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TO: The Record
SUBJECT: November 6, 2014 Board of Supervisors Meeting
LOCATION: Okanogan Conservation District office, Okanogan, WA
FROM: Kim Simpson, District Treasurer

PRESENT:

Ivan Oberg, Chair	Terri Williams, Conservation Planner
Lorah Super, Member	Leslie Michel, Conservation Planner
Steve Colvin, Member	Nancy Nash-Mendez, Special Projects Coord.
Craig Nelson, District Manager	Gerri Oberg, Associate Supervisor
Kim Simpson, District Treasurer	Bill Eller, WSCC
Bob Clark, Technical Coordinator	Dale Swedberg, WDFW
Kirsten Cook, Conservation Educator	

Meeting Call to Order: Ivan Oberg called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Agenda: Staff asked to add a letter to Governor Inslee regarding Washington State Conservation Commission's budget to new business, along with approval for Gerri Oberg to have voting rights at the Washington Association of Conservation District's (WACD) annual meeting in December 2014. Steve moved to approve the agenda as amended. Lorah Super seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Ivan Oberg asked that the city he visited in Oregon be changed to Lincoln City. Steve moved to approve the minutes as amended. Lorah Super seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report #738, which covers the checking account activity for October 8, 2014 to November 6, 2014, inclusive was presented for the Board's approval. The following vouchers/checks are approved for payment: Payroll direct withdrawals on 10-16-14 totaling \$7,809.62, payroll direct withdrawals on 11-3-14 totaling \$8,401.62, voucher (check) numbers; 10076 - 10095 totaling \$99,374.76, direct withdrawals on 10-15-14 totaling \$3,371.04, on 10-16-14 totaling \$23.90, on 10-16-14 totaling \$0.20, on 10-17-14 totaling \$164.56, on 10-17-14 totaling \$980.00, on 10-21-14 totaling \$2,942.44, on 10-21-14 totaling \$635.85, on 10-21-14 totaling \$9.88, on 10-21-14 totaling \$13.55, on 10-21-14 totaling \$459.21, on 10-21-14 totaling

\$352.28, on 10-21-14 totaling 5.00, on 10-30-14 totaling \$2,186.48, on 10-30-14 totaling \$1,662.23, on 10-30-14 totaling \$211.17, on 10-31-14 totaling \$32.12, on 11-5-14 totaling \$980.00, on 11-5-14 totaling \$164.56, on 11-6-14 totaling \$3,082.44 and transfers to savings of \$1,945.00. The deposits totaled \$136,658.78, and expenditures totaled \$151,016.15. Lorah Super moved to approve Treasurer's Report #738 as presented. Steve Colvin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Reports:

Steve Colvin – Steve reported that the harvest is over and they are working on pressing. The Slow Food banquet went very well with about 80 people in attendance. There are plans for an Okanogan Land Trust meeting with around 60 people on November 16, 2014.

Lorah Super – Lorah offered to help with e-cycling some of the District's surplus electronics that were not sold during our surplus sale. She reported that she has chosen to not attend the WACD Annual meeting this year, so she can attend the North Central Washington Forest Health Collaborative meeting. She noted that the organization really appreciates the district's participation. Lorah also plans to attend the WACD Natural Resources Committee teleconference to discuss resolutions and find out what options there are, to fill her absence during the annual meeting. Lorah reported that they are racing against the clock, to put up their greenhouse before the snow arrives. She informed that Bill Shaw road is starting to green up after the fire, but the green is actually a mess of serious weeds.

Associate Supervisor Reports:

There were no Associate Supervisors present at the meeting.

District Manager and Staff Reports:

Craig Nelson reported that things still have not settled down from the Carlton Complex Fire and that he just spent two hours with reporters interviewing him regarding the fire assistance. He noted that the district, along with the help of other conservation districts, have completed 178 site visits in the past nine weeks. Craig also reported that the work on the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) continues and they hope to eventually get something put on the ground, but it seems the whole program needs to be evaluated and changes made. The drop dead date for applications to EWP is tomorrow, November 7, 2014.

Craig informed that the Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) has offered the district \$30,000 to assist with the seeding some of the burned areas of the Carlton Complex fire. Aerial seeding costs around \$130 acre, so the money would help, but will not even come close to what is actually needed. He will be working on finding a way to accomplish the seeding, but it may be too late in season at this time.

Craig received a request to attend a budget meeting in Olympia and he plans to attend, since those who show up to these meetings usually get funded. The district's request of \$1,000,000 from now through June 20, 2015 and \$3,000,000 for the next biennium, far exceeds any of the other agency requests.

