

MASON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2024

The meeting of the Mason Conservation District Board of Supervisors was called to order by Michael O'Day, Auditor, at 4:03 pm.

Board Members present: (in person) Carmen Echeverria, Andrea Miller, (via Zoom) Michael O'Day

Board Members absent: Jason Ragan, Larry Boltz

Staff present: Evan Bauder, Nick Schneider, Rhonda Nydegger

Members of the public present: Josh Giuntoli (WSCC), (via Zoom) Molly Paige (ECY), Gabe Raso (ECY).

Introductions: Gabe Raso (ECY) introduced himself as the new Supervisor for the Nonpoint Team.

Public Comment: None

Meeting Minutes, January 18, 2024: The minutes were reviewed. A minor correction was presented by Michael. Minutes were approved as corrected.
(M – Miller, S –Echeverria, Passed – Unanimously)

Financial Report – January 2024: Michael O'Day reviewed the financial report with detail of balances for all funds and checks (20393-20423 + EFT) executed during period. Michael also reported information on the January cash basis activity report.
(M – Miller, S –Echeverria, Passed – Unanimously)

PROGRAM & STAFF UPDATES

WSCC Update –

Josh presented information on the special meeting being held February 28th on Interim Riparian Grant guidelines being presented and approved. If approved, there is a March 1st application open date plus a March 5th webinar. NRI has an additional \$19,500 available for each district that can be used for existing outcomes as well as new ones. Josh reminded the board there is a local records program grant available through the Secretary of State's office. VSP has another round of \$1.3M that will be distributed through those missed in the first round.

WACD Update –

No report.

NRCS Update –

No report.

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ECY Update –

Molly reported on ECY activities within the county including two watershed evaluations completed. District contact information shared via referral letters and word of mouth. There was also a TA letter sent to a property in Skokomish Valley and an admin order to another Skok Valley property.

Staff Update –

Nick updated the board on the various grants and grant opportunities that the District is working on.

Evan updated the board on the planning and timing of office remodel. In addition, he updated the board on the resignations of Megan Chapman and Alex Chacon and what this means for the District. He also talked about the future annual plan of work as well as the upcoming commission meeting (March 20th) and the events around that.

Rhonda updated the board on activities within the accounting and finance area.

OLD BUSINESS –

None.

NEW BUSINESS

RCO Grant Application Resolution

Evan presented information on Resolution 2024-1 for RCO. This resolution authorizes submittal of RCO grant applications and designates individuals to have various authorities to submit and manage the grants. These projects are RCO 24-109, 24-1099, 24-1100, 24-1239, and 24-1203. Motion made to authorize the chair to sign Resolution 2024-1. Motion carried.

(M – Miller, S –Echeverria, Passed – Unanimously)

Cost Share Application – NJS-CS23-09

Nick presented Cost Share Application NJS-CS23-09. This is for installation of an estimated 800 feet of NRCS spec fencing that will restrict livestock from a riparian plant and from accessing surface water that flows into Coffee Creek and Oakland Bay. Funding of \$25,200 will come for the SCC Shellfish Program. Motion approve cost share application NJS-CS23-09 as presented. Motion carried.

(M – Miller, S –Echeverria, Passed – Unanimously)

Skokomish RM6.5 Professional Services Agreement Amendment 4

Evan presented information on the Stantec Contract Amendment #4 for the Skokomish RM 6.5 habitat enhancement. This contract will utilize funding from USACE 30 (\$150k), Skokomish Tribe (\$335k) and RCO 22-1105 (\$2M). Motion to approve and authorize the chair to sign the Stantec Skokomish RM 6.5 Habitat Enhancement professional services contract amendment adding up to a maximum of \$280,335 as presented. Motion carried.

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Friends of NACD Grant Agreement

Evan presented information on the award from NACD that will provide funding support for the garden at Veteran's Village. This is \$2,500 that will be used to construct pollinator focused market garden and incorporate native plantings. Motion to approve and concur with the Executive Director's signature on the Friends of NACD grant agreement. Motion carried.

(M – Echeverria, S – Miller, Passed – Unanimously)

Public Comment Period –

None.

With no further business on the meeting agenda the meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm.

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