

GRAYS HARBOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES – October 21, 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 Chair Carl Waara. Grays Harbor Conservation District Supervisors in attendance were Carl Waara; Chair, Steve Hallstrom; Vice Chair, Gary Waltenburg; Auditor, Janet Strong, and Kyle Deerkop. Grays Harbor Associate Supervisor Brady Engvall was also present. PCD/GHCD staff members present included, David Houk; Stewardship Forester, Jim Getchman; CREP Technician, Megan Martin-Aust; Farm Planner, Janice Wetterauer; Administrative Assistant, Kim Smith; Riparian Resource Specialist, and Brandon Carman; Fisheries Technician. Partner in attendance was Stu Trefry; SCC.

MOTION(S)

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the September Board Meeting minutes. Steve Hallstrom made a motion to accept the September 16, 2016 minutes including amendments made by Steve Hallstrom. A second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the October 21, 2016 financial report. Steve Hallstrom made a motion to accept the October 21, 2016 financial report and was seconded by Carl Waara. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the September 16, 2016 financial statement. Steve Hallstrom moved to pay checks #7217-7231 and EFTs totaling \$14,943.32. A second was made by Carl Waara. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed accepting Kyle Deerkop as Brady Engvall's replacement on the Board of Supervisors. Gary Waltenburg made a motion to accept Kyle Deerkop as an appointed, elected supervisor. A second was made by Steve Hallstrom. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed Brady Engvall serving as an Associate Supervisor for Grays Harbor Conservation District. A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to appoint Brady Engvall as an Associate Supervisor. A second was made by Carl Waara. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the recommended maintenance needed on the District's Chevrolet Equinox. Steve Hallstrom made a motion to accept spending \$600.00 on vehicle maintenance. A second was made by Carl Waara. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed joining the Washington Conservation Society (WCS). Kyle Deerkop made a motion to join WCS and a second was made by Steve Hallstrom. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Kim Smith volunteered to represent GHCD at WCS meetings.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed approving the Irrigation Water Management (IWM) Agreement. Steve Hallstrom made a motion to approve the agreement with the addition of adding Grays Harbor County to the purpose statement in the Agreement. A second was made by Janet Strong. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed accepting Gavin Glore, the SW Area Engineer currently housed in Lewis County, as a GHCD employee. Janet Strong made a motion to accept Gavin Glore as a GHCD employee and a second was made by Steve Hallstrom. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed the Stensager and Berg CREP Plans. Janet Strong made a motion to accept the Stensager and Berg CREP plans. A second was made by Steve Hallstrom. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed the Waara and Haglund cranberry cost-share contracts, as well as the Torres dairy cost-share contract. Steve Hallstrom made a motion to accept the Waara, Haglund, and Torres cost-shares. A second was made by Gary Waltenburg. Carl Waara recused himself from the vote. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District discussed approving a joint letter between Lewis, Thurston, and Grays Harbor Conservation Districts supporting the Chehalis Basin Strategy Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to approve the joint letter and a second was made by Janet Strong. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed approving farm pads for Stormy Glick, John & Meggan Crowley, and Doug Truax. Carl Waara made a motion to approve farm pads for Stormy Glick, John & Meggan Crowley, and Doug Truax. 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 Monte Marks. Steve Hallstrom made a motion to accept the landowner agreement with Monte Marks. A second was made by Janet Strong. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed paying dues to the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD). Steve Hallstrom made a motion to pay dues in the amount of \$150.00 to NACD. A second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed funding Supervisor attendance at the November WACD Conference. Steve Hallstrom made a motion to pay for registration and expenses

for GHCD Supervisors who wish to attend the WACD conference. A second was made by Carl Waara. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

NRCS REPORT

No NRCS report was given.

