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TO: The Record
SUBJECT: August 2, 2012 Board of Supervisors Meeting
LOCATION: USDA Service Center, Okanogan, WA
FROM: Kim Simpson, District Treasurer

PRESENT:

Ivan Oberg, Chair
Lorah Super, Member
Kim Simpson, District Treasurer
Gerri Oberg, Associate Supervisor
Randy Kelly, NRCS
Luke Cerise, NRCS
Adèle Feix, Public

Albert Roberts, District Auditor
Wes Hover, Member
Craig Nelson, District Manager
Bob Clark, Technical Coordinator
Terri Williams, Conservation Planner
Leslie Michel, Conservation Planner

Regular Meeting Call To Order: Ivan Oberg called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Agenda: The agenda was presented. Big Valley Irrigation Efficiencies project was added to “Review, approve and sign contracts and conservation plans”, and Title III grant application was added to “New Business”. Albert Roberts moved to approve the agenda as presented. Lorah Super seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Ivan Oberg asked for comments on the **July 5, 2012 minutes**. Albert Roberts moved to approve the July 5, 2012 minutes. Lorah Super seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report #711, which covers the checking account activity for July 6, 2012 to August 3, 2012, inclusive was presented for the Board's approval. The following vouchers/checks are approved for payment:

Payroll direct withdrawals; on 7-18-2012 totaling \$6,876.89,
Payroll direct withdrawals; on 8-3-2012 totaling \$8,023.48,
Voucher (check) numbers; 9613 to 9621 totaling \$18,540.64,
Direct withdrawals on 7-6-12 totaling \$2,234.98, on 7-10-12 totaling \$2,472.43, on 7-17-12 totaling \$11.04, on 7-18-12 totaling \$189.56, on 7-19-12 totaling \$160.00, on 7-24-12 totaling \$2,126.95, on 7-25-12 totaling \$752.72, on 7-25-12 totaling \$3,054.38, on 7-25-12 totaling \$34.19, on 7-25-12 totaling \$436.83, on 7-30-12 totaling \$1,088.01 on 7-30-12 totaling

\$1,195.29, on 7-30-12 totaling \$148.89, on 7-31-12 totaling \$126.92, on 8-2-12 totaling \$12.60, on 8-2-12 totaling \$2,454.85, on 8-3-12 totaling \$189.56 and on 7-11-72 a transfer of \$300.00 to the savings account. The deposits totaled \$55,545.72 and expenditures totaled \$50,130.21. Albert Roberts moved to approve Treasurer's Report #711 as presented. Wes Hover seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ivan Oberg asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

Supervisor Reports: Wes Hover reported that haying is in full production. He stated that they are two weeks late this year due to **spring rains**. It has actually helped because of severe weather in the basin helping to keep demand up.

Lorah Super reported that she found an advertisement in a local paper that a pulp and paper company from Georgia is looking for someone to work with them on establishing a **pulp and paper processing facility** in the greater Northwest area including British Columbia. She received notice from DNR that they will be beginning work in the **French Creek drainage**. She also reported that she attempted to participate in a recent teleconference with the **BPA Save Water Save Energy** administrative committee meeting without success due to technical difficulties.

Albert Roberts reported that he has been very busy with haying. He received only minimal damage from recent storms. WACD has learned that there is discussion within the legislature of **rolling up all junior taxing and special purpose districts** and putting them under the authority of County Commissioners for the purpose of collecting and dispersing collected taxes and assessments.

Ivan Oberg reported that he has a **painted bunting (bird)** that showed up in **Siwash Creek**. The bird is native to Texas and Oklahoma and many folks in the area turned up to take photos and observe the bird. Folks were there for about two weeks to get a picture of the bird.

Associate Supervisor Reports: There were no associate supervisor reports.

District Manager's Report:

Craig Nelson informed the board that the Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) is rearranging its committee structure and is forming **Natural Resources and District Operations Committees**. They are looking for supervisors to take part in these committees. Contact Dave Vogel if you are interested in participating. The committee members will be named at the September WACD officers and directors meeting. WACD sent out a request for Districts to work on **sponsorships for the annual meeting** in December. Craig reminded the board that it is time to be thinking about **resolutions for the WACD Annual meeting** and to be ready to present their ideas during the September and/or October board meetings since the area meetings will soon be upon us. Craig also informed the board that the Washington State Conservation Commission is putting together a **committee to address the problem of the way grant funds are appropriated**. The purpose of this committee is to develop an appropriation

formula that will better distribute the funds. Mark Clark, WSCC Executive Director, has asked Craig to be on the committee.

