

Adams County VSP WG Special Session, July 30, 2025

Zoom

3:00 PM-4:00 PM

Attendees: Jake Wollman Jr., Matt Harris, Cara Hulce (Adams CD), Grant Miller, Andie Lorenz (Adams County)

CBCD Staff: Dinah Rouleau, Kaley Wisher, Wade Haughton, Britton Baker, Harold Crose, Deanna Elliott, Ron Sawyer

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by K. Wisher at 3:23 PM.

CBCD Cost Share Applications – D. Rouleau and W. Haughton presented the cost share applications for review by the work group. Cost share applications approved by the work group will be submitted to the Washington State Conservation Commission for potential selection for funding. The determination of the work group does not guarantee project funding.

Applicant: Alan Bartelheimer

Amount: \$165,000

Project: The landowner is looking to convert his rill-irrigated field to a center pivot irrigation system. According to the furrow nomograph, we are saving 11 tons per acre. The irrigation efficiency is going from 50% to 85%, saving 35%. He will also plan to plant at least one of the corners into grass cover.

Motion: H. Crose

2nd: A Lorenz

Discussion: None

Determination: Motion Carries

Applicant: Blaire Eyre

Amount: \$5,500

Project: The landowner would like to plant cover crop on their production fields and in their newly established apple orchard in between the rows.

Motion: H. Crose

2nd: C. Hulce

Discussion: None

Determination: Motion Carries

Applicant: Daniel Freeman

Amount: \$200,000

Project: The landowner is looking to convert his rill-irrigated field to a center pivot irrigation system. According to the Furrow Nomograph, he is saving 11 tons per acre. The irrigation efficiency is going from 55% to 85%, saving 30%. Landowner is also willing to install a grass cover habitat mix in one of his corners.

Motion: H. Crose

2nd: A. Lorenz

Discussion: None

Determination: Motion Carries

Applicant: Kylie Gonzalez

Amount: \$90,000

Project: Producer would like to convert their rill-irrigated ground to a center pivot irrigation system. According to the Furrow Nomograph, we are saving 18 tons per acre of soil. The irrigation efficiency is going from 55% to 85%, saving 30%. The landowner is also interested in doing a grass cover habitat mix in one of the corners.

Motion: H. Crose

2nd: A. Lorenz

Discussion: None

Determination: Motion Carries

Applicant: Michael McKay

Amount: \$70,000

Project: The landowner is looking to convert from gated pvc pipe rill irrigation to pivot irrigation, he would also like to plant native grasses in two pivot corners. According to the Furrow Nomograph, he is saving 17 ton per acre of soil. The irrigation efficiency is going from 55% to 85%, saving 30%.

Motion: H. Crose

2nd: A. Lorenz

Discussion: None

Determination: Motion Carries

Applicant: Richard Smith

Amount: \$ 30,000

Project: The landowner would like to convert an open ditch to buried pipe. He would also like to install a new water box and plant trees in a small irrigated portion of the field. He would also like to convert a small rill irrigation portion to solid set irrigation. This area will be converted to permanent pasture and the trees will be utilized as livestock shade and habitat. - BOR water source

Motion: H. Crose

2nd: C. Hulce

Discussion:

A. Lorenz: Do we know what the landowner will be pasturing?

D Rouleau: Fairly sure it is beef.

A. Lorenz: Any confined feed operation is not permitted in a residential zone.

Determination: Motion Carries

Applicant: Stacy Aune

Amount: \$ 82,590

Project: The landowner is looking to convert from rill irrigation to pivot irrigation. Irrigation efficiency is going from 75% to 85%, saving 10%.

Motion: H. Crose

2nd: A. Lorenz

Discussion:

H. Crose: What is the age of the system?

W. Haughton: Fairly certain it is more than 30 years old.

Determination: Motion Carries

Applicant: Tom Kummer

Amount: \$ 60,000

Project: The landowner is looking to replace his current pumps with a VFD pump, he would also like to replace his current sprinkler package. His current pumps are around 30 and 20 years old, and the sprinkler package is around 8 years old.

Motion: H. Crose

2nd: A. Lorenz

Discussion: H. Crose: Please confirm the landowner is moving from a high pressure to low pressure system.

Determination: Motion Carries

Meeting adjourned 3:51 PM