SCC REPORT

Stu Trefry reported on awards given by WSCC at the SW Area Meeting. Stu reported that Dave Houk was awarded the SW Area Employee of the Year award, and that GHCD was awarded the SW District of the Year award. Stu reported that he attended a Chehalis basin tour which discussed the proposed dam on the Chehalis as well as other flood-proofing projects. Stu reported that he attended an ASRP meeting with Lewis, Thurston, and Grays Harbor Conservation Districts.

VEHICLE REPORT

David Houk reported that the Chevrolet pickup is performing well. Kim Smith reported that the starting issues with the Chevrolet Equinox was not able to be diagnosed due to it being an intermittent problem. Kim also reported that the Equinox is due for a 100,000 scheduled service.

PROJECTS REPORT

Employees provided paper project reports to Supervisors prior to the board meeting. These reports are attached.

DISCUSSION

Stu Trefry informed GHCD staff and supervisors that it may be beneficial to start planning for District elections. A short discussion was held regarding this process.

Stu Trefry informed the group that there has still been no answer on obtaining funding for phase 2 of the Grays Harbor study. Steve Hallstrom suggested asking the Rose Foundation for funding. Brady Engvall suggested seeking funds from shellfish growers within Grays Harbor.

Brady Engvall detailed his desire to remain involved with GHCD after stepping down as a Supervisor. Brady was then elected to be an Associate Supervisor.

Steve Hallstrom led a discussion over the possibility of planting Sequoia trees in CREP projects. Jim Getchman stated that since Sequoias are not a native species in Washington, they are not eligible for CREP plantings as determined by FSA.

MOTION(S) SUMMARY

Motion #1: Steve Hallstrom made a motion to accept the September 16, 2016 meeting minutes including amendments made by Steve Hallstrom. A second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #2: Steve Hallstrom made a motion to accept the October 21, 2016 financial report and a second was made by Carl Waara. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #3: Steve Hallstrom made a motion to pay checks #7217-7231 and EFTs totaling \$14,943.32 and a second was made by Carl Waara. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #4: Gary Waltenburg made a motion to accept Kyle Deerkop as an appointed, elected supervisor and a second was made by Steve Hallstrom. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #5: Steve Hallstrom made a motion to appoint Brady Engvall as an Associate Supervisor and a second was made by Carl Waara. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #6: Steve Hallstrom made a motion to accept spending \$600.00 on vehicle maintenance for the Chevrolet Equinox and a second was made by Carl Waara. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #7: Kyle Deerkop made a motion to join WCS and a second was made by Steve Hallstrom. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #8: Steve Hallstrom made a motion to approve the IWM Agreement with the addition of adding Grays Harbor County to the purpose statement. A second was made by Janet Strong. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #9: Janet Strong made a motion to accept Gavin Glore as a GHCD employee and a second was made by Steve Hallstrom. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #10: Janet Strong made a motion to accept the Stensager and Berg CREP plans and a second was made by Steve Hallstrom. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #11: Steve Hallstrom made a motion to accept the Waara, Haglund, and Torres cost-share contracts and a second was made by Gary Waltenburg. Carl Waara recused himself from the vote. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #12: Steve Hallstrom made a motion to approve a joint letter of support for the Chehalis Basin Strategy PEIS. A second was made by Janet Strong. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #13: Carl Waara made a motion to accept implementing farm pads for Stormy Glick, John & Meggan Crowley, and Doug Truax. A second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #14: Steve Hallstrom made a motion to accept the landowner agreement with Monte Marks and a second was made by Janet Strong. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #15: Steve Hallstrom made a motion to pay dues in the amount of \$150.00 to NACD and a second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #16: Steve Hallstrom made a motion to pay for registration and expenses for GHCD Supervisors who wish to attend the November WACD conference. A second was made by Carl Waara. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

NEXT MEETING: 10:00 a.m. November 18, 2016 at 330 Pioneer Avenue West, Montesano, WA 98563

Meeting ADJOURNED 11:35 p.m.

Mike Nordin, Manager

Chair, Carl Waara