

**SPOKANE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
4422 E 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Spokane Valley, WA 99212  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday, November 9, 2021

**Attendees**

**Supervisors:** Chair Jerry Scheele, Tom Miller, Wendy Knopp, Jaki Shrauger, Randy James

**Associate Supervisors:** Chris Mahelona

**SCD Staff:** Vicki Carter, Cori Turntine, Barry Tee, Hilary Sepulveda, Lindsay Chutas

**Guests:** Mike Baden

**Opening of Meeting**

The meeting was a hybrid of on-site and remote attendees using the Microsoft Teams app to connect the participants.

Chair Scheele called the meeting to order at 4:03 and opened the meeting by recounting the history and significance of Veteran's Day.

Carter summarized the district's Veteran's Day events. Carter will be presenting at the Freeman Highschool Veteran's Day assembly on November 10<sup>th</sup>. On November 11<sup>th</sup> Maggie Meyer, Ty Meyer's daughter has organized a fundraiser Fun Run for Vets on the Farm in her hometown community, Colton, WA. The fun run starts at 10am and will be followed by a BBQ lunch at Red Barn Farms. Additionally, Carter will be attending the annual Farmer Veteran Coalition meeting in Tacoma, WA on December 10<sup>th</sup> where she will be showing a screening of Ground Operations with Producer/Director Dulanie Ellis. Carter reminisced with Miller on the initial screening of the film they attended seven years prior. This screening created the passion and commitment for Carter and Knopp to develop the Vets on the Farm program.

Scheele then recognized all veterans in the room and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes/Treasurer's Report**

**Acceptance of Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda was previously distributed. The Board accepted the Consent Agenda items consisting of:

- November 9, 2021, Board Agenda
- October 12, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- October 2021 Treasurer's Report
- November 2021 Payables Report

**Motion Shrauger/Miller to accept the Consent Agenda, including the November Payables Report in the amount of \$710,174.17. Motion carried.**

Shrauger didn't verify the financial accounts balanced with the statements before the meeting. Therefore, this will be moved to the December board meeting.

**Governance Culture**

**WSCC Update**

Baden presented an update on the WSCC activity. He reminded the board that Carol Smith retired in October and announced that Kirk Robinson has been appointed as Interim Director. WSCC is currently vetting applicants. He informed the board that districts will be able to provide feedback on the top three candidates. Baden will provide updates as more develops.

Baden reminded the board that WSCC has approved four slated recommendations on the election process. These options will be taken forward to the WACD meeting in November for approval. Once approved WACD will start working with legislators to determine process and timeline as each recommendation requires a modification to RCW 89.08. Carter provided an update on the 2022 election. Shrauger and Scheele's terms expire in 2022.

WSCC will be sending an update out to CDs soon on COVID. An emergency ruling was just released by LNI allowing LNI to investigate complaints and issue fines to organizations.

Baden thanked SCD for hosting the NASCA tour. He has received lots of really good feedback on the conservation focus of the tour. He also thanked SCD for the assistance provided to WSCC with the Hazard Mitigation trainings.

At the NE Area Annual Meeting SCD was awarded the Conservation District of the Year award Chairman Scheele received a special recognition award. Since the NE Area meeting was virtual Baden gave SCD and Scheele the official awards and read the award letters for those who were not in attendance.

### **Financial Update**

Turntine reviewed the budget position with no substantial changes from the previous month. The budget position is still showing a deficit; however, voucher payments and the November Rates and Charges deposit will significantly improve the position.

The second draft of the 2022 budget was presented. The second version updates to the 2022 budget focused on grant and program activity. Turntine used a very conservative approach, only budgeting for those grant and contract activities that are under contract.

Turntine presented the WSCC Livestock grant addendum for fiscal year 2022 in the amount of \$20,000.  
**Knopp/Shrauger – motion to approve the 22-40-LT Livestock Addendum for \$20,000. Motion Carried**

### **Staff Reports**

Chutas gave an update on the delays related to the Honeymoon Bay feasibility study. The WR crew has also been planting at the Hanson project over the last couple weeks to help finish up this project while the weather allows. Additionally, there are lots of VSP meetings coming up focusing on establishing and building relationships and updating the work group.

Sepulveda gave an update on the Rocks to Roots podcast. There are two episodes remaining for the season. The fourth season will start back up at the beginning of the year. Sepulveda has received several requests from individuals are interested in being on an episode in the fourth season. She then reported on the 2021 Farm and Food Symposium. Our final registration count was 175 with 11 virtual attendees. The entire Regenerative Ag track was recorded and will be available for all attendees and will be made available for sale for anyone who missed the conference. Sepulveda proudly reported that she was very

pleased with this year's conference and that she has received a lot of very positive feedback. Chutas added that this year's conference was a professional level conference rather than outreach event that we have put on in the past. Carter congratulated Sepulveda on her hard work and dedication to making this year's conference a huge success. She reported to the Board that there were discussions and concerns about the future of this conference but after this year we are going to continue forward.

#### **Director's Report**

Carter announced that the Annual WACD conference is virtual again this year. It started on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and there will be weekly sessions throughout the month with the business meeting scheduled for November 30<sup>th</sup>. Carter encouraged all Supervisors to attend the sessions and business meeting.

Carter then reported that she has continued to work on the building lease with Intrinium and gave a brief update of the construction. We have been very fortunate that this project has not required the level of excavation as our office building required.

#### **Reading of the Motions**

Turntine read the motions.

**Motion Shrauger/Miller to accept the consent agenda. Motion Carried**

**Motion Knopp/Shrauger to approve the 22-40-LT Livestock Addendum for \$20,000. Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cori Turntine

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**Gerald A Scheele, Chair**

**Jaki Shrauger, Member**