



Okanogan Conservation District

1251 S. Second Ave, Room 102

Okanogan, WA 98840

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TO: The Record
SUBJECT: July 2, 2015 Board of Supervisors Meeting
LOCATION: Okanogan Conservation District office, Okanogan, WA
FROM: Kim Simpson, District Treasurer

PRESENT:

Ivan Oberg, District Chair	Leslie Michel, Soil Scientist
Jerry Asmussen, District Vice-Chair	Zach Day, Natural Resource Technician
Albert Roberts, District Auditor	Mindy Widell, Natural Resource Technician
Lorah Super, Supervisor	Amy Martin, Conservation Planner
Geri Oberg, Associate Supervisor	Randy Kelley, Associate Supervisor
Craig Nelson, District Manager	Dale Swedberg, WDFW
Kim Simpson, District Treasurer	Erik Kraner, Public
Terri Williams, Conservation Planner	

Meeting Call to Order: Ivan Oberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Agenda: Staff asked to add Logo Wear to “New Business”. Lorah asked to add a discussion on the Joint Chiefs Initiative to “New Business”. Jerry Asmussen moved to approve the agenda as amended. Lorah Super seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Jerry Asmussen moved to approve the June 2015 minutes. Albert Roberts seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report #746, which covers the checking account activity from June 5, 2015 to July 3, 2015, inclusive was presented for the Board's approval. The following vouchers/checks are approved for payment: Payroll direct withdrawals on 6-17-15 totaling \$12,674.11, payroll direct withdrawals on 7-2-15 totaling \$12,463.20, voucher (check) numbers; 10235 - 10277 totaling \$1,107,451.83, direct withdrawals on 6-9-15 totaling \$4,570.12, on 6-16-15 totaling \$4,373.22, on 6-17-15 totaling \$1,375.00, on 6-17-15 totaling \$166.06, on 6-23-15 totaling \$4,686.94, on 6-24-15 totaling \$510.96, on 6-24-15 totaling \$39.63, on 6-24-15 totaling \$15.10, on 6-24-15 totaling \$34.51, on 6-29-15 totaling \$942.51, on 6-30-15 totaling \$200.00, on 7-3-15 totaling

\$166.06, on 7-3-15 totaling \$1,375.00, transfers to savings of \$3,050.00 and transfers to checking of \$130,000.00. The deposits totaled \$718,688.12, and expenditures totaled \$1,154,094.25. Albert Roberts moved to approve Treasurer's Report #746 as presented. Jerry Asmussen seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Reports:

Albert Roberts – Albert reported that they had their first fires of the season this month. The fires were small, burning a couple of acres, and were quickly put out. He added that the river is lower now than it was at any time last year.

Jerry Asmussen – Jerry reported it is nice to be high in the mountains checking cows these days, because it is much cooler there. Some areas of the north eastern Okanogan County still have plenty of ground water seeping to the surface and some streams have more flow than expected. He reported that the overflow at Bonaparte Lake is still flowing but flows in Bonaparte Creek remain very low.

Lorah Super – Lorah reported that she just returned from the re-enactment of the Battle of Little Bighorn and experienced her first large hail storm while there. She informed that the Emergency Watershed Protection project on her place is done, but added that the number of large trucks has caused major issues with area roads. She said that the weed infestation along Bill Shaw Road remains a significant issue. Lorah will be checking with the Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board on these weed infestations.

She recently attended a conference call with the Forest Health Collaborative, where the group heard from the new Wenatchee National Forest supervisor, who spoke about cooperative working partnerships.

Associate Supervisor Reports:

Randy Kelley – Randy reported that he recently returned from a personal vacation to southern Nevada, visiting communities he once worked in and near.

District Manager and Staff Reports:

Craig Nelson reported that the Carlton Complex Fire was not included in the state budget and so far he has not heard why. He added that the Washington State Conservation Commission would like the District to submit a budget requesting funds to continue assisting fire victims. Mark Clark has requested that Craig attend the upcoming board meeting in Vancouver, Washington to present the budget and its need. Craig add that construction on the current Carlton Complex Fire projects are complete, with the exception of road repair near Lorah Supers property.

