

GRAYS HARBOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES – July 15, 2016 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: 330 PIONEER AVENUE WEST

MONTESANO, WA 98563

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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 Steve Hallstrom; Vice-Chair, Gary Waltenburg; Auditor, and Brady Engvall. PCD and GHCD Staff members present included: Megan Martin Aust; Agriculture Planner, David Houk; Service Forester, Jim Getchman; CREP Technician, Kim Smith; Riparian Resource Specialist, Tom Kollasch; Special Projects Manager, Mike Nordin; District Manager, Janice Wetterauer; Administrative Assistant, and Brandon Carman; Fisheries Technician. Partners in attendance were Stu Trefry; WSCC, and David Rose; NRCS. Also in attendance was Kyle Deerkop from Coast Seafoods and Al Smith, candidate for District 1 County Commissioner.

**MOTION(S)** The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the June regular Board Meeting minutes. Gary Waltenburg made a motion to accept the June 17, 2016 meeting minutes and a second was made by Carl Waara. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the July 15, 2016 financial report. A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to accept the July 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 July 15, 2016 billing report. A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to pay the July 15, 2016 bills. 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 a landowner agreement for Chanty Sonnier. 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 Cost-Share Rate Resolution. A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to approve an 80% Cost-Share rate for Cost-Share projects. 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 purchasing a waste separator for the Austin Dairy Farm. A motion was made by Gary Waltenburg to purchase the waste separator and was seconded by Carl Waara. The motion passed with majority by voice vote while Steve Hallstrom abstained.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed approval of sponsoring the Weyerhaeuser Church Rd. Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) project. A motion was made by Steve

Hallstrom to accept sponsorship of the Church Rd. project and was seconded by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed approval of accepting implementation grant funds from the Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC). Steve Hallstrom made a motion to accept the funds and a second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed approval of reimbursement for conservation district staff and supervisors WSCC tour dinner. A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to reimburse conservation district staff and supervisors for their WSCC tour dinner. A second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **NRCS REPORT**

David Rose, District Conservationist, was present to deliver the NRCS report. David discussed the recent Future Directions Funding and the contracts which were awarded from this funding.

### **VEHICLE REPORT**

David Houk reported that the Chevrolet Pickup is running well with no issues. Jim Getchman reported that the Chevrolet Equinox is running well with no issues.

### **PROJECTS REPORT**

David Houk reported on forestry work for the previous month. Dave reported on working on multiple forest management plans. Dave reported that he is beginning a project North of Hoquiam. Dave reported that he recently attended the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting for the American Tree Farm System. Dave reported that he has been working with an Aberdeen High School teacher to arrange an educational field day for students. Dave also informed the group that he will be participating in a tour of Tree Fever Farm on July 21, 2016.

Jim Getchman reported on CREP work for the previous month. Jim reported that he attended the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting for the American Tree Farm System. Jim reported on attending an Ellensburg CPDS meeting. Jim reported that he currently has 2 CREP reenrollments. Jim reported that he has finished CREP needs assessment maps.

Kim Smith reported on aquatics work for the previous month. She reported on attending multiple meetings such as: meetings for the Aquatic Species Restoration Plan (ASRP), Flood Authority meetings, and Bank Protection Meetings. Kim reported that she has been working cooperatively with WDFW and Anchor QEA to identify possible starter reaches for flood mitigation projects. Kim reported on the progress of the lower Satsop project. Kim reported on a meeting she attended with other Conservation Districts and their staff to discuss potential flood mitigation projects with a currently available \$500,000 Conservation Committee fund. Kim reported on organizing three public meetings to discuss services the Conservation District offers to landowners.

Brandon Carman reported on fisheries work for the previous month. Brandon reported that he has been working with a landowner in WRIA 24 on a possible barrier correction. Brandon reported on attending site visits with Tom Kollasch to familiarize himself with current and future projects he will be assisting on. Brandon reported on his attempts to build a database of potential projects he will use to find projects for the future.

Tom Kollasch reported on aquatics and fisheries work from the previous month. Tom reported on coordinating with Kim Smith to discuss ASRP and Bank Protection Meetings. Tom reported that the Hoquiam tidal restoration project will most likely get funded. Tom reported on assisting Kim Smith with coordination of public meetings she was planning.

Megan Martin Aust reported on her work from the previous month. Megan reported that she recently attended comprehensive nutrient management training. Megan Reported on the Clark farm pad. The project is still under discussion with the Clark's, and Gavin is in the process of designing the pad. Megan reported on her role in assisting planning for the upcoming WSCC tour.

Mike Nordin discussed his work for the previous month. Mike reported on attending WADE. Mike reported on working extensively on a needs assessment for the Conservation Commission spurred by the regional managers meeting. Mike reported on organizing the WSCC Tour and his plans to attend the Conservation Commission meeting.

## **DISCUSSION**

Mike Nordin discussed how all the GHCD employees are funded. Mike also discussed his desire for more county funding for the Voluntary Stewardship Program.

A discussion was held regarding approval of a landowner agreement. The board decided to approve a landowner agreement for Chanty Sonnier.

A discussion was held regarding the Tozier Project. The Tozier Project was tabled for discussion until the August meeting.

Janice Wetterauer discussed medical insurance cost. Janice reported that medical insurance costs were much higher this month because of the addition of new employees.

## **MOTION(S) SUMMARY**

**Motion #1:** Gary Waltenburg made a motion to accept the June 17, 2016 meeting minutes and a second was made by Carl Waara. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Motion #2:** A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to accept the July 15, 2016 financial report and Carl Waara seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Motion #3:** Steve Hallstrom made a motion to pay check #7180 – 7191, and 7 EFTs for a total of \$31,673.38. A second was made by Carl Waara. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Motion #4:** A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to approve a landowner agreement. A second was made by Carl Waara. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Motion #5:** A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to approve an 80% Cost-Share Rate for Cost-Share projects. A second was made by Carl Waara. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Motion #6:** A motion was made by Gary Waltenburg to approve purchasing a waste separator for the Austin Dairy Farm and a second was made by Carl Waara. The vote passed with majority by voice vote while Steve Hallstrom abstained.

**Motion #7:** A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to approve sponsorship of the Church Rd. project and a second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Motion #8:** A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to accept implementation grant funds from the Conservation Commission. A second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Motion #9:** A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to approve reimbursement of CD staff and supervisor dinners at the upcoming WSCC tour. A second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED** 12:10 p.m.

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Mike Nordin, Manager

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Chair, Carl Waara