



Kittitas County Conservation District
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Board of Supervisors Meeting
July 7th, 2022 12:00PM – Zoom Meeting ID: 845 8140 2131

ATTENDANCE

Board of Supervisors: Mark Moore , Chair (in person) Lynn Brown , Vice Chair (by zoom) Jeff Brunson , Auditor (in person) Matt Eslinger , Member (by zoom)	KCCD Staff: <u>In Person</u> Anna Lael , District Manager Mark Crowley , Conservation Planner Dayna Wilkinson , Financial Manager Wendy Mee , Resource Technician Sherry Swanson , Project Manager
Guests:	

I. **Call to Order-** Chair Mark Moore called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Attendees participated via Zoom and in person.

II. **Action Items**

A. **Professional Engineer Position**

Ryan Roberts has applied for the position. Anna provided his cover letter and resume to the Board previously. The Board discussed his application and the pay options as well as the newly increased funding from the Conservation Commission.

MOTION – Offer Ryan Roberts the Engineer position at a starting salary of \$109,285 annually.
Lynn Brown, seconded by **Jeff Brunson** *Passed Unanimously*

B. **Brist Cost Share Agreement**

Anna reported that staff continues to try to work with NRCS on this issue of exceeding the Farm Bill limit. In addition to the known payment for practices that was used to determine the additional amount added to the cost share through the Conservation Commission, there will be a CARP payment (extra on pipelines to compensate for higher costs). The CARP payment may occur without regard to the Farm Bill limit and could require the producer to pay it back, although if the payment comes before the IWM practice payment is made, then the IWM may have to be removed from the contract. It's a confusing process and after considerable discussion with NRCS, staff determined that the best course of action would be for KCCD to include the CARP payment amount in the cost share payment from the Conservation Commission. The goal of using the Commission funding is to keep this producer whole in terms of the payments they would have received had they not exceeded the farm bill limit. Including the CARP payment will achieve that goal. Staff asked the Board to approved increasing the Bynum Road project cost share to \$69,119.39.

MOTION – Amend Brist Cost Share Payment to \$69,119.30
Jeff Brunson, seconded by **Lynn Brown** *Passed Unanimously*

12:30 PM – Matt Eslinger left the meeting

C. **Alkali Flats Cost Share Agreement**

Anna reported that the cost share agreement for this project on Parke Creek was based on a cost estimate from Kooy's in August 2021 and was signed at that time. Mark Crowley continued to work with Kooy's on the costs as there were handline costs missing and other items. By December, the cost estimate was finally fixed and complete, but staff did not bring it back to the Board for approval as should have happened at that time. Anna reported that there is adequate funding available and these costs should have been included in the original cost share agreement. Mark Crowley explained the changes in the cost estimates. The Board questioned the change in pipe prices from the August to the December cost estimate. The prices in August should have been honored. They also questioned why the mistakes made by the vendor or the landowner in not including the handlines were the responsibility of the KCCD. They directed staff to contact the landowner and vendor to discuss these issues prior to the July 14 Board meeting where they can be considered again.

III. Adjournment

Chair Mark Moore adjourned the meeting at 12:47 PM.

MOTIONS APPROVED:

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Lynn Brown, seconded by **Jeff Brunson** *Passed Unanimously*

MOTION – Amend Brist Cost Share Payment to \$69,119.30
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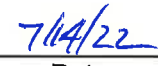
Recording Secretary



Date



Board Member



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