Craig introduced, the district's new employee, Nancy Nash-Mendez, who will be working on grant writing, translating brochures, developing plans for the 75th celebration next year and assisting Bob Clark and Terri Williams with work on the Carlton Complex fire site visits and EWP.

Craig informed that he submitted a job application to the WSCC for the position of the Eastern Washington Regional Manager.

Bob Clark reported that he is close to contracting the first batch of EWP projects and that the seconded batch should follow relatively close to the first, but it is a race against the weather.

Terri Williams reported that the Curtis-Similkameen RM 3.8 Design project is almost complete. She added that the Integrated Aquatic Weed Management Plan survey is about finished along with the management plan, which will be used for the next Washington Department of Ecology grant application cycle.

Kirsten Cook reported that she attended the Washington Science Teachers Association in Spokane where Okanogan High School Teacher, Kathy Ferguson received an award. She said that the educators in attendance were very interested in the Ecology of the Okanogan program. Kirsten continues to be busy with Firewise assessments and she stated that a Firewise demo is almost ready to go and it will be used as part of a workshop. Nancy Nash-Mendez and Kirsten shared a schedule of events that they put together for the coming year to promote the District's 75 anniversary. The idea is to show off the District's outstanding accomplishments and let the public know all the things we do for the county. Kirsten reported that Stephanie Clark's design class is working on a logo and that she hopes to get the results soon.

Contracts & Conservation Plans – There were no conservation plans or contracts

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): There was no representative for the NRCS.

Agency Reports:

Dale Swedberg – Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife – Dale reported that he and his new manager Sherry Furnari continue to spend most of their time working with FEMA and on the Carlton Complex Fire issues. He added that there are still plans to do grass seeding in the fall.

Bill Eller – Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) – Bill reported that he continues to spend considerable time assisting with EWP. He reminded the Board of Supervisors about the requirement for annual training and certification regarding the open public meetings act for all District Supervisors and Public Records Officers. Each Supervisor and Public Records Officer is required to complete the training by watching two (20 minute) videos and then submit the certification upon completion of the training. He also reminded the District that all ranked projects to be considered in the upcoming budget must be entered into the Conservation Practice Data System (CPDS) by November 10, 2014.

Public Report:

There was no public present.

Old Business

WACD NCW Area Meeting Update – Craig Nelson gave an update on the WACD area meeting, reporting that two of the resolutions that the Okanogan Conservation District (OCD) submitted passed. He also shared the news that WSCC presented a special award to the OCD staff and supervisors during the meeting, in appreciation of their valuable leadership and dedication to the citizens of the Okanogan County during the Carlton Complex fire response.

November/December Monthly Plan – Kim Simpson noted that the next meeting will be on a Tuesday, December 9, 2014, instead of the usual Thursday. Kirsten Cook informed that she is looking for photos for the 2015 calendar.

Other – There was no other old business.

New Business

Supervisor Election – Kim Simpson explained that it was necessary to approve a resolution establishing election dates and times. It was determined that Albert Roberts is up for election and no one would be up for appointment in 2015. Steve Colvin moved to approve Resolution #2014-05, setting the election date for February 12, 2015, at the USDA Building, 1251 2nd Avenue South from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The candidate filing deadline is set for January 15, 2015 by 1:00 PM and the last day to request an absentee ballot is set January 22, 2015 by 2:00 PM. Lorah Super seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Set 2015 Supervisor Board Meeting Dates – After discussion, it was decided to hold all board meetings, with the exception of the January and December meetings, on the first Thursday of each month. The January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 and the December meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. Meetings in the months of April through October will begin at 6:00 PM and meetings for February, March, November and December will begin at 5:00 PM, except as may be temporarily amended by the board of Supervisors. Steve Colvin moved to approve Resolution 2014 – 06, Setting Board Meeting Dates and Times. Lorah Super seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Thank You Letters – Craig Nelson stated that he felt the need to write special thank you letters to each conservation district and their staff who assisted with the Carlton Complex fire assistance and the Board of Supervisors agreed.

WACD Voting Rights – Craig Nelson informed that the WACD bylaws allow districts to give an associated supervisor full voting rights and act as a full voting member during the WACD annual meeting. Lorah Super moved to give associate supervisor, Gerri Oberg, full voting rights

during the WACD annual meeting. Steve Colvin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Letter to the Governor – Craig Nelson presented a letter to the Governor of the State of Washington that he drafted, regarding maintenance level funding for Conservation Districts and the proposed 15% reduction in funding. After discussion, Lorah Super moved to approve sending the letter to the Governor of the State of Washington as amended. Steve Colvin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Other – There was no other new business.
Ivan Oberg **adjourned** the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Summary of Motions

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Ivan Oberg, Chair

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