

Adams Conservation District
118 East Main Ave., Ritzville, WA 99169
Board Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2021

Attending: (Via Zoom) Curtis Hennings, Ron Hennings, Branden Spencer, Michael Broeckel;
Staff: Cara Hulce; Guest: Mike Baden (WSCC)

The meeting was called to order by Curtis Hennings at 7:48 p.m.

Reports from Guests/Partner Agencies/Manager:

- **Mike Baden, WSCC**

Budget and SCC Related Items

The Commission approved several grant award allocations at the Commission meeting yesterday, one of which was the Implementation Grant. As discussed before, SCC received an additional \$2 million for Conservation Technical Assistance for the new biennium (\$1 million per fiscal year). It's their understand that the Orca/Salmon funding received last biennium has been integrated into their base budget without the Orca/Salmon proviso language. What this amounts to is that, although formal award notifications will likely come in June, Implementation Grants for Fiscal Year 22 were approved at approximately \$117,800 (compared to \$95,600 last fiscal year) which is good news.

Funding for the NRI program was provided at \$ 4 million for the biennium which is the same as last biennium. The proposed revisions to the NRI program were approved at the Commission meeting. A webinar will be held on June 2nd at 9:00AM to review the revisions to the program with CDs.

Elections and Appointments

The Commission certified elections and made appointments at the Commission meeting yesterday. Gary was appointed and Branden was certified. Mike will be reaching out to Branden soon to set up an opportunity to meet with him for a new supervisor orientation and provide the information for viewing the Public Records Act and Open Public Meeting Act videos that are required within 90 days.

District Business

Mike was pleased to hear the updates about the Cow Creek project meeting that recently took place and that everyone is happy with the progress and that there also is potential and serious interest in projects on the stream. He was glad that the various partners continue to be engaged and working well together in a positive manner and that potential opportunities are beginning to take shape!

Mike discussed various reminders and deadlines related to closing out the current biennium and beginning the new biennium.

- **Cara Hulce, Manager**

Cara let the board know that Hans Henning's cost-share check was ready for signing and she'd be vouchering and closing out grant funding for his project. Both Ron and David have met with the planner and engineer. Ron Henning's project is delayed since the Spokane tribe requested a cultural resource review.

It sounds like the field tour with the Harders and partner agencies went well. Cara is scheduled to meet with Michael and David the beginning of June to discuss future projects on Cow Creek.

Cara let the board know that she found out that LCCD requires engineering for all watering facilities which was previously unknown. Elsa and Cara discussed how to handle engineering costs and will make sure to plan accordingly for any future projects.

Cara will follow up with Adams Automotive on getting the cost estimate to replace the stolen catalytic converter.

Minutes: Michael moved to approve the meeting minutes for April 15, 2021. Ron seconded the motion; motion passed.

Financial Report: Michael moved to approve the financial report for April 2021 showing end balances of \$117,849.97 (money market) and \$124,220.28 (checking), and to approve checks numbered 14171 - 14180 and all ACH/EFT transactions from April 16 – May 20, 2021. Total deductions \$12,924.05 and liability \$1,634.17. Ron seconded the motion; motion passed.

New Business:

- Branden discussed BioWest Ag Solutions and the Battalion Pro microbial product that Ann Kennedy developed that inhibits the development of cheatgrass, medusahead and goat grass seed in the soil bank when applied in the winter. Since weed control is part of our long-range plan this may be a good product to investigate further.
- The board reviewed the annual financial report for 2020.

Michael moved to approve the annual financial report for 2020. Ron seconded the motion; motion passed.

- The board reviewed the annual work plan for WSCC FY22.

Michael moved to approve the annual work plan. Ron seconded the motion; motion passed.

- The board reviewed the WSCC 2021-2023 contract.

Michael moved to approve the WSCC contract for the next biennium. Ron seconded the motion; motion passed.

- The board reviewed an amendment to our Ducks Unlimited agreement proposing extending water monitoring for another year with ACD pay an additional \$11,000 for the new year contingent upon approval by ACD after we know what our FY22 budget will be.

**Michael moved to approve the amendment to ACD's agreement with Ducks Unlimited.
Branden seconded the motion; motion passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m. by Curtis Hennings.

Minutes approved by: _____ Date: _____

Minutes prepared by: Cara Hulce Date: 6-17-2021

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2021 at 7:30 pm via Zoom.