

GRAYS HARBOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES – December 18, 2015 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: 330 PIONEER AVENUE WEST

MONTESANO, WA 98563

The Grays Harbor Conservation District (GHCD) meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chair Carl Waara. Grays Harbor Conservation District Supervisors in attendance were Steve Hallstrom; Vice-Chair, Gary Waltenburg; Auditor, Janet Strong and Brady Engvall. PCD and GHCD Staff members present included Megan Martin Aust; Agriculture Planner, David Houk; Service Forester, Jim Getchman; CREP Technician, and Janice Wetterauer; Administrative Assistant. Partners in attendance were Stu Trefry; WSCC, and Stephanie Zurenko; DOE.

MOTION(S) The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the November regular Board Meeting minutes. Gary Waltenburg made a motion to accept the November 20, 2015 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 December 18, 2015 financial report. A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to accept the December 18, 2015 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 December 18, 2015 financial statement. Steve Hallstrom moved to pay check # 7094-7100, and 4 EFTs for a total of \$7,479.29. A second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors reviewed the December 16, 2015 Long Range Planning Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Carl Waara to accept the December 16, 2015 Long Range Planning Meeting minutes. A second was made by Steve Hallstrom. The motion was 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 Brian Hart Sr. A second was made by Janet Strong. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed approval of a farm plan. A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to approve the farm plan for Chehalis River Dairy. 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 a farm certification. A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to approve farm certification of Chehalis River Dairy and was seconded by Janet Strong. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed approval of upcoming elections. A motion was made by Gary Waltenburg to approve resolution 15-12 setting the election date to February 18, 2016 at the district office from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Steve Hallstrom. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed approval of NACD membership dues. A motion was made by Janet Strong to contribute \$150.00 membership dues 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 approval of an interdistrict agreement for professional engineering services. A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to sign the interdistrict agreement for professional engineering services with Lewis County Conservation District. The motion was seconded by Janet Strong. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Grays Harbor Conservation District Board of Supervisors discussed permission to pay Green Diamond Resource Company (GDRC). A motion was made by Brady Engvall to approve payment to GDRC in the amount of \$56,109.52 for S Fork Wye Cr. Gary Waltenburg seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

NRCS REPORT

NRCS was not present for the December 18, 2015 meeting. NRCS provided an activities report for the meeting. See attachment in December 18, 2015 meeting packet.

Vehicle REPORT

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

Projects REPORT

David Houk reported on forestry work for the previous month. Dave reported on completing two Forest Stewardship plans in Pacific Co. and one plan in Grays Harbor Co. Dave reported he is currently working on one stewardship plan in GH and one plan in Pacific Co. Dave reported that the Forest Service LSR grant has been funded. Dave reported on attending and presenting at the WSU Forest Owners Winter School in Vancouver, WA. Dave reported on attending a Rayonier BMP training workshop. Dave reported completing an ATFS certification on a 75ac piece of property in Grays Harbor. Dave reported assisting NRCS with EQIP applications as a result of past CD clients. Dave reported he will be attending the ATFS annual convention that will be held in Seattle in February.

Jim Getchman reported the Mox-Chehalis CREP project has been submitted to FSA and is in a 30day CR review process. Jim reported working with a landowner in Grayland who needs a chemigation unit to comply with 303(d) listing standards. Jim reported working with a landowner along the Wynooche R. dealing with erosion issues. Jim reported researching potential CREP eligibility for a landowner after attending a site visit with Dave Houk. Jim reported he will be sending out a test batch of outreach to landowners covering Grays Harbor County.

Megan Martin-Aust reported on the Branshaw/Clark project. The site has been surveyed and Gavin will be building plans to submit for permits. Megan reported she has finished a dairy nutrient plan for Chehalis River Dairy, and will be starting another plan on a neighboring farm. Megan reported on a site visit to the Basset CREP project. Megan reported taking soil samples at various dairies.

Stu Trefry reported on the December 16 LRPM. The next LRPM will be held on January 20, 2016 from 9:00am to 12:30pm. Stu reported on the Chehalis Basin Flood Authority meeting. Stu reported that there is funding to provide one staff member for Lewis Co. and one shared staff member between Grays Harbor, Thurston, and possibly Mason Counties, but no funding for additional individual district staff. Stu reported the annual commission meeting scheduled for July will be held in Grays Harbor. Talks are still under way for final location and plan details.

Jeni Maakad was not present for the December 18, 2015 meeting. Jeni provided an activities report for the meeting. See attachment in December 18, 2015 meeting packet.

DISCUSSION

Stephanie Zurenko reported that DOE staff is working on categorizing and responding to comments from the public review of the CAFO permit. Stephanie reported on a message regarding VSP and the Water Quality Program stating how WQP applies to ordinances and that no regulation authority will be provided from VSP. Stephanie reported no new category 5 listings on the 303(d) list.

A discussion was held regarding approval of a landowner agreement. The board decided to approve a landowner agreement for Brian Hart Sr.

A discussion was held regarding Chehalis River Dairy. The board decided to approve a farm plan as well as approve a farm certification for Chehalis River Dairy.

A discussion was held regarding elections. The board decided to approve resolution 15-12 setting the election date to 2/18/2016. The election will be held from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the district office.

A discussion was held regarding NACD membership dues approval. The board decided to contribute membership dues in the amount of \$150.00 to NACD.

A discussion was held regarding an agreement for engineering services. The board decided to approve an interdistrict agreement for professional engineering services.

A discussion was held regarding payment to Greed Diamond Resource Company. The board decided to approve payment to GDRC in the amount of \$56,109.52 for work on the South Fork of Wye Cr.

MOTION(S) SUMMARY.

Motion #1: Gary Waltenburg made a motion to accept the November 20, 2015 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 December 18, 2015 financial report and Gary Waltenburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #3: Steve Hallstrom moved to pay check #7094-7100, and 4 EFTs for a total of \$7,479.29. Gary Waltenburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #4: A motion was made by Carl Waara to accept the December 16, 2015 Long Range Planning Meeting minutes. Steve Hallstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #5: A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to approve a landowner agreement. A second was made by Janet Strong. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #6: A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to approve a farm plan for Chehalis River Dairy. Gary Waltenburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #7: A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to approve a farm certification for Chehalis River Dairy. Janet Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #8: A motion was made by Gary Waltenburg to approve resolution 15-12 setting an election date for February 18, 2016. Steve Hallstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #9: A motion was made by Janet Strong to approve NACD membership dues payment of \$150.00. Gary Waltenburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #10: A motion was made by Steve Hallstrom to approve an interdistrict agreement for professional engineering services with Lewis Co. Conservation District. A second was made by Janet Strong. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion #11: A motion was made by Brady Engvall to approve payment to GDRC in the amount of \$56,109.52. A second was made by Gary Waltenburg. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED 12:02 p.m.

Mike Nordin, Manager

Chair, Carl Waara