



Columbia Basin Conservation District

Meeting Minutes

April 11th, 2023 – 7:00 PM

In Person and Teleconference

Attendance:

Supervisors – Dave Stadelman (Chair), Dan Roseburg, Glenn Burkholder, John Preston, Richard Leitz

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

Agencies – Mike Baden

Call to Order and Introductions: D. Stadelman called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Public Input: No public input.

Approval of March 14th, 2023, Monthly Board Meeting Minutes: Correction – None

Motion by J. Preston to accept the April 11th, 2023, as presented, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.

Approval of April 11th, 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 April 11th, 2023, Financial report as presented, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries. Grant County checks #11255-11305 totaling \$ 438,964.64. Payroll checks #11261-11270 totaling \$21,772.53 and #11283-11294 totaling \$23,700.06 included in the above amount.

Agency Reports:

Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) – Baden – An interim Director has been appointed with the recent changes to the administration. The search process for a new director will likely take in excess of six months and the WSCC will be working with the independent consultant for the duration of the process.

The legislative process did not see a large number of bills affecting Conservation Districts however, a VSP expansion bill has introduced and is still active. It would focus on the addition of other counties into the program. Legislation has seen the final budget developed for the biennium; nothing has been approved but number should be out in early May. Funding for CTA and Riparian Buffers are still in the final budget as is an increased RCPP fund. Election legislation for the 2023 session has been stalled and nothing has moved out of committee, though the likelihood of election bills coming back in the future is high.

NRCS – None



Old Business:

Staffing Update- Ribellia – None

Building Update – **Ribellia** – The 903 3rd Ave templated contract has been exchanged with the Department of Enterprise Services (DES). The DES management cost seems reasonable at 4.7% (\$11,870.00) of the total project. DES may be faster if they have the resources but if they lack the availability, the project could be slower. CBCD Staff are meeting with DES representatives and the proposed Architect April 13th, at 8:15 to get an initial look at the building, discuss possible uses and layout for the building floorplan.

GCFD 5 Building Update- Ribellia – Currently the communication with Grant County Fire District 5 remains open.

Moses Lake Watershed Council (MLWC) – **Croese** – Federal appropriations have been approved however, no definitive decision on when funding will be available for the proposed CBCD lake treatment. It will likely wait until USDA and NRCS have a complete plan for the funding pool. Additional funding through the ARPA Grant should be approved however these funds have not been released for funding. The Watershed council has been working to improve the communication with the community, including working with the Moses Lake School District and Vanguard Academy.

VSP Update – **Croese** – Additional cost shares are likely to be approved by the Adams County VSP program. Otherwise, progress continues as expected. The State Technical Committee for VSP is meeting to discuss the Monitoring plan in the coming weeks and CBCD will make sure to work with the county to make sure that VSP plans, and monitoring are compatible with the most up to date county codes.

OGWRP Update – **Ribellia/ Croese** – Progress continues to be positive as the conservation district remains essential to OGWRP activities. This includes the funding as the Washington State Conservation Partnership (WSCC, WACD, NRCS -WA etc.) are among the entities going to Washington DC. The progress is having a significant impact as the NRCS Chief will likely be coming to the OGWRP project area in early Summer 2023. The OGWRP program is looking to not only continue to develop the project but also to develop the Climate Smart practices which are becoming more important. This would likely allow for other funding models to be available if Climate Smart Practices can be completely integrated into the project.

Columbia Basin Development League is also going to DC from May 7-10th. As a member of the CBDL, OGWRP committee K. Ribellia, would like to be part of the DC delegation.

Motion by J. Preston to approve K. Ribellia to participate in the legislative trip to Washington DC., seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.

New Business:

Non-Point ILA with City of Moses Lake – **DeLong** – CBCD accepted a Washington Department of Ecology Non-point Grant for FY 23. As part of the grant CBCD planned to partner with the City of Moses Lake to develop a demonstration site to support the CD's Heritage Garden and Shoreline Nutrient programs. The original agreement was developed in late 2022 and outlines the demonstration site to be at Lower Peninsula Park. The Agreement has been with the city parks department for several month and was not until Early April. Only changes to dates and further clarification of disagreements have been included in the draft being presented as of today's date.



Motion by J. Preston to approve the ILA with the City of Moses Lake as presented, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.

USDA Underserved Grant – Gadberry – A USDA grant has opened to provide outreach to underserved communities within our service area. Currently CBCD is looking into developing the grant for service to Royal slope, Mattawa and Othello as Information and responses to other outreach program to the area has been somewhat light when compared to other areas in the district. The program would focus on the High school ages to demonstrate the agricultural program sites within the district boundaries. CBCD would partner with Big Bend Community College for a lecture series to support the program as well. The USDA grant closes later in April 2023.

Smith Cost Share Certification – Gadberry – J. Smith has purchased the No till drill as previously approved. The drill is a lightly used 20ft Great Plains No-Till drill. It was purchased with no-till coulters as an additional feature. The price exceeds \$40,000 dollars and would allow for a \$20,000 dollar cost share to cover the 50% cost as previously approved by the CBCD board.

