

GRAYS HARBOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES – January 15, 2016 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: 330 PIONEER AVENUE WEST

MONTESANO, WA 98563

The Grays Harbor Conservation District (GHCD) meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Carl Waara. Grays Harbor Conservation District Supervisors in attendance were Steve Hallstrom; Vice-Chair, Gary Waltenburg; Auditor, Janet Strong and Brady Engvall. PCD/GHCD Staff members present included Mike Nordin; District Manager, Megan Martin Aust; Agriculture Planner, David Houk; Service Forester, Jim Getchman; CREP Technician, and Janice Wetterauer; Administrative Assistant. Partners in attendance were Stu Trefry; WSCC, Stephanie Zurenko; DOE, and Susan Hoey Lees; NRCS. Also in attendance were Michelle Cramer; WDFW, Doris Small; WDFW, and Terry Willis; Local Citizen.

MOTION(S) The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the December regular Board Meeting minutes. Steve Hallstrom made a motion to accept the December 18, 2015 meeting minutes and a second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the January 15, 2016 financial report. A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to accept the January 15, 2016 financial report and was seconded by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the January 15, 2016 financial statement. Gary Waltenburg moved to pay check # 7101-7115, and 5 EFTs for a total of \$62,953.97. A second was made by Carl Waara. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed approval of a vacuum cleaner purchase. A motion was made by Janet Strong to approve the purchase of a vacuum cleaner and was seconded by Steve Hallstrom. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed approval to begin the hiring process for a new CD employee. A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to start the hiring process that hiring is contingent on funds being available. Brady Engvall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed approval of landowner agreements. A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to approve the landowner agreements for Patrick O'Hagan. A second was made by Carl Waara. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed approval of a landowner agreement. A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to approve the landowner agreement for Carl Warra. A second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote, Carl Waara recused from vote.

NRCS REPORT

Susan Hoey-Lees reported there has been 106 applications for FY16 funding. Susan reported that NRCS is still working on eligibility issues within the system. Susan reported that Nick Somero has retired from the South Bend office. Susan reported a Program Assistance position at the Chehalis office will be posted soon. Susan reported the vacant position at the Montesano office is in the process of being filled.

Vehicle REPORT

Jim Getchman reported that the Chevrolet Equinox is running well and reports no issues. David Houk reported the Chevrolet P/U is running well with no issues.

Projects REPORT

David Houk reported on forestry work for the previous month. Dave reported that a landowner is in the process of a harvest plan set for the summer of 2016 as a result of a management plan written by Dave. Dave reported that he performed a Forest Management Planning presentation to students at Grays Harbor College. Dave reported on one Tree Farm System certification. Dave reported on a WA Tree Farm Program committee meeting. Dave reported he will be presenting on computer mapping and GPS at a WFFA meeting. Dave reported working on one forest management plan in GH, and one plan in Pacific Co. Dave reported he will begin attending meetings for the Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee. Dave reported he will begin a forest management plan in Lewis Co.

Jim Getchman reported being in the beginning stages of a new CREP project along the Wishkah River. Jim reported meeting with a landowner for CREP re-enrollment. Jim reported on a site visit to inspect a CREP project. Jim reported working with cranberry growers in Grayland. Jim reported on attending a CREP training seminar. Jim reported on working on a GIS map project.

Megan Martin-Aust reported on completing a nutrient management plan. Megan reported on beginning a new nutrient management plan. Megan reported on continuing soil samples for various farms. Megan reported on the VSP meeting. Megan reported on a CREP training seminar.

Mike Nordin reported on the MRC. Mike reported on attending a meeting on the Shellfish Initiative Phase II. Mike reported that the Greed Diamond South Wye Creek project is complete, and will need a site inspection with RCO to close the project. Mike reported on the Satsop project. Mike reported on the WA Coast Restoration Initiative projects. Mike reported on options for the WADE Conference that is set for June of 2016. Mike reported on a meeting with Chehalis Basin Flood Authority. Mike reported on a meeting with FORTERRA that discussed a riverfront project between the Wishkah and Hoquiam Rivers. Mike reported on a VSP meeting.

Stu Trefry reported on a conference call regarding task orders. Stu reported the commission meets on 1/21 in Kitsap Co. Stu reported the next Long Range Planning Meeting will be held on January 20, 2016 at 9:00 am at the GH district office.

Stephanie Zurenko reported no new news from DOE.

DISCUSSION

A discussion was held in regards to the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority/Lower Satsop River Habitat Restoration Project. Michelle Cramer (WDFW) and Doris Small (WDFW) presented the project to the board asking the district to become partners in the project. The board decided to proceed with a partnership to become involved in the Lower Satsop River Habitat Restoration Project.

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of the GHCD to take over for Grays Harbor County and take part in the MRC. No formal decision was made at this time.

A discussion was held regarding the purchase of a vacuum cleaner for the Montesano office. The board decided to approve purchase of a new vacuum cleaner for the Montesano office.

A discussion was held regarding funding that would allow Lonnie Crumley to repair and reinforce a portion of the Delezene Project damaged by high water. The board decided to allow funding to Lonnie Crumley.

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of GHCD becoming the sponsor for a riverfront project with FORTERRA. No formal decision was made at this time.

A discussion was held regarding RCO requiring an individual who can officially sign for projects. The board decided to allow Mike Nordin to be an official signature person.

A discussion was held regarding a contract renewal between GHCD and Lonnie Crumley of Streamworks LLC. Further discussion will be held during the February board meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the approval of three landowner agreements involving Patrick O'Hagan. Patrick O'Hagan is the manager of three companies. The board decided to approve the landowner agreements.

Carl Waara recused himself at this time.

A discussion was held regarding the approval of a landowner agreement for Carl Waara. The board decided to approve signing the landowner agreement.

MOTION(S) SUMMARY.

Motion #1: Steve Hallstrom made a motion to accept the December 18, 2015 meeting minutes and a second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #2: A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to accept the January 15, 2016 financial report and Gary Waltenburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #3: Gary Waltenburg moved to pay check #7101-7115, and 5 EFTs for a total of \$62,953.97. Carl Waara seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #4: A motion was made by Janet Strong to approve purchase of a vacuum cleaner. Steve Hallstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #5: A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to start the hiring process of a new CD employee that hiring is contingent on funds being available. A second was made by Brady Engvall. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #6: A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to approve landowner agreements for Patrick O'Hagan. Carl Waara seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #7: A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to approve a landowner agreement for Carl Waara. Gary Waltenburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

NEXT MEETING 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 19, 2016 at 330 Pioneer Avenue West, Montesano, WA 98563

MEETING ADJOURNED 12:27 p.m.

Mike Nordin, Manager

Chair, Carl Waara