

## Kittitas County Conservation District 2211 W. Dolarway Road, Suite 4 - Ellensburg, WA 98926 - Phone (509) 925-3352 - Fax (888) 546-0825

### **Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting**

September 10, 2015
ATTENDANCE

Mark Moore, Chair
Jeff Brunson, Auditor
Bill Boyum, Member (at 7:18 AM)

Suzanne Wade, GIS Specialist
Sara Leist, Financial Manager
Sherry Swanson, Project Manager
Mark Crowley, Resource Technician

NRCS Staff:
Erin Kreutz, Resource Conservationist

I. Call to Order- Chair Mark Moore called the meeting to order at 7:08 AM.

## II. Reports

- A. NRCS See Erin's attached report. Erin reported that EQIP application deadline has been extended to mid-October. She informed the Board that there are four Kittitas County CSP renewals. There has been no funding designated for EWP yet. There may be some drought funding available statewide.
- **B.** Implementation Small Projects There were 15 applications mailed out to interested individuals, applications are also available at the office. Two applications have been received and the deadline to submit is September 25<sup>th</sup>. The Commission has also announced a separate grant to pay for cultural resources on projects, so it won't take funds away from the District's Implementation grant.
- C. Irrigation Efficiencies Mark C. reported that Eslinger's bridges are being built. That project has to be complete by November. Mark also reported that Ecology is pushing for Rinehart's trust water to stay in Towne Ditch. Mark will be attending the next Towne Ditch Board meeting. Mark has also been working with Cortese to put some figures together and would like to try to go to construction this fall. Mark C. is working with Sherry and plans to meet with Carroll Richards this fall for his potential project.

Bill Boyum arrived at 7:18 AM

Guest: Bill Eller, Conservation Commission

#### III. Approve Accountant's Report and Meeting Minutes

**MOTION** – Approve the August Accountant's Report, and the regular meeting minutes from August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Jeff Brunson, seconded by Bill Boyum

Passed Unanimously

IV. Approve Bills, including Building Account and Manastash O&M Fund Bills (see attached spreadsheet)

<u>MOTION</u> – Approve check numbers 14762 through 14798 for a total of \$80,881.28 (Payroll Checks 14764-14770, and 14795-14798) and building account check numbers 0214– 0224 for a total of \$5,733.37 and check numbers 1144-1148 for a total of \$401.16 for Manastash O&M reimbursements. Approve pending payments totaling \$1,177.20 contingent upon receiving grant

Pending Bills To Be Paid

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## V. Old Business (continued from above)

# A) KCCD Project Reports (See Monthly Reports)

- 1. **Non-Shellfish Addendum** The District had submitted the list of projects by priority in the CPDS database. Waiting on final word from the Commission before informing landowners who are listed as the top two.
- 2. BPA Yakima Tributary Access & Habitat Project
  - a. General Project Updates
  - b. Individual Project Updates
    - 1. **EWC/Coleman** The appraisal was completed by the County for the last landowner easement needed for this project. EWC worked with the landowner who accepted the values and offer and has agreed to the easement. The cultural survey and report needs to be amended to include the new traffic detour route that was part of achieving that last easement.
    - 2. **Cooke Creek** There are continuing discussions with the technical work group folks to address the concerns from Fish & Wildlife area engineers.
- 3. Manastash Restoration Project (See Staff Reports)
  - **a.** Screen Facilities— Work continues on warranty issues and meter and control valve. KRCI plans to come back after the irrigation season to work on valve issues.
  - **b. Instream Flow Enhancement** See staff reports. Sherry informed the Board that she is still monitoring flows twice per week.
  - c. Reed/Hatfield Ditch Removal The engineers have completed the preliminary designs. Access and 60% designs are the next steps. The USFW funding deadline is May 2016, which would mean a fall start time and Anna and Sherry are not sure if the project can go this fall.
- B) Special Assessment See staff reports.
  - 1. Emergency Planning Anna, Kirk Holmes and Clay Meyers had a meeting regarding emergency planning. Ideally, the District would like to have an interlocal agreement with the County for emergency planning. There will be a disaster response plan meeting in the near future.
  - 2. Drought Response Anna informed the Board that Jon Culp is working with Ecology to find out if the requests submitted to the Commission will be funded.

3. Firewise – Anna attended the Firewise panel discussions with Senator Cantwell. Landowner Paul Thibodaux attended the discussions as well.

Suzanne also informed the Board that the SE DNR office did not ask for any funding under the Joint Chiefs "All hands, all lands" program so Suzanne asked for \$400,000 for next year.

- 4. Rates & Charges Anna has draft rates and charges for the Board to review. The last page shows where we could be with total assessment amount collected. Anna is working on the interlocal agreement with the county and a schedule for public meetings this fall.
- C) District Building No new updates.
- **D) KCCD Single Federal Audit** The audit went well and the auditor will be scheduling the exit for Wednesday or Friday next week.
- **E)** Resource Technician I Postion The District received several applications. Anna and Sherry are in the process of conducting interviews for the top 3 applicants.
- F) Voluntary Stewardship Program Anna is working on the interlocal agreement with the county for VSP. Anna believes that the County will be the lead agency, and the District will take part in planning and facilitating. Anna was hoping that maybe Ron Schultz can attend one of KCCD's meetings so that he can talk to the Board about VSP.
- V. New Business
  - A. WACD Draft Resolution
  - B. Bill Eller's Quicknotes
- VI. Reports

Anna Lael (see attached)
Suzanne Wade (see attached)
Sara Leist (see attached)
Mark Crowley (see attached)
Ryan Roberts (see attached)
Sherry Swanson (see attached)
Brent Dixon (see attached)

VII. Adjournment – Mark Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:47 AM.

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