \$14,000 and CBCD would cover 50% for \$7,000.

Motion by G. Burkholder to approve the Goodrich Cost Share, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.

WACD DUES – E. DeLong – CBCD has historically maintained dues with WACD. WACD has provided support for the district within the state. Due to the new position WACD has developed, Dues are now \$3,888.00 annually. Dues would be paid only if the dues are approved.

Motion by R. Leitz to approve the FY 202 WACD Dues, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.

Adjournment- Motion by R. Leitz to adjourn. Seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.



Chair Approval

Recorder Signature

Date

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Summary of Motions:

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