



Kittitas County Conservation District
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Board Meeting
 Thursday, March 13, 2025 1:00 PM Zoom Meeting ID: 835 4715 1900

ATTENDANCE

Board of Supervisors: Mark Moore , Chair Jeff Brunson , Auditor Matt Eslinger , Member Bill Boyum , Member via Zoom	KCCD Staff: Anna Lael , District Manager Miranda Nash , Office Administrator Emily Love , Financial Manager Tony Craven , CWDG Project Manager via Zoom Mark Crowley , Conservation Planner Sherry Swanson , Project Manager
Guests: In-Person: Allisa Carlson (SCC), Reuben Gamett (NRCS), Chris Clemens (NRCS), Brian Cortese Via Zoom: Ethan James (NRCS)	

- I. **Call to Order** – Mark Moore called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.
- II. **Public Comment: None**
- III. **Approve Accountant’s Report & Meeting Minutes**
MOTION: Approve February 2025 Treasurer’s Report, and the regular meeting minutes from February 13, 2025 and special meeting minutes from February 28th, 2025.
Jeff Brunson, Seconded by **Matt Eslinger** *Passed Unanimously*
- IV. **Approve Bills:**
MOTION: Approve check numbers 21768 – 21805 and EFT numbers 163,205,210-212 for a total of \$243,916.36 (Payroll Checks 21768-21770 and 21779 -21786) and building account check numbers 2383 -2388 for a total of \$2,790.78. Approve pending payments totaling \$464,008.64 contingent upon receiving grant reimbursement requests.
Matt Eslinger, Seconded by **Jeff Brunson** *Passed Unanimously*

Pending Payments	
Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc.	\$ 30,868.75
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Avey, James	\$ 5,822.08
City of Roslyn	\$ 45,000.00
Colvico, Inc.	\$ 123,711.80
Eco Dig LLC	\$ 72,000.00
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Henning, Brindon	\$ 1,277.42
Jacobs, Donald	\$ 30,825.00
Jacobs, Donald	\$ 15,000.00
Kittitas Co. Fire Protection District 6	\$ 11,292.00

Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group	\$ 18,539.10
Paul, Travis	\$ 5,822.08
Poulsen Ag Inc.	\$ 25,000.00
Radtke, Matt	\$ 5,822.08
Ritchie, Daniel	\$ 5,822.08
Total:	\$ 464,008.64

V. Reports

A. NRCS Programs

1. District Conservationist Report – Reuben presented a handout and both he and Chris Clemens discussed current activities with NRCS.

B. Review RCW 89.08, sec. 210 & 220- The Board and staff reviewed these sections of RCW 89.08.

C. KCCD Election/Appointments – Anna reported that the KCCD election was completed. Twenty-three ballots were counted at the Kittitas County Auditor’s office with the results of 23 for Mark Moore, with zero write-in’s. A second ballot count will occur on 3/18 for any ballots received by mail.

Applications for the appointed position expiring this year are due to the Conservation Commission by March 31, 2025.

The mid-term vacancy in the other appointed position will be filled by action of the Conservation Commission on March 20.

D. North Central Cluster Engineer- Christi Fisher accepted the job offer for the North Central Cluster Engineer position. She will start on July 14, 2025. Anna will be working with her and the Snohomish staff to update/upgrade equipment and software utilizing current PE grant funds.

VI. Action Items

A. Conservation Commission Advance Requests – Anna presented the following advance requests:

1. 24-28-NR – Small Projects - \$24,565.74
2. 24-28-RGP Mid Columbia Yak RM 160 - \$18,539.10

MOTION: Approve advance requests for 24-28-NR and 24-28-RGP grants
Matt Eslinger, seconded by **Jeff Brunson** *Passed Unanimously*

B. Yakima Tributary Access & Habitat Program

1. Anderson Perry & Associates Task Orders

- a) **Naneum 3.2** Task Order 07 Time Extension - This task order is for the diversion immediately south of I90. The intent is to remove this structure after the 2025 irrigation season.

MOTION: Extend Task Order 7 Broadview Farms Naneum Creek Fish Passage RM 3.2 to March 2026

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

- b) **Cascade at Coleman Creek-** Anna reported that procuring a bridge for the Cascade Irrigation District at Coleman Creek project would alleviate some of the risk to potential bidders for this long lead item. The remaining cost increase for the CID at Coleman Creek Fish Barrier Removal Board grant will be considered on 3/17. The Board discussed the option and requested staff bring further information regarding the risk of procuring the bridge if the bids are still too high to construct the project. The action was tabled until the expected special meeting at the end of the month.

C. CWDG Projects- The CWDG grant has continued to move forward. DNR is processing payment requests and had said they would be the “bridge” for any delay in federal funding

to the freeze on some funds. It has been said, though not in writing, that the first round CWDG grants were not part of the freeze.

Tony is developing projects with the City of Cle Elum.

- D. **Kittitas County Cattlewomen's Request** - The Kittitas County Cattlewomen requested funding for book purchases for Ag Day.

MOTION: Approve up to \$500 for Kittitas County Cattlewomen to purchase books and bookmarks in support of Ag Day.

Jeff Brunson, seconded by **Matt Eslinger**

Passed Unanimously

- E. **Voluntary Stewardship Program** - The VSP Watershed Group will be considering a cost share program for expenditure of some of the remaining funding in VSP contract. This will include cover crops and irrigation related practices, so long as they don't trigger cultural resources.

MOTION: Authorize District Manager to implement cost share programs approved by the VSP Watershed Group at March 14 meeting with Mark review

Jeff Brunson, Seconded by **Matt Eslinger**

Passed Unanimously

- VII. Mark Moore invited Heather Wendt to share a report from WACD. Heather shared that the WACD conference will be back in Spokane this year. She also shared that there is a South Central Area Director position open.

- VIII. **WSCC Regional Manager Report**- Allisa Carlson shared that Governor Ferguson released proposed reductions to the Operating Budget to address the current \$12-\$15 billion shortfall in the state budget. The revenue forecast was released yesterday, and as expected, it is down. It will be many weeks before there is clarity on the WSCC budgets. WSCC is busy working alongside WACD, informing legislators of priorities including keeping implementation dollars whole for conservation districts.

Allisa also went over the initial CAPP assessment for the District. It will be completed in May/June after the financial report and annual plan deadlines.

- IX. **Adjournment – 2:30pm**

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Erinley Lee

Recording Secretary

4/10/25

Date

Maureen Mon

Board Member

4/10/25

Date