

Grant County VSP WG Meeting April 11th, 2024
CBCD Board Room & Zoom
10:00 Am-12:00 PM

Attendance: Chris Young, Eric Pentico, John Preston, Matt Harris,

CBCD Staff: Deanna Elliott, Elliott DeLong, Kristina Ribellia, Harold Crose, Britton Baker

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by E. DeLong at 10:05 AM.

Public Comment: None

Approval of February 2024, Quarterly Grant VSP Meeting Minutes: Correction – None

Motion by H. Crose to accept the Quarterly Grant VSP Meeting Minutes, as presented, seconded by C. Young, motion carries.

Reports: - None

Budget - The budget was updated to reflect through March 1, 2024. Technical assistance for VSP and Washington State Conservation Commission is the targeted support of the conservation district to development and support conservation concerns or needs within the boundaries of the district.

Individual Stewardship Plans (ISP) – Currently 1 new orchard enrolled in Grant VSP and 1 new VSP applicant.

OGWRP – Submitting new RCPP proposals for EL 11.8 & EL 22.1 for funding systems. PL566 Watershed Plan is on track to be completed by fall 2025.

Mobile Drip Irrigation - Mobile drip irrigation (MDI) drags drip tubing with in-line emitters behind a center pivot. MDI. CBCD staff is continuing to work on this project.

Shrub Steppe Mitigation – Grant County has established a Shrub Steppe Mitigation program. Work on this effort to effectively implement the program is ongoing. Grant County is in the process of hiring an environmental planner to lead this effort and work directly with VSP staff. Grant County will be presenting on Shrub Steppe at the Water Law conference in Spokane Washington May 15-16th, 2024.

Monitoring Plan - Columbia Basin Conservation District is working with Geo Engineers to develop a monitoring plan for groundwater level and nitrate concentration to assess VSP's effectiveness relating to Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas functions and values.

Staff Training – CBCD staff are working on training to improve and maintain capacity to continue the Voluntary Stewardship Program.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by E. DeLong at 10:50 AM.

Next Meeting will be in June 2024 and will be a hybrid meeting at CBCD's boardroom.