Ferry Conservation District
Board Meeting
USDA Conference Room
January 23, 2019

Supervisors Present
Eric Bracken, Chair
Charlotte Coombes, Auditor
Scott Palmer, Supervisor

Others Present
Lloyd Odell, Staff
Bill Chamberlin, Staff
Patrice Beckwith, NRCS
Candy Lammon, Staff
Mike Baden, WSCC Regional Manager

CALLTO ORDER:
Chair Eric Bracken, called the meeting to order5:33 pm

- **AGENDA REVIEW:**

- **Consent Agenda:** Charlotte Coombes moved to approve the consent agenda, Scott Palmer, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Meeting Minutes:** Charlotte Coombes moved to approve the Meeting minutes for December 12, 2018, Scott Palmer, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Treasure's Report and Accounts Payable**: Charlotte Coombes moved to approve the Treasure's Report and Accounts Payable for the month of December 2018, Scott Palmer seconded. Motion carried.
- **Warrants and EFT's paid:** Charlotte Coombes moved to approve warrants 2341-2367, in the total amount of $20,580.20 for the months of Dec/Jan and EFT's of $4,329.85 for the month of December 2018/January 2019, Scott Palmer, seconded. Motion carried.
- **Supervisor's Reports:**
  - Eric Bracken; None
  - Charlotte Coombes, None.
  - Dave Konz, None.
  - Scott Palmer, None.
- **Executive Session:** None.
- **GUEST REPORTS:**
  - **Patrice Beckwith, USDA-NRCS;** *Agriculture & Improvement Act of 2018, signed December 20, 2018. At $867 billion, reauthorizes EQIP. Permanent funding for veteran & minority farmers. CSP program preserved. Legalizes production of Hemp. Provides permanent funding for promotion local farmers markets, research funds for organic farming, & organizations working to train the next generation of farmers. *EQIP-2019, not able to obligate funding during shutdown. Statewide, round 1 closed. NRCS continues to plan & prepare contracts. Accepting applications for next funding round February 15, & April 19. EQIP-2018, NE team, 19 applications for $1,554,497 on 2,038 acres. 1 energy CAP for $5,944 on 2,692 acres. *CSP, all payments made for 2018 activities. 2018 renewals, Ferry County 2 Ag, 2 forestry. 2019 no renewals. *April 4th Local work Group meeting. Patrice will

be retiring March 29th. Please let Roylene know that Ferry County needs a NRCS staff member in the Republic office.

- **Mike Baden, Regional Manager;** * January 18th last day for Mark Clark "retiring". Interim director Kirk Robinson beginning January 22nd. Narrowing down list for replacement. *Ron Shultz out for medical. A team is working on the legislation session. Hired an assistant for the policy position. Need a Puget Sound Regional manager. *Districts election is on track. Make sure we receive 25+ signatures by deadline of February 27th. Appreciated the discussion on the next steps for hiring a District manager and attention to transparency. * Open government training, Dave Konz still needs to finish, will let him know. * Annual report due at end of May. *Long Range plan expires in 2020. Stu would be happy to assist in the facilitation of the new plan. *Implementation grant committee, proposed allocation system for future IM grants. *Mike will be on leave through February 11th, contact Ray Ledgerwood during his absence.

- **District Manager Report: Lloyd Odell,** * District has been asked to sponsor two bridge projects under the (3F2P) on RCO grant. Need to pass a resolution to request funding to assist the land owners. *NRI projects, we have two projects to replace the project that fell through. Both projects are on the Kettle River. They are both for fencing. Bill will work with the Commission on how to proceed. * District without Boundaries Task Group, meeting tomorrow to discuss ways to approach Dept of Ecology to effectively meet the NE Area's needs. *Spring Conservation Fair, Bill is taking the lead on this since Lloyd & Patrice are retiring. Bill has volunteers in place. * WACD Legislative days in Olympia this coming Monday, if anyone should wish to go please contact Candy.
- **Old Business:**
  - Charlotte Coombes made a motion to sign WDFW contract to allow hunting on District property with permission only with signs. Scott Palmer seconded.
  - Open Govt. training, Charlotte done as of 1/23/19, will let Dave Konz know that he needs to finish his training.
- **Cost-Share agreements Approvals:** NRI projects
  - Kevin Dalbalcon, NRI grant is fencing, to not to exceed the amount of $10,000. Charlotte Coombes made a motion for approval, Scott Palmer seconded.
  - Steve/Bowe Brown, NRI grant isfencing to not to exceed the amount of $10,000. Charlotte Coombes made a motion for approval, Scott Palmer seconded.

- **New Business:** 1) Passed motion to ask for funding for the RCO applicants, John Wisemantle & Rick Stover for the Family Forest Fish Passage Program.

  2) Handout to Supervisor on CAPP rules, so they can review them.
- **Public Comment:** None.
- **Summary of Motions/Agreements/Resolution.**
  - Motion to approve Consent Agenda. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Scott Palmer seconded. Motion approved.
  - Motion to approve Meeting Minutes from December 12, 2018. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Scott Palmer seconded. Motion approved.
  - Motion to approve Treasure report and Accounts Payable for December 2018. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Scott Palmer seconded. Motion approved.
  - Motion to approve Warrants and EFT's for December 2018/January 2019. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Scott Palmer seconded. Motion approved.

- Motion to sign Wildlife Program Cooperative Contract for Public access with WDFW. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Scott Palmer seconded. Motion approved.
- Motion to approve Cost-share with Kevin Dalbalcon for fencing on NRI grant. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Scott Palmer seconded. Motion approved.
- Motion to approve Cost-share with Steve/Bowe Brown for fencing on NRI grant. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval. Scott Palmer seconded. Motion approved.
- Motion to ask for funding on the RCO applicants, for John Wisemantle & Rick Stover. Charlotte Coombes moved for approval, Scott Palmer seconded. Motion approved.

➢ **Chair Eric Bracken adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm**

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Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted this 27th of February 2019

APPROVED

Candy Lammon, FCD Staff

Board Supervisor