



Columbia Basin Conservation District

Meeting Minutes 1271.40

June 15th, 2023 – 7:00 PM

In Person and Teleconference

Attendance:

Supervisors – Dave Stadelman (Chair), Glenn Burkholder, John Preston

Staff - Kristina Ribellia, Elliott DeLong (Recorder), Harold Crose, Dinah Gadberry

Agencies – None

Call to Order and Introductions: D. Stadelman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Public Input: No public input.

Approval of May 16th, 2023, Monthly Board Meeting Minutes: Correction – Kooys Irrigation not Koes Irrigation

Motion by J. Preston to accept the May 16th, 2023, as presented, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.

Approval of May 16th 2023, Monthly Financial Reports:

Presented by E. DeLong – Reviewed monies owed or owing and current grants through July, including fiscal year 23. Financial topics include burn permits, funds received, grant funding, DOE, WSCC, EPA and NACD grant, cost share allocations, pass-through money, implementation grants, VSP, SFF, livestock funding, NRCS, VSP Supplemental funds, and DOE Burn Applications. Additional information on the building funds and Lauzier grant were included.

Motion by G. Burkholder to accept the June 15th, 2023, Financial report as presented, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries. Grant County checks #11306-11361 totaling \$135,720.60. Payroll checks #11362-11372 totaling \$19,903.18 and #11385-11397 totaling \$30,811.17 included in the above amount.

Agency Reports:

Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) – None

NRCS – None

Old Business:

Staffing Update- Ribellia – D. Gadberry has been with CBCD for three years as of mid-May 2023.

Building Update – Ribellia – The 903 3rd Ave floor schematic has been developed but the cost for renovation exceeds \$650,000.00 just for the interior. The cost seems excessive but may be reduced if some work is done internally. Will be a discussion in the coming months as more information is developed.



GCFD 5 Building – DeLong – The invoice for GCFD 5 has been sent but no response has been received yet to date.

Moses Lake Watershed Council (MLWC) – Crose – Federal appropriations have been approved and the contracting process has begun. The funds are being presented as an NRCS pass-thru advanced payment. With the delays, actual treatment is not likely until Spring 2024, but the money will be coming through within the next few months. The Moses Lake Algae Tracker has been more or less completed with the work from Grant County Health District. ARPA is still viable, but the details are yet to be determined. It is likely more will be known in early July.

VSP Update – Crose – The current biennium concludes at the end of the month. Funds are being expended from the previous years grant. Currently the Grant County VSP contract is ready for approval and Adams County VSP is expected soon for presentation in July. The Grant County VSP contract has very little changes for the next biennium and is included in the supervisor packet.

Motion by J. Preston to approve the 24 Biennium contract for Grant VSP as presented, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.

OGWRP Update – Ribellia/ Crose – NRCS Chief Cosby visited June 12th, 2023. The visit went well, and great promise is in the future for additional national support. The next funding cycle has significant funds going to the OGWRP and CBCD. Washington state awarded 32 million for the PGWRP project. RCPP has seen a overhaul and will be useful for continued build out of the remaining laterals. State NRCS will be providing additional support going into 2023 and beyond. The recommendation would be to increase publicity through contracting for a video process. Costs range from \$6,500 -\$20,000 for the required video. Ideally the project would be done relatively quickly to capitalize on the Chief’s visit.

Motion by J. Preston to approve contracting a videographer for OGWRP Program, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.

New Business:

2024 Master Contract – Ribellia – Moved to July 2023.

Giesbrecht Cost Share Certification– Gadberry – Giesbrecht is a producer within the irrigated portion of Adams County and would be from Adams VSP. The Cost Share Certification focused on improving the critical aquifer areas by using field Net systems to automate two pivots’ controls. Both pivots were equipped at a total cost of \$7,736.00 dollars and the Cost Share Certification would total \$3,000.00 from the VSP fund.

Motion by G. Burkholder to approve the Giesbrecht Cost Share Certification as presented, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.

Butcher Cost Share Certification – Gadberry – Butcher has received Cost Share from State VSP Fund for a single Pivot Wiper. The pivot was retrofitted and re-piped with the approval of the LAD Irrigation engineer. The cost of the project was \$55,593.47 and CBCD would be handling a 50% Cost Share of \$27,796.74 once certified.

Motion by J. Preston to approve the Butcher Cost Share Certification from the Supplemental VSP Funds, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.



Klingamen Cost Share Certification – Gadberry – Klingamen has received Cost Share from State VSP Fund for a single Pivot Wiper. The pivot was 1,303 ft and covered 63 acres. The pivot totaled \$132,384.00. The pivot was installed and approved by Kooy’s Irrigation in house engineer. The cost of the project Cost Share totals \$50,000.00 once certified.

Motion by G. Burkholder to approve the Klingamen Cost Share Certification from the Supplemental VSP Funds, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.

Camacho Cost Share Certification – Gadberry – L. Camacho completed the pivot and cultural resources associated with the project. The pivot is 580 ft and was originally estimated at \$70,000.00. Kooy’s provided the pivot and engineering for a total of \$69,837.00. CBCD will cost share a total of \$34918.82 for the State supplemental VSP fund.

