

GRAYS HARBOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES – March 18, 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 Vice Chair Steve Hallstrom. Grays Harbor Conservation District Supervisors in attendance were Gary Waltenburg; Auditor, Janet Strong and Brady Engvall. PCD/GHCD Staff members present included Tom Kollasch; Special Projects Manager, David Houk; Service Forester, Jim Getchman; CREP Technician, and Janice Wetterauer; Administrative Assistant. Partners in attendance were Stu Trefry; SCC, David Rose; NRCS, and Stephanie Zurenko; DOE.

MOTION(S) The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the February Board Meeting minutes. Gary Waltenburg made a motion to accept the February 19, 2016 meeting minutes and a second was made by Steve Hallstrom. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the March 18, 2016 financial report. A motion was made by Gary Waltenburg to accept the March 18, 2016 financial report and was seconded by Steve Hallstrom. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the March 18, 2016 financial statement. Gary Waltenburg moved to pay checks #7129-7141, excluding check #7140, and 4 EFTs for a total of \$7,481.29. A second was made by Steve Hallstrom. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed the 5yr plan draft. Gary Waltenburg made a motion to approve the 5yr plan draft to send out for a 45 day public comment period. Brady Engvall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed the approval of a chemigation unit contract for Brian Hart. Gary Waltenburg made a motion to approve the chemigation unit contract for Brian Hart. Janet Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

NRCS REPORT

David Rose reported on EQIP applications for the SW area. David reported on CSP applications. David reported on Grays Harbor and Pacific Co. administration positions. David reported on Task Order for GH Forestry assistance.

Vehicle REPORT

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

Projects REPORT

David Houk reported on forestry work for the previous month. David reported on completing one FMP in Pacific Co., and is currently working on three forest management plans. David reported on the LSR Grant. David reported on the SW Region 2016 Envirothon. David reported on attending the WSU Timber Symposium. David reported on being a presenter for the Forest Management Planning Course at Grays Harbor College. David reported on assisting the state committee with the American Tree Farm Program. David reported on a site visit in Mason County. David reported on King CD developing a SFLO program.

Jim Getchman reported working with three new landowners for CREP projects. Jim reported on working with GH cranberry growers. Jim reported on the Mox Chehalis CREP/Farm project. Jim reported on continuing work with landowners who are having erosion issues. Jim reported on training for an upcoming planning course. Jim reported on the SW Region 2016 Envirothon.

Tom Kollasch reported on two bridge project agreements. Tom reported on interviews for the GH positions. Tom reported on site reviews for older projects. Tom reported on the Lower Satsop Project.

Stu Trefry reported on the 5Yr plan draft. Stu reported the statewide meeting for Long Term Sustainable Funding for CD's will be held April 20-21 in Ellensburg. Stu reported on the RCO contract for the Flood Authority in GH, Thurston and Lewis Counties.

Stephanie Zurenko reported on DOE projects. Stephanie reported on the North Ocean Beaches Study. Stephanie reported on the Chehalis Basin Strategy that includes an Environmental Impact Statement.

DISCUSSION

A discussion was held regarding two bridge project agreements that required approval and signatures. The board decided to approve and sign the agreements. No motion was necessary to approve and sign the agreements as they are projects approved from 2015.

A discussion was held in regards to the 5yr plan draft. Those in attendance reviewed the draft and discussed additions, changes and/or corrections. The board decided to approve the 5yr plan draft for a 45 day public comment period.

A discussion was held regarding a chemigation unit contract for Brian Hart. The board decided to approve the chemigation unit contract for Brian Hart.

MOTION(S) SUMMARY

Motion #1: Gary Waltenburg made a motion to accept the February 19, 2016 meeting minutes and a second was made by Steve Hallstrom. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #2: A motion was made by Gary Waltenburg to accept the March 18, 2016 financial report and Steve Hallstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #3: Gary Waltenburg moved to pay check #7129-7141, excluding check #7140, and 4 EFTs for a total of \$7,481.29. Steve Hallstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #4: A motion was made by Gary Waltenburg to approve the 5yr plan draft to send out for a 45 day public comment period. Brady Engvall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #5: A motion was made by Gary Waltenburg to approve a chemigation unit contract for Brian Hart. Janet Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

NEXT MEETING 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 15, 2016 at 330 Pioneer Avenue West, Montesano, WA 98563

MEETING ADJOURNED 11:50 a.m.

Mike Nordin, Manager

Chair, Carl Waara