

GRAYS HARBOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES – August 19, 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 10:05 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 Mike Nordin; District Manager, David Houk; Stewardship Forester, Jim Getchman; CREP Technician, Tom Kollasch; Special Projects Manager, Megan Martin-Aust; Farm Planner and Janice Wetterauer; Administrative Assistant. Partner in attendance was Stu Trefry; SCC, Susan Hoey-Lees, NRCS. Also in attendance were Honor Carpenter and Lydia Wagner of DOE.

MOTION(S)

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the July Board Meeting minutes. Steve Hallstrom made a motion to accept the July 15, 2016 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 August 19, 2016 financial report. A motion was made by Janet Strong to accept the August 19, 2016 financial report and was seconded by Brady Engvall. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the August 19, 2016 financial statement. Steve Hallstrom moved to pay checks #7192-7202 and EFTs totaling \$14,258.36. A second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed a landowner agreement for Jose Torres. A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to approve signing the landowner agreement for Jose Torres. Gary Waltenburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed an RCPP application letter of support. Gary Waltenburg made a motion to approve a letter supporting the SW WA Non-Industrial Private Forestland RCPP application. Steve Hallstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed Patrick O'Hagan cost share reimbursement. Brady Engvall made a motion to approve Patrick O'Hagan cost share reimbursement up to the approved amount set in the contract. A second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed the Terry Husseman Grant Application. Steve Hallstrom made a motion to approve the grant application for the Lower Satsop Project. Brady Engvall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed the Fry Creek Restoration Project. Janet Strong made a motion to approve a letter of support for the Fry Creek Restoration Project for the City of Aberdeen. Steve Hallstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed CREP re-enrollment for David Mudd. Janet Strong made a motion to approve CREP re-enrollment for David Mudd. Steve Hallstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed CREP re-enrollment for Doug Durbin. Janet Strong made a motion to approve CREP re-enrollment for Doug Durbin. Steve Hallstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

NRCS REPORT

Susan Hoey-Lees reported for NRCS. Susan reported on future directions funding. Susan reported on the vacancy position at the Montesano office.

SCC REPORT

Stu Trefry reported on commission feedback from the July Commission Meeting. Stu reported that comments for changes to the election procedure has a deadline of September 2, 2016. Stu reported on shellfish funding for GHCD. Stu reported on the RCPP proposal for Non-Industrial Private Forestry funding. Stu reported on the Chehalis Basin Funding for beginning the starter reach processes for Lewis, Thurston and Grays Harbor Conservation Districts.

Vehicle REPORT

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

Projects REPORT

Dave Houk reported on Forest Management Plans. Dave reported on the DNR Landscape Scale Restoration Grant. Dave reported on the WFFA GH Chapter event held at Tree Fever Farm. Dave reported on working with Mike Machowek of Aberdeen HS to plan for a field day that will be held in October. Dave reported on a needs assessment summary for GH. Dave reported on a site visit that recognized the need for attention and assistance with drought caused tree mortality. Dave reported on the 2016 SW WA Non-Industrial Forest Landowner RCPP. Dave reported on a Western Forestry and Conservation Association training opportunity.

Jim Getchman reported on a Grays Harbor Stream Team meeting as part of a Chehalis Basin Partnership. Jim reported on attending a farm forestry field day held at Tree Fever Farm. Jim reported on a planning meeting for an Aberdeen HS field day scheduled for October. Jim reported on the three public flood meetings. Jim reported on potential CREP site visits. Jim reported on attending a Riparian and Instream Conservation Planning Training Course. Jim reported on continuing work with CREP, conservation planning, cranberry and cost share.

Tom Kollasch reported on the three public meetings and early action reach plans. Tom reported on the Bank Protection Strategy. Tom reported on Chehalis habitat work group meetings. Tom reported on Weyerhaeuser West Fork Satsop project. Tom reported on WCRI rankings.

Megan Martin-Aust reported on beginning an updated farm plan for Nick Doleman. Megan reported on VSP. Megan reported on the Clark/Branshaw farm pad.

Mike Nordin reported on Wynoochee River knotweed control. Mike reported on GHC weed control/vegetation management. Mike reported on a Grays Harbor Public Works director meeting. Mike reported on an education grant submitted by Keya Bernhardt to the Cabela's Foundation. Mike reported on annual reports for the annual work plan. Mike reported on Washaway Beach floodgate and road issues.

DISCUSSION

A discussion was held regarding the Strategic Plan. More discussion to follow at next board meeting.

A discussion was held in regards to signing a landowner agreement for Jose Torres.

A discussion was held in regards to a letter supporting the SW WA Non-Industrial Private Forestland RCPP application.

A discussion was held regarding cost share reimbursement to Patrick O'Hagan.

A discussion was held regarding the Terry Husseman grant application for the Lower Satsop Project.

A discussion was held regarding a letter of local support regarding the Fry Creek Restoration Project.

A discussion was held regarding CREP re-enrollments for David Mudd and Doug Durbin.

A discussion was held in regards to appointing Kyle Deerkop as an Associate Supervisor. No formal decision was made at this time.

MOTION(S) SUMMARY

Motion #1: Steve Hallstrom made a motion to accept the July 15, 2016 meeting minutes and a second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #2: A motion was made by Janet Strong to accept the August 19, 2016 financial report and Brady Engvall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #3: Steve Hallstrom moved to pay check #7192-7202 and EFTs totaling \$14,258.36. Gary Waltenburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #4: Steve Hallstrom made a motion to approve signing the landowner agreement for Jose Torres. Gary Waltenburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #5: Gary Waltenburg made a motion to approve a letter supporting the SW WA Non-Industrial Private Forestland RCPP application. Steve Hallstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #6: Brady Engvall made a motion to approve Patrick O’Hagan cost share reimbursement up to the approved amount set in the contract. Gary Waltenburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #7: Steve Hallstrom made a motion to approve the grant application for the Lower Satsop Project. Brady Engvall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #8: Janet Strong made a motion to approve a letter of support for the Fry Creek Restoration Project for the City of Aberdeen. Steve Hallstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #9: Janet Strong made a motion to approve CREP re enrollment for David Mudd. Steve Hallstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #10: Janet Strong made a motion to approve CREP re enrollment for Doug Durbin. Steve Hallstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

NEXT MEETING 10:00 a.m. Friday September 16, 2016 at 330 Pioneer Avenue West, Montesano, WA 98563

MEETING ADJOURNED 12:07 p.m.

Mike Nordin, Manager

Chair, Carl Waara