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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Special Board Meeting
Friday, April 25, 2025 1:00 PM
Zoom Meeting ID: 881
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ATTENDANCE

Board of Supervisors: Mark Moore , Chair, via Zoom Jeff Brunson , Auditor Matt Eslinger , Member Bill Boyum , Member, via Zoom Brian Cortese , Member	KCCD Staff: Anna Lael , District Manager Emily Love , Financial Manager Mark Crowley , Conservation Planner, via Zoom Brent Dixon , Project Manager, via Zoom Wendy Mee , Resource Technician
Guests: None	

I. **Call to Order** - Chair Mark Moore called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM. Attendees participated in person and via Zoom.

II. **Public Comment - None**

III. **Reports**

A. FEMA Grant 5182 Status

Anna reported that the supplemental generator project has been stopped. Just prior to the Contractor beginning work, she reached out to the grant manager at EMD for an update on the time extension request. The grant manager and his boss have gone from very confident (in late February) to last week's call where they said it's 50/50 whether we will even get the extension. The upheaval in the federal government and specifically at FEMA has resulted in this time extension request and others being "stuck" at FEMA headquarters with no time frame for when/if it will be approved. Anna is working now to try to find funding to cover what's been incurred since March (vault and railing for Fire District 1 in Thorp) and has reached out to Representative Schrier's office for assistance.

A short power outage caused an internet outage and the resulted in losing the Zoom participants. The meeting carried on with Jeff Brunson as the chair and Brian Cortese and Matt Eslinger completing the quorum.

IV. **Action Items**

A. 24-28-PE Grant

1. Equipment Purchases

A list of equipment purchases and upgrades (see attached) has been made for the new engineer. Funding is available in the PE grant to acquire the equipment. This includes a total station for

\$68,000. Brian suggested looking at a less expensive survey option used by the City of Ellensburg. Anna will share that idea with the engineers to see if it's acceptable.

MOTION: Approve the list of equipment purchases with 24-28-PE grant funds pending Commission approval with a budget of \$80,000 budget for staff to purchase at their discretion.

Jeff Brunson, Seconded by **Matt Eslinger** *Passed Unanimously*

B. 24-28-NR Natural Resources Investment

1. Virtual Fence Cost Share Project

Anna presented a request for cost share by Ryan Stingley to purchase Gallagher collars to be used on the Windfarm. Gallagher collars are more accurate than Vence and could be used on pastures in the valley. The proposal is for 100% cost share on 70-80 collars which would obligate the remaining \$18,000 in NRI grant funding.

MOTION: Approve cost share agreement with Ryan Stingley for \$18,000 for virtual fence collars.

Jeff Brunson, Seconded by **Matt Eslinger** *Passed Unanimously*

V. II. Adjournment at 1:27pm by Jeff Brunson

MOTIONS APPROVED:

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Recording Secretary


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