

Adams Conservation District
118 East Main Ave., Ritzville, WA 99169
Board Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2018

Attending: Curtis Hennings, Michael Broeckel, Ron Hennings, Guests: Mike Baden, WSCC; Ann Swannack, NRCS

The meeting was called to order by Curtis Hennings at 7:42 pm.

Reports from Guests/Partner Agencies/Manager:

- **NRSC: Ann Swannack**

Ann noted that there are some upcoming deadlines for NRCS programs, CSP March 2nd and EQIP March 16th.

The West Palouse Local Workgroup recently met. A copy of the meeting notes are attached.

Ann reported that FPAC (the new NRCS, FSA & RMA) is moving forward. They have already been transitioning certain roles and duties with more transition and initiatives coming in October 2018.

Ann spoke briefly on RCPP and the Residual Management application which must be on ground that is in production that respective year.

- **WSCC: Mike Baden**

Supplemental Capital Budget Request

We discussed the supplemental budget request that included a request for funding for Firewise, Fire Recovery and RCPP match. I have attached an e-mail with helpful information that includes talking points regarding the various supplemental budget request elements. It will be important to reach out to legislators regarding this request in order to communicate the ongoing need for these program funds.

Conservation Accountability and Performance Program (CAPP)

We continue working on revisions to the performance measures/best practices portion of the Conservation Accountability and performance program (CAPP). Work will continue but in the meantime we are always happy when a district chooses to go through the draft checklist for the performance measures and provides feedback to us. For this year it is likely that just the accountability elements will be used (like last year) but more information will be forthcoming.

Minutes: Ron moved to approve the minutes for January 18, 2018. Michael seconded the motion; motion passed.

Financial Report: **Michael moved to approve the financial report for December 2017 showing end balances of \$110,313.02 (money market) and \$98,273.74 (checking), and to approve checks numbered 13884-13890, with 13883 being voided, and all ACH/EFT transactions from December 22nd – January 18th. Total deductions \$4,178.78 and liability \$4.64. Ron seconded the motion; motion passed.**

Michael moved to approve the financial report for January 2018 showing end balances of \$110,317.70 (money market) and \$93,958.94 (checking), and to approve checks numbered 13891 – 13898 and all ACH/EFT transactions from January 19th – February 15th. Total deductions \$4,359.77 and liability \$27.08. Ron seconded the motion; motion passed.

Old Business:

Curtis gave an update on the remaining ACD surplus items. The subsoiler has been sold to Ron Manke. This only leaves the Hydraulic Jack w/ Auger and the soil probe as remaining items. At the March board meeting Michael anticipates closing out this reoccurring agenda item, SAO Audit finding of 2014.

New Business:

The district approved an inter-district agreement with Palouse-Rock Lake with some edits that allow for some additional flexibility in work and efficiency in getting tasks moving quickly as the needs arise. The approved document will be sent to P-RL CD for their final approval. **Ron moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Palouse Rock Lake CD with the noted revisions. Michael seconded the motion; motion passed.**

Funding has been set aside for the McRae project although it cannot be awarded until it is entered into CPDS. This is work that is targeted with the agreement with P-RL CD. We discussed that there are a number of steps that must occur before Luke can start to make purchases or begin work.

Cara was able to provide names of several other potential projects and will be following up with the landowners to see if they are still interested (Harder, Harder, and Williams). If additional funding becomes available we might be able to look into options for the next project on the list.

Discussions continue between the district, DOE and Ducks Unlimited on the Cow Creek wetlands trial project. The next step is to coordinate a conference call with all parties to outline the steps to move forward. Curtis reported that there is a lot of water coming down the system and that Tina may have spare transducer equipment that might be able to be used for monitoring flows longer term.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm by Curtis Hennings.

Minutes approved by: _____ Date: _____

Minutes prepared by: _____ Date: _____

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

Notes

West Palouse Local Work Group Work Session
 Lincoln County Public Works - 27234 WA-25 - Davenport, WA
 February 13, 2018 – 9:00 am to noon

Session Objective:

- Review Farm Bill accomplishments and updates, review natural resource data, including the most prevalent natural resource conservation issues to be addressed in the LWG area with various federal and state programs in FY19.