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

Reffett Cost Share Certification – Gadberry – Reffett has purchased the No till planter as previously approved. The planter is a John Deere -15 row conventional no till without openers or closers. The planter will reduce fuel cost significantly by allowing direct seed. The final price is \$58,124 dollars and would allow for a \$29,062 dollar cost share to cover the 50% cost as previously approved by the CBCD board.

Motion by J. Preston to Certify the Reffett Cost Share as presented, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.

Ramirez Cost Share Certification – Gadberry – Ramirez has purchased the compact orchard spreader as previously approved. The spreader is 16 feet and designed for orchard use, hence the size. The equipment was purchased new and totaled \$34,726 dollars. With a 50% cost share the total Ramirez is eligible for is \$17,363 dollars from the SFF funds.

Motion by R. Leitz to Certify Ramirez the Cost Share as presented, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.

Hintz Cost Share – Gadberry – Additional funding has been allocated through NRI. Due to the short amount of time for funds to be expected, equipment will be the focus of this cost share. D. Hintz is looking to purchase a full-sized compost spreader. The spreader would be used on property near Quincy and replace an older model. The equipment cost \$204,738.00 and the maximum eligible cost share would be 50,000.00 for slightly less than 25% of the total cost of the equipment purchase.

Motion by D. Roseburg to approve the Hintz Cost Share as presented, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.

Sitton Cost Share – Gadberry – due to the short time frame is cost share focuses on equipment and uses the Adams County VSP funds. Currently Sitton uses a small sprayer to manage pests within Adams County. The proposed machine would reduce application costs and improve the efficiency of the chemical application. The sprayer is 40 ft wide and has section control. The equipment totals \$48,900.00 and CBCD would provide 50% (\$24,450.00) from the Adams VSP fund once the Working Group approves the cost share changes.



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

Butcher Cost Share – Gadberry – Butcher has received cost share from CBCD before utilizing SFF funds however, they were not awarded. Currently the funds would allow for a single precision ag suite to be applied to the equipment currently in use through the Adams VSP fund. The cost of the suite is \$23,732.00 and CBCD would be handling a 50% cost share totaling \$11,866. The project is pending the approval from the Adams County VSP Working Group. The equipment will need to be purchased no later than the end of fiscal year on June 30, 2023.

Motion by J. Preston to approve the butcher Cost Share for Adams VSP Funds, seconded by D. Roseburg, motion carries.

Giesbrecht Cost Share – Gadberry – Giesbrecht is a producer within the irrigated portion of Adams County and would be awarded cost share from Adams VSP once approved. The cost share would focus on improving the critical aquifer areas by using field Net systems to automate two pivots' controls. The total cost of the project is \$6,000.00 dollars and the cost share would total \$3,000.00 from the VSP fund.

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

Derringer Dairy Nutrient Plan Update – Gadberry – Derringer Dairy has moved from Rd 10 NE to The Farm-in-a-day/ Roylance Dairy on Rd K. The update allows for an increase of milking head up to 700 total head, nutrient management for the increased nutrients expected and the meet USDA requirements. 90% of the plan is similar to the previous dairy plan being used on the Rd 10 dairy. The only significant change is to the number of head on the dairy and location, otherwise everything is the same as the prior Derringer Plan and would require approval by the CBCD board.

Motion by G. Burkholder to Certify the Derringer Dairy Nutrient Plan as presented, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.

RCPP Contracting – Ribellia – RCPP contracting has become important to the OGWRP and could be a significant liability for the district. All funds are currently on hold but would be available for a five-year contract, though the contract will be worked on over the next several years. As of now the contract has been less than ideal and somewhat problematic, however, staff have been invaluable in the current negotiation process. It will likely be easier going forward and a necessity to accomplish the RCPP process.

Motion by G. Burkholder to approve K. Ribellia as signatory for the RCPP cultural resource contracting on behalf of the Conservation District, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.

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



Chair Approval

Recorder Signature

Date

Date

Summary of Motions:

Motion by J. Preston to accept the April 11th, 2023, as presented, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.

Motion by G. Burkholder to accept the April 11th, 2023, Financial report as presented, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries. Grant County checks #11255-11305 totaling \$ 438,964.64. Payroll checks #11261-11270 totaling \$21,772.53 and #11283-11294 totaling \$23,700.06 included in the above amount.

Motion by J. Preston to approve K. Ribellia to participate in the legislative trip to Washington DC., seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.

Motion by J. Preston to approve the ILA with the City of Moses Lake as presented, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.

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

Motion by J. Preston to Certify the Reffett Cost Share as presented, seconded by R. Leitz, motion carries.

Motion by R. Leitz to Certify Ramirez the Cost Share as presented, seconded by G. Burkholder, motion carries.

Motion by D. Roseburg to approve the Hintz Cost Share as presented, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.

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

Motion by J. Preston to approve the butcher Cost Share for Adams VSP Funds, seconded by D. Roseburg, motion carries.

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

Motion by G. Burkholder to Certify the Derringer Dairy Nutrient Plan as presented, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.

Motion by G. Burkholder to approve K. Ribellia as signatory for the RCPP cultural resource contracting on behalf of the Conservation District, seconded by J. Preston, motion carries.

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