Motion by J. Preston to approve the Camacho Cost Share Certification from the Supplemental VSP Funds, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.

Yeates Cost Share Certification – Gadberry – Yeates completed a pivot installation with two funding sources. The VSP Supplemental fund provided \$50,000 and Fekkes-NRI cancelation reallocated funds totaling \$50,000. The pivot was completed, and engineer stamped by Kooy’s Irrigation in Quincy. CBCD would be covering 48% of the \$239,854 total cost, for a total of \$100,000.00.

Motion by J. Preston to approve the Yeates Cost Share Certification from the Supplemental VSP Funds and NRI reallocation, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.

Gould Cost Share Certification – Gadberry – J. Gould completed two separate, but related Cost share approved in Early Fiscal Year 2023. Once was an irrigation pond sealing, done with clay. That cost share was approved for \$4,500 but came in under budget at \$3,398. The total cost share would be \$1,699.00. The second cost share was for a range planting. The process was difficult and time-consuming but completed and shows a good result. The original estimate was for \$5,700 with an actual cost of \$3,627. CBCD would cost share 50% totaling \$1,813.00.

Motion by J. Preston to approve the Gould Irrigation Cost Share Certification as presented, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.

Motion by G. Burkholder to Certify the Gould Seeding Cost Share Certification as presented, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.

Butcher Cost Share Certification – Gadberry — Butcher has received Cost Share from for a single precision ag suite. The cost of the suite is \$23,732.00 and CBCD would be handling a Cost Share totaling \$11,000. The project was approved by the SFF Panel in April.

Motion by J. Preston to approve the Butcher Cost Share Certification for SFF Funds, seconded by D. Roseburg, motion carries.

Freeman Cost Share Certification – Gadberry – T. Freeman installed a Separator at the Freeman Dairy. Currently the separator is operational and stamped. The system is new, more efficient, and more automated than the previous separator. The total unit cost \$107,100. The cost share exceeded the approved value, there for CBCD approved cost share is 44,889.00, as previously approved.

Motion by G. Burkholder to Certify the Freeman Cost Share Certification as presented, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.



Klingamen Cost Share Certification – Gadberry – Klingamen installed a Separator. Currently the separator is operational and stamped, however the structure is not. The system is an improvement on the previous separator. The total cost \$10,386 however a portion of the cost was handled through an exchange of manure for the unit. The cost of the manure was valued at \$8,000. The remaining \$2,386 was labor. If certified, CBCD would provide \$5,193.00 as a 50% cost share.

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Gilbert Cost Share Certification – Gadberry – Gilbert was awarded SFF funds for a Planter and 2 precision ag units. The units and planter both arrived in May and met the requirement in the cost share proposal. The cost exceeded \$200,000 slightly however, CBCD approved cost share up to \$100,000 as an exception. CBCD would cost share the full \$100,000 once certified.

Motion by J. Preston to approve the Gilbert Cost Share Certification from the SFF, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.

Englund Cost Share Certification – Gadberry – S. Englund was awarded Fire recovery funds for aerial weed control due to proximate to wetlands. The spray was done via helicopter and exceedingly successful. The project was originally expected to be \$6,000 for two sprayings, but due to the success only one was conducted. The cost was 5,221 and the CBCD board approved a 75% cost share on the FR project. CBCD would therefore cost share \$3,915 once certified.

Motion by J. Preston to approve the Englund 23-49-FR Cost Share Certification from the Supplemental VSP Funds, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.

Friehe Cost Share Certification – Gadberry – P. Friehe completed a Rill to Pivot Conversion as part of Fritz Farm. The project was engineer certified as acceptable by Simpli Civic LLC and costs far exceeded the \$85,000. Currently CBCD will be providing a roughly 20% Cost Share Certification for the project providing \$42,500 for the project but was approved for an additional \$7,500 for a total of \$50,000 through Supplemental VSP.

Motion by J. Preston to approve the Friehe Cost Share Certification increase from the Supplemental VSP Funds as presented, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.

CBDL Membership - Ribellia – The CBCD has been a part of the Sustainable Water Coalition since its start. Part of the interaction includes the Columbia Basin Development League. To continue to provide input and focus on water situations, it is recommended that CBCD provide an annual membership to the league for \$625.00.

Motion by J. Preston to approve \$625.00 membership of the CBDL, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.

RCPP Cultural Resources Contract – Ribellia – The contract process provided a contractor to meet the Cultural resource requirements for the OGWRP project. The contract is funded through support from WSCC as detailed in the supervisor packet. The contracted work should be completed by the end of calendar year 2023.

Motion by J. Preston to approve RCPP cultural Resources Contract, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.



New Hire – Ribellia – Griffin Hansen has applied with CBCD previously. He was a candidate for the position previously held by Sebastian Saliwanchik. Griffin will be replacing the NRCS TA position in Ephrata officially starting June 12th, 2023.

Motion by G. Burkholder to approve the hire of G. Hansen as NRCS TA, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.

Adjournment- *Motion by Motion by J. Preston to adjourn. Seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.* The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.



Chair Approval

Recorder Signature

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