

Meeting Minutes

VSP Watershed Work Group

May 24, 2023 | 4:00 to 4:41 PM

450 West Business Park Road, Shelton, WA & Via Zoom

Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Overview

The meeting of the Mason County Voluntary Stewardship Program Workgroup was called to order by Larry Boltz, Chair, at 4:00 pm.

Members present: Larry Boltz, Carmen Echeverria, Myrn Stewart, Michelle McCallum, Ed Murphy, April Campbell, Dale Fay

Members absent: Keith Underwood, Kell Rowen, Fran Janny, Laurie Hager, Socorro Villeda

Staff present: Evan Bauder and Justin Bennett

Members of the public present: None

Introductions: Workgroup members and staff introduced themselves to each other.

Program Update

Justin Program Update –

Justin introduced himself, welcomed the workgroup, and thanked members for their attendance. Justin let the workgroup know that he has been focused on getting up to speed and working toward making improvements for the next 5-year report. He emphasized that he has primarily been working toward developing a plan to meet monitoring requirements, and update outreach efforts.

Public Comment:

No members of the public in attendance

Old Business:

None

End of Biennium Budget and VSP Logo Design

The workgroup was provided with a meeting packet that included a printed version of the proposed Mason County VSP logo and a proposed budget for end of biennium spending. Justin described that we have a surplus of funding at the end of the biennium due to several months without a coordinator this fiscal year.

The proposed end of biennium spending included several pieces of monitoring equipment and supplies. The budget also included funding toward a no-till drill. The workgroup was informed that the costs and quantities presented were estimated and staff asked the workgroup to give staff flexibility on individual costs and quantities with a total amount not to exceed \$52,000.

The workgroup had a discussion regarding the pros and cons of managing a no-till drill rental program. The workgroup also voiced their support for the draft logo as presented.

Supplies and equipment over \$1000 require pre-approval from the Washington State Conservation Commission (SCC). Since SCC requires workgroup approval for these purchases staff drafted a memorandum outlining the workgroup's approval of this spending plan since the meeting minutes from this meeting won't be finalized until the 4th week of June.

A motion was made to approve and authorize the chair to sign the memorandum as presented. (M -- Murphy, S – Stewart, Passed – Unanimously)

Regular Meeting Schedule

The workgroup discussed how often and when they should meet.

A motion was made to establish the 4th Wednesday of every other month at 4pm as the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mason VSP Workgroup. This meeting schedule will start on June 28th.

(M – McCallam, S – Stewart, Passed – Unanimously)

Next Steps and Adjourn

No further Business; Meeting adjourned at 4:41 pm