Local Work Group & STAC Updates

- See Ann Swannack presentation
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Farm Bill Program Accomplishments & Applications

- See Ann Swannack

Overall Natural Resource Conservation Priorities

Resource Conservation Priority	WRIA Area	Projects / Programs
Water Resources – Quality & Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRIA 13040 Lincoln • WRIA 00150 Adams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetation cover • Residue management • Channel cleanouts • Grass waterways • Critical area plantings • Irrigation water management • Buffers
Degraded Plant Condition (noxious weeds, forest health, range health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest Lincoln WRIA 03030 • Range Lincoln WRIA 08060 • Central Lincoln WRIA 13040 • Adams WRIA 08070 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetative cover • Noxious weed control • Reintroduce prescribed burns • Plantings appropriate for the area • Heavy use area protection • Forage and biomass plantings • Forest health thinning •
Soil Quality & Soil Erosion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lincoln WRIA 13040 • Adams WRIA 15080 • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residue management • Vegetative cover • Buffers • Cover crops • Irrigation Water Management •
Air Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adams WRIA 15080 • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residue management • Vegetative cover

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest health / wildfire hazard •
Wildlife Habitat (inadequate distribution)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lincoln WRIA 13050 • Adams WRIA 15080 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noxious weed control • Native vegetative cover • Cover crop and rotational cropping system • Buffers • Water supply •
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy audits • Conservation and minimum tillage • Irrigation energy use
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Programs & Projects to Address Resource Conservation Priorities

State Programs

- DNR Landowner assistance program
- DNR small landowners office
- Ecology – water quality grants, air quality
- WA Conservation Districts cost share
- WDFW - Partners in Wildlife
- Governor's discretion
- WA Fire Adapted Community Network
- Voluntary Stewardship Program
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Federal Programs

- NRCS – EQIP, CSP, Easements,
- FSA – CRP, SAFE
- BLM – roadside field breaks, firewise communities and fire breaks
- US Fish & Wildlife – cost share for noxious weeds
- National Parks –
- Bureau of Reclamation –
- Bonneville Power Energy funding, fish and wildlife grants

Local Programs

- NGO funding
- Land owner cost share
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Land Use / Resource Concern Pools - USDA Programs

FY18 Recommendations

Resource Conservation Priority	Land Use	Pool %	Estimated Acres of Treatment FY19 (NRCS staff to determine)	Watershed Area (See above)
Organic Matter Soil Quality & Erosion	Cropland	20	xx (\$ xx estimate)	
Insufficient Water Inefficient use of irrigation water	Cropland	10	xx (\$ xx estimate)	
Degraded Plant Condition Undesirable plant productivity & health or inadequate water for domestic animals & wildland fire considerations	Rangeland	15	xx (\$ xx estimate)	
Livestock Production Limitations Inadequate livestock water	Rangeland	10	xx (\$ xx estimate)	
Degraded Plant Condition Wildfire hazard, Excessive biomass accumulation Undesirable plant productivity & health & wildland fire	Forestland	10	xx (\$ xx estimate)	
Cropland Farmstead INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE-Habitat Degradation	Farmstead	10	xx (\$ xx estimate)	
Farmstead Water Quality	Farmstead	25	xx (\$ xx estimate)	
		100		
State Initiatives – Energy, Sage Grouse, Air Quality, Wildfire				
			Acres	

Rollover on Pools:

- If funds left from any funding pool, start with the pool with the highest number of unfunded applications, starting with highest score
- If funds left, then fund the next highest scored application that can be funded in entirety (DC discretion)

Practices & Estimated Acres of Treatment

Next Steps & Closing Comments & Adjourn

Ann to follow-up with LWG members if another meeting is needed
Interest in other LWG's priorities...refer to NRCS web site for other LWG priorities and rankings...WA NRCS...send link

Question about CSP acres cap.

Past work session

Resource Conservation Priority	Projects / Programs
Cropland moisture retention	•
Water quantity & conservation	•
Soil Erosion – wind and water	•
Energy Conservation	•
Soil Health	•
Economic base	•
Wildfire hazard	•
Wildlife	•
Air Quality	•
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