

GRAYS HARBOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES – January 18, 2019 10:00 a.m.

GHCD Office  
330 PIONEER AVENUE WEST  
MONTESANO, WA 98563

---

The Grays Harbor Conservation District (GHCD) meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chair Carl Waara.

Grays Harbor Conservation District Supervisors in attendance were, Carl Waara; Chair, Kyle Deerkop; Vice-Chair, Logan Zepp; Supervisor, and Gary Waltenburg; Auditor.

GHCD Staff members present included Brandon Carman; Project Manager, Anthony Waldrop; Watershed Restoration Specialist, Melissa Gonzales; Financial Administrator, Jim Getchman; Natural Resource/CREP Technician and Mike Nordin; District Manager.

Partners in attendance were Noah Bates; NRCS.

Members of the public in attendance were: Stephen Willis and Bob Falkner.

**MOTION(S)**

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the December 21, 2018 Board Meeting minutes. Logan Zepp made a motion to approve the December 21, 2018 meeting minutes. 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 9, 2019 Board Meeting minutes. Kyle Deerkop made a motion to approve the January 9, 2019 meeting minutes. A second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the Financial Report. Logan Zepp made a motion to approve the Financial Report. A second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the bills. Kyle Deerkop made a motion to pay checks 7546-7558 and EFTs totaling \$39,822.59. A second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. A friendly amendment was passed to change the stated EFT amount to the correct amount of 29,822.59.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed implications of the new Paid Family/Medical Leave Program. Kyle Deerkop made a motion to approve the District paying the employee share of the Paid Family/Medical Leave requirements. A second was made by Logan Zepp. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the \$10,750 Quinby Cost-Share project for crib and cover. Kyle Deerkop made a motion to approve the \$10,750 Quinby Cost-Share for crib and cover. A second was made by Logan Zepp. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **NRCS REPORT**

A written NRCS report was provided. Noah Bates also provided a verbal report with impacts of the federal shutdown on operations.

### **WSCC REPORT**

There was no WSCC report.

### **ECY REPORT**

There was no ECY report.

### **Projects Report**

District employees provided written project reports to Supervisors prior to the board meeting.

District employees gave verbal reports during the board meeting.

### **DISCUSSION**

A discussion was held about using funds to pay for an upcoming facilitation training for staff. The board is not against using funds for this purpose.

The board discussed the Voluntary Stewardship Program letter requesting a cost-share percentage increase for landowners with an Individual Stewardship Plan. Action item: the District will draft a resolution reflecting the letter's language for the Supervisors to review at the next board meeting.

A discussion was held about the potential for Chehalis Basin sediment issues contributing to burrowing shrimp/oyster issues in the Bay.

A discussion was held about the "Seafood Legislative Day". Action item: Mike will get info to Kyle about this day because they still need volunteers.

A discussion was held about building capacity for a new hire.

A discussion was held about the status of the open board member spot. There have been no applicants. Action item: Brandon will re-advertise the position.

A discussion was held about the upcoming Riparian Planning Course.

### **MOTION(S) SUMMARY**

**Motion #1:** Logan Zepp made a motion to approve the December 21, 2018 meeting minutes. A second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Motion #2:** Kyle Deerkop made a motion to approve the January 9, 2019 meeting minutes. A second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Motion #3:** Logan Zepp made a motion to approve the Financial Report. A second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Motion #4:** Kyle Deerkop made a motion to pay checks 7546-7558 and EFTs totaling \$39,822.59. A second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. A friendly amendment was passed to change the stated EFT amount to the correct amount of 29,822.59.

**Motion #5:** Kyle Deerkop made a motion to approve the District paying the employee share of the Paid Family/Medical Leave requirements. A second was made by Logan Zepp. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Motion #6:** Kyle Deerkop made a motion to approve the \$10,750 Quinby Cost-Share for crib and cover. A second was made by Logan Zepp. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**NEXT MEETING** 10:00 a.m. Friday February 15, 2019 at 330 Pioneer Avenue West, Montesano, WA 98563

**MEETING ADJOURNED** 10:58 a.m. by Chair Carl Waara

---

Mike Nordin, Manager

---

Chair, Carl Waara