Contracts & Conservation Plans

Okanogan River Screens – Bob Clark indicated that he does not have the contracts fully prepared as yet due to a hang up with cultural resources evaluation. All other permits for these screens and the remainder of the screens in the Okanogan River Watershed have been obtained through a programmatic approach for the next five years. Bob explained the conversation he and Craig Nelson had with cultural resource folks and the frustration they are having getting them to understand the minimal disturbance this project proposes. Bob asked for **Board authorization for Board Chair Ivan Oberg to sign the landowner cost-share agreements** when full details of the contract are finalized in the next couple of weeks. Lorah Super moved to authorize the Chair, Ivan Oberg, to sign the landowner cost-share contracts for the 14 current projects, when the contracts are finished. Albert Roberts seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Bob presented the **Big Valley Irrigation Efficiencies** project that is being funded by the Office of Columbia River Program. The project will achieve greater irrigation efficiency through a new pivot and the project will actually put one of the **water rights for the agricultural operations on site into trust that can be appropriated by the Department of Ecology to the Town of Twisp**. Full agricultural operations will be maintained with following implementation of the project. Bob is seeking pre-approval by the Board for the Chair to sign the contract when it is ready and signed by the landowner. The **total contract for Irrigation Efficiencies funding is currently projected at \$42,800**. Albert Roberts made a motion to approve this contract and authorize Ivan to sign the contract when it is ready. Wes Hover seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Terri Williams presented four landowner conservation plans and applications for cost-share. Wes Hover moved to approve cost share funding from the Washington State Conservation Commission grant #13-19-C2-2 (Implementation) grant of \$4,695 to **Timmerman** for fencing and pipeline, and \$10,305 to **Acord** for fencing and pipeline. Albert Roberts seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Natural Resources Conservation Services:

Randy Kelley reported that the **Farm Bill** had been moving along well in Congress but it has recently stopped movement due to the House taking summer leave. Right now they are looking at an 8.5% overall budget cut for the next fiscal year. NRCS will be allowed to back fill current vacancies, but no new positions will be created. NRCS has been extremely busy in North Central Washington with the **Sage Grouse Initiative and Conservation Reserve Program** activities.

Agency Reports:

No agency reports.

Old Business

MRSC Small Works Roster - The resolution to authorize the District to contract with the Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington and use their online small works roster was presented to the board. With approval of the resolution and fee paid to MRSC the District may use a small works roster for contracting small public works project. District staff believe this will help ease implementation of projects that in particular are repetitive in nature such as the fish screening program. Lorah Super moved to approve Resolution 2012 – 03 MRSC Small Works Roster. Wes Hover seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ivan Oberg invited **Leslie Michel** and **Luke Cerise** to introduce themselves and give a little personal background.

Office space options Craig Nelson began some preliminary research on office space options for the District, but decided he needed to confirm what the board's parameters were for the space. The board suggested checking into what is available for purchasing and renting, and to consider choices that may allow NRCS to move in and also other entrepreneurial factors.

Election Administrator – After some discussion it was decided that Kim Simpson would be the most appropriate choice for the Okanogan Conservation District **Election Administrator**. Albert Roberts moved to appoint Kim Simpson as the Okanogan CD Election Administrator. Wes Hover seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2012-01 regarding **Water Rights Transfer** was presented to the board. District staff noted that this resolution has been vetted by several folks in our office and at the Washington State Conservation Commission. Conservation Commission staff are not aware of any other CDs with similar resolutions however they suggested that if our Board chose to do so this may be a resolution of interest to WACD. Craig Nelson stated that the Okanogan County Commissioners had asked him if the District had a policy statement regarding out of basin transfers which this resolution will cover. Craig also noted that this resolution fits with the goals and recommendations of the Okanogan Watershed Plan. Albert Roberts moved to approve Resolution 2012-01. Lorah Super seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Task List

July 2012 Task List

- #13 Write a white paper and draft a litter from the District regarding water rights being transferred out of a watershed. – Completed – remove from the list.
- #16 Consider having a representative from the Board for a Save Water Save Energy state oversight committee. Remove from the list.
- #17 Submit the Competitive Efficiencies grant due July 10, 2012. – Application was submitted, remove from the list.
- #20 Appoint a new election administrator – Task completed, remove from the list.

Public Comments: No public comments were given.

New Business

Credit Card Services – Kirsten Cook explained the need to have a **credit card service** for the purpose of taking plant sale orders. Staff believes that providing the opportunity to use credit cards for plant sale purchases will increase sales. Wes Hover moved to authorize staff to proceed with securing a credit card processing service option that best meets the needs of the District. Lorah Super seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

2013 Save Water Save Energy request for proposal. - Bob Clark explained that the South Central RC&D has requested grant proposals from program participants for calendar year 2013. Lorah Super moved to approve staff to develop and submit a proposal to continue the Save Water Save Energy program for Okanogan County. Wes Hover seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Title III grant application. Kirsten Cook explained the opportunity to apply for up to about \$28,000 for conducting Firewise education programs in Okanogan County. The grant applications are due now and work can be conducted over the next year or two. District staff intend to use the grant funding (if approved) to conduct Firewise education and site assessment work throughout Okanogan County but targeting communities identified in the Okanogan County All Hazards Plan as at high risk. Lorah Super moved to approve submitting a Title III application to conduct Firewise education and site risk assessments. Albert Roberts seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ivan Oberg **adjourned** the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Summary of Motions

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