

Grant County VSP Working Group
VSP Cost Share Meeting
March 18th, 2024
10:00 Am-11:00 PM

Attendance: Chris Young, Matt Harris, John Preston, Sam Krautscheid

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

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by D. Elliott at 9:01 AM.

Public Comment: None

Dan Bator Cost Share – Rouleau – This cost share would meet the conservation practice 449, Irrigation Water Management as the applicant is planning to replace an aged system. The current irrigation system has been in place for 40+ years. It is a sergeant pivot that is no longer capable of re-piping. The system is leaking in several places and is highly inefficient. The project would benefit wetlands, habitat, critical aquifer recharge areas, frequently flooded areas and geological hazardous areas. The funding request would be for \$ 44,022.50 pending approval from the working group and WA state VSP Panel.

Motion by J. Preston to approve the D. Bator cost share as presented by D. Rouleau, seconded by M. Harris, motion carries.

Dan Roseburg Cost Share – Rouleau – This cost share would meet the conservation practice 449, Irrigation Water Management as the applicant is planning to replace an aged system. The current system has been in place for 48+ years. The applicant plans to re-pipe because of rusting resulting in inefficiency. The project would benefit Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas. The funding request would be for \$ 44,022.50 pending approval from the working group and WA state VSP Panel.

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

Dave Stadelman Cost Share – Rouleau – This cost share would meet the conservation practice 345, Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till. The applicant plans to purchase a no-till drill that will save on discing anytime it is used resulting in reduced till practice. The applicant is a diver crop producer. The drill will be used when seeding hay crops, wheat, and triticale on crop fields. The project would benefit habitat, critical aquifer recharge areas, and geological hazardous areas. The funding request would be for \$25,863.00 pending approval from the working group and WA state VSP Panel.

Motion by J. Preston to approve the D. Stadelman Cost Share as presented by D. Rouleau, seconded by C. Young, motion carries.

Elliott Goodrich Cost Share – Rouleau – This cost share would meet the conservation practices 442 Sprinkler System, 449 Irrigation Water Management and practice 420 Wildlife Habitat Planting. The applicant is converting rill ground to solid set sprinkler irrigation, and handline to solid set sprinkler. The applicant is also interested in grass and permanent habitat. Priority will be given to irrigation, then planting. The funding request would be for \$ 100,000.00 pending approval from the working group and WA state VSP Panel.

Motion by G. Miller to approve the E. Goodrich Cost Share as presented by D. Rouleau, seconded by H. Crose, motion carries.

Hollie Duvall Cost Share – Rouleau – This cost share would meet the conservation practices 442 Sprinkler System, 449 Irrigation Water Management and practice 420 Wildlife Habitat Planting. The applicant is converting rill ground to solid set sprinkler irrigation, and handline to solid set sprinkler. The applicant is also interested in grass and pollinator plantings and earthworks. Priority will be given to irrigation, then earthworks

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and finally . The funding request would be for \$ 100,000.00 pending approval from the working group and WA state VSP Panel.

Motion by H. Crose to approve the H. Duvall Cost Share as presented by D. Rouleau, seconded by S. Krautscheid, motion carries.

Sam Krautscheid Cost Share – Rouleau – This cost share would meet the conservation practices 329 Residue and Tillage Management, Not-till and 345 - Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till. The applicant would like to purchase a no-till drill. Applicant is currently using conventional till practices and plans to implement no-till and reduced till practices across 1200+ acres. The project protects wetlands, habitat, critical aquifer areas, geologically hazardous areas, and frequently flooded areas. The funding request would be for \$ 100,000.00 pending approval from the working group and WA state VSP Panel.

Motion by M. Harris to approve the S. Krautscheid Cost Share as presented by D. Rouleau, seconded by H. Crose. S. Krautscheid abstains, motion carries.

Working Group Update – DeLong –VSP Work Group is required to meet quarterly. Additional meetings are not required, nor must they be in person. However, all Working group Meeting will continue to be offered as a hybrid option to maintain the largest number of participants. VSP cost shares come open at very short notice and close quickly, CBCD tries to provide as much information as possible. CBCD will now be holding all VSP cost share meetings as hybrid to include an open space at the CBCD office located at 903 W 3rd Ave, Moses Lake. This will allow for a space to be available without concern at any time unless otherwise posted as part of a meeting agenda. Agendas will be provided at every meeting, however, minutes from all sessions will only be provided at the regularly scheduled quarterly meetings.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by D. Elliott at 10:58 AM.

Next Meeting will be in April 2024 and will be a hybrid meeting at the CBCD Office at 903 W. 3rd Ave.