Craig informed that the Long Term Recovery group has asked the District about doing a fund raiser, but after discussing the idea with Mike Baden, it was decided that it would not be a wise use of public funds. Craig reported that the Washington Conservation Society would like

conservation districts to become members of their group. He encouraged the board members to fill out the Washington Association of Conservation Districts leadership training survey. **Will ask for letters of support – set up doppler radar.**

Leslie Michel explained that she will need signatures on cost share agreements for her Conservation Innovative Grant (CIG) projects that were approved earlier and would like authorization for Ivan Oberg or Craig Nelson to sign as needed. Jerry Asmussen made a motion to approve and give authority for Ivan Oberg or Craig Nelson to sign the CIG cost share agreements on projects that were already approved. Albert Roberts seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Leslie also informed that she needs a Surface 3 to use when she goes out in the field. Albert Roberts moved to authorize the purchase of a Surface 3 and two year accident protection plan in the amount of \$850.00. Jerry Asmussen seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Terri Williams reported on her work putting together projects for the Category 3 projects. One of the issues we have is the Acord project which is to fix an error in project design. She requested an exception of the normal maximum cost share policy. Lorah Super made a motion for an exception of the normal maximum cost share policy for the Acord project. Jerry Asmussen seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Terri also presented the Category 3 prioritization list and explained process. The board reviewed the projects on the list and made recommendations. Lorah Super moved to approve the Category 3 prioritization lists as modified. Jerry Asmussen seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Contracts & Conservation Plans:

Curtis/Similkameen Implementation Tributary Grant & Engineering Contract –Amy Martin informed the Board that the Tributary Fund has selected our project for funding. The Colville Confederated Tribes Fish and Wildlife Department are funding the majority of the implementation while this grant funds the management of the grant and engineering oversight. Amy and Craig asked the Board for approval of the project and authorization for Ivan to sign the contract. Jerry Asmussen moved to approve and authorize Ivan Oberg to sign the contract. Lorah Super seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):

Sarah Troutman-Zahn – Sarah wasn't able to attend due to illness. Kim handed out a copy of Sarah's written report.

Agency Reports:

Dale Swedberg, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) – Dale informed the board about some projects that will be funded in the area. He also reported that he attended the

Washington Butterfly Annual Conference in Okanogan where around 60 attendees spotted 77 different species.

Public Report:

There were no public comments.

Old Business

July/August Monthly Plan – Kim Simpson reminded everyone that the Okanogan County Fair work schedule would be out for the next board meeting. She also added that it was time to start thinking about Washington Association of Conservation District (WACD) resolutions.

Other Old Business – There was no other old business.

New Business

WACD Annual Dues – Kim Simpson presented the dues statement from WACD. Lorah Super moved to authorize to pay the WACD dues in the amount of \$5,040. Albert Roberts seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Authorization to Submit WSCC Grant Addendums – Craig Nelson explained that WSCC grant addendums would need to be submitted very soon. He requested authorization to sign the addendums, once they were complete. Albert Roberts moved to authorize Craig Nelson to sign the WSCC grant addendums when they were ready. Lorah Super seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Logo Wear – Kirsten Cook presented options of clothing that is available to have the District logo imprinted. Jerry Asmussen moved to approve a logo clothing stipend of up to \$100 per year for all staff that have been with the district for six months or more, and up to \$130 per year for the District Manager and Outreach Coordinator. Albert Roberts seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Car decals were also discussed, but staff were advised to research the requirements before making a decision.

Joint Chiefs Landscape Partnership Initiative – Lorah Super reported that this program provided around \$4 million to the Colville National Forest and adjacent lands through the Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. They are looking to apply for funding to implement projects around the Lost Driveway community near Mazama and the Upper and Middle Twisp River Watershed. The application is due in the fall.

Ivan Oberg **adjourned** the meeting at 7:43 PM.

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