

WRC&D Annual Board Notes

Meeting Room at USDA Ag Service Center

February 12, 2020

1 pm – 3:10 pm

1) *Introductions*

Mike Tobin, Ryan Anderson, Reese Lolley, Anna Lael, Tom Coleman. Staff: Deysi Gonzalez, TJ Mattingly, Brian Miller, Tessa Vermeul, Kara Karboski, Corrine Hoffman. Guests: Chris Martin, Mike Cushman, Rose Shriner

2) *Agenda Review*

One amendment was added to agenda. **Mike Tobin moved to add an amendment to agenda assigned as number 10. Reese 2nd. Passed**

3) *Minutes*

Minutes from previous board meeting were reviewed- **Mike Moved to approved minutes. Tom 2nd. Passed.**

4) *Finance reports*

The 2019 Financial reports were presented. There were questions regarding accounts payable to be paid within 30 days per customer contract waiting period. **Mike made motion for a strategic plan for reserved funds on next board meeting and approved reports as presented. Reese 2nd. Passed**

5) *Tapash Fiscal Sponsor Application:*

Tapash Sustainable Forest Collaborative requested that RC&D act as a fiscal sponsor for them and application has been submitted. Reese gave a brief description of the Tapash Application for formal Fiscal Sponsorship and request for greater WRCD staff support. Ryan mentioned how the coordination is moving forward. Collaborative partners were mentioned and the term. A formal agreement to be made with Tapash. **Mike made motion to approve application and the development of the agreement. Tom seconded the motion. Passed.**

Tom mentioned