



Kittitas County Conservation District
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Board of Supervisors Special Meeting

November 1, 2017 8:00 AM KCCD Office

ATTENDANCE

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| Mark Moore, Chair Jeff Brunson, Auditor Matt Eslinger, Member (by phone) | KCCD Staff: Anna Lael, District Manager Miranda Nash, Financial Manager Sherry Swanson, Project Manager Mark Crowley, Resource Technician |
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I. Call to Order- Chair Mark Moore called the meeting to order at 8:08 AM.

RCPP – Anna reported that she received a call from Erin Kaczmarzyk who stated that NRCS has decided they will have no hold downs on their regular EQIP sign-up. A workload analysis was done at the national level that indicated that our state needs 7 less NRCS employees than they have now. Roylene was told that this state doesn't spend enough money to justify current staffing. The decision was made by the state leadership team to remove all hold downs to ensure funding is spent. Anna asked Erin if we could change our hold downs for RCPP. We set our hold downs on sprinklers to match regular EQIP to avoid having competing programs. Anna suggests changing hold downs for irrigation sprinkler system to \$75,000, and doubling the hold downs for both pumping plant and structure for water control. All other hold downs would remain as approved previously. The Board discussed the situation.

MOTION – Approve changes to RCPP hold downs per staff recommendation for sprinkler system \$75,000, pumping plant \$5,000 and structure for water control \$5,000.

Jeff Brunson, seconded by **Matt Eslinger** *passed unanimously*

II. NRCS Building

A. **Letter** – Anna presented a draft of a letter to NRCS that addresses their current space in the building. The letter asks NRCS to vacate the building by June 30, 2018. The Board offered space to NRCS back in 2014 pending their solicitation for a permanent lease in the County for their field office. There has been very little movement on the lease solicitation in the last three years. Anna also reported that NRCS staff have indicated to her that the State office is now waiting for this letter and wants to use it to prioritize the lease solicitation for this field office.

MOTION – Approve letter as written by staff regarding the lease agreement and addressed to State Conservationist, Roylene Rides at the Door.

Jeff Brunson, seconded by **Matt Eslinger** *passed unanimously*

B. **Agreement** – Anna reported that the District has an agreement with NRCS for reimbursement of their share of the operating and maintenance cost related to their occupation of space in the District building. The District is asking for a revision to the agreement to increase the award by \$6,000 for the fiscal year as it has been in the past.

MOTION – Approve application for federal assistance (SF-424) increasing award by \$6,000 for reimbursement for NRCS's share of O&M for the District building in FY 2018.

Matt Eslinger, seconded by **Jeff Brunson** *passed unanimously*

III. Adjournment – Mark Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:58 AM.

MOTIONS APPROVED:

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Jeff Brunson, seconded by **Matt Eslinger**

passed unanimously

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Matt Eslinger, seconded by **Jeff Brunson**

passed unanimously

Miranda Nash
Recording Secretary

11/9/17
Date

Matt Eslinger
Board Member

11/7/17
Date