

GRAYS HARBOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES – September 15, 2017 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 Carl Waara; Chair, Kyle Deerkop; Vice Chair, Gary Waltenburg; Auditor, Janet Strong; Supervisor Steve Hallstrom; Supervisor, and Brady Engvall; Associate Supervisor. PCD/GHCD Staff members present included Mike Nordin; District Manager, Dave Houk; Stewardship Forester, Jim Getchman; CREP Technician, Melissa Gonzales; Financial Administrator, Janice Wetterauer; Financial Administrator, and Brandon Carman; Fisheries Technician. Partners in attendance were Stu Trefry; SCC, Noah Bates, NRCS.

MOTION(S)

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the Interdistrict Engineering ILA. Steve Hallstrom made a motion to accept the Interdistrict Engineering ILA. A second was made by Kyle Deerkop. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed the upcoming SW Area District Meeting. Steve Hallstrom made a motion to authorize paying for staff or supervisors who wish to attend the meeting. A second was made by Carl Waara. Janet Strong abstained from the vote. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the Sackett CREP Hedgerow Project. Steve Hallstrom made a motion to approve the Sackett CREP Hedgerow project. A second was made by Janet Strong. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the Edwards Landowner Agreement. Carl Waara made a motion to approve the Edwards Landowner Agreement. A second was made by Steve Hallstrom. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the Irrigation Water Management Plan (IWMP) for Steve Hallstrom. Kyle Deerkop made a motion to approve the IWMP for Steve Hallstrom. A second was made by Carl Waara. Steve Hallstrom abstained from the vote. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the Edwards IWMP. Carl Waara made a motion to approve the Edwards IWMP. A second was made by Steve Hallstrom. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

NRCS REPORT

Noah Bates provided updates for NRCS including updates on EQIP and CSP.

SCC REPORT

Stu Trefry reported on his work for the previous month. Stu reported that he attended a statewide Conservation District meeting in Ellensburg where they discussed various policy and funding issues.

Projects REPORT

Employees provided staff reports to Supervisors prior to the board meeting.

DISCUSSION

A discussion was held regarding GHCD providing forestry services for the city of Aberdeen. A consensus decision was made for Dave Houk and Mike Nordin to continue discussions with the city, and see if they are interested in a management plan being developed.

A discussion was held regarding the Palmer Conservation Easement. The owner would like to remove hazard trees from within the easement and was wondering if doing so would violate the easement. Supervisors came to a consensus decision that doing so would not violate the easement.

Mike Nordin and Stu Trefry reported on the statewide Conservation District meeting and what actions are being taken in an effort to build CD capacity statewide.

MOTION(S) SUMMARY

Motion #1: Steve Hallstrom made a motion to accept the Interdistrict Engineering ILA. A second was made by Kyle Deerkop. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #2: Steve Hallstrom made a motion to authorize paying for staff or supervisors who wish to attend the SW Area District Meeting. A second was made by Carl Waara. Janet Strong abstained from the vote. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #3: Steve Hallstrom made a motion to approve the Sackett CREP Hedgerow project. A second was made by Janet Strong. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #4: Carl Waara made a motion to approve the Edwards Landowner Agreement. A second was made by Steve Hallstrom. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #5: Kyle Deerkop made a motion to approve the IWMP for Steve Hallstrom. A second was made by Carl Waara. Steve Hallstrom abstained from the vote. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #6: Carl Waara made a motion to approve the Edwards IWMP. A second was made by Steve Hallstrom. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

NEXT MEETING 10:00 a.m. Friday October 20, 2017 at 330 Pioneer Avenue West, Montesano, WA 98563

MEETING ADJOURNED 11:47 a.m.

Mike Nordin, Manager

Chair, Carl Waara