

Adams Conservation District
118 East Main Ave., Ritzville, WA 99169
Board Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2022

Attending: Curtis Hennings, Ron Hennings, Michael Broeckel, Branden Spencer, Gary Cook;
Staff: Cara Hulce

The meeting was called to order by Curtis Hennings at 7:34 p.m.

Reports from Guests/Partner Agencies/Manager

- **Cara Hulce, Manager**
 - Finished budgeting for most everything for FY23, anticipated projects include Fedie's windbreak, D. Harder's watering facility and J. Harder's pipeline and trough.
 - Shared VSP updates and there will be funding for implementation.
 - The North Central area meeting is scheduled for October 19th at 9am in Waterville.

Minutes: Branden moved to approve the meeting minutes for July 28, 2022. Gary seconded the motion; motion passed.

Financial Report: Michael moved to approve the financial report for July 2022 showing end balances of \$117,894.23 (money market) and \$126,427.95 (checking), and to approve all ACH/EFT transactions from July 12th – August 5, 2022. Total deductions \$4,766.39 and liability \$1,573.20. Gary seconded the motion; motion passed.

Michael moved to approve the financial report for August 2022 showing end balances of \$117,897.23 (money market) and \$150,804.15 (checking), and to approve all ACH/EFT transactions from August 6 – September 1, 2022. Total deductions \$4,517.36 and liability \$1,643.40. Ron seconded the motion; motion passed.

Old Business:

- Curtis thinks he has someone lined up to buy the trailer so he'll get it cleaned out.
- Tina submitted the Cow Creek water monitoring report to DOE. Kevin said they'd be doing SW permits next year. Cara talked to Tina and requested a quote from Ducks Unlimited for monitoring transducers 1-2 times per year and providing a report of findings.
- Hexprotect effectiveness monitoring will include looking at whether the tiles keep the water from freezing over, % coverage of algae in troughs with and without tiles, and compare water temperature differences between troughs with and without tiles (particularly during summer months). Cara will get thermometers for Ron and Branden and create an equipment loan form for the district.
- The board reviewed the invoice from Wildlands Nursery for Fedie's windbreak plants and considered the need to get the plants reserved so as not to lose them.

Branden moved to approve paying Wildlands Nursery the deposit for Fedie's plants related to his pending windbreak cost-share agreement. Michael seconded the motion; motion passed.

New Business:

- The board reviewed Fedie's windbreak cost-share agreement. They had concerns with the cost of the pumping plant practice since that price tripled in the past few months. Corey got quotes from both the local pumping businesses and they were close in cost. The board wasn't okay with paying for pumping upgrades to support Fedie's domestic use since the upgrade is being done to support windbreak watering needs. Cara will check NRCS payment rates for this practice and work on adjusting the cost accordingly.
- The board reviewed the MOU with Lincoln County CD for TA on FY23 IM projects.

Michael moved to approve the MOU with Lincoln County CD for TA on FY23 IM projects. Branden seconded the motion; motion passed.

- The board reviewed Amendment #1 to our MOU with Lincoln County CD for TA on FY22-23 NR projects.

Gary moved to approve Amendment #1 to the MOU with Lincoln County CD for TA on FY22-23 NR projects. Ron seconded the motion; motion passed. Branden abstained from voting.

- The board discussed the new WRIA 34 RCPP. Cara let them know there's no hold downs, no designated pot of funding per district, projects that rank highest get funded, only 1 signup per year as of now, and ranking questions may change focus after the first couple years if the main deliverables get met early so focus could shift more towards livestock. We should try to meet our contribution amount but other districts will likely cover a big amount of the overall significant contribution requirements for the grant. The board reviewed the RCPP interlocal agreement with Palouse CD.

Branden moved to approve the RCPP interlocal agreement with Palouse CD. Michael seconded the motion; motion passed.

- The board discussed getting rid of the Vonage office phone service since an office phone system isn't needed anymore. Cara suggested the district get a cell phone instead and then add lines if more employees are hired. She provided quotes for a cell phone and basic plan for Verizon and AT&T since those carriers have the best service in the area. The board was okay with switching phone services, but did request we try to keep our current phone number.

Michael moved to approve switching our phone service from Vonage to a cellular setup. Branden seconded the motion; motion passed.

- The board will discuss selling the pick-up at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37pm by Curtis Hennings.

Minutes approved by: _____ Date: _____

Minutes prepared by: _____ Date: _____

The next board meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2022 at 7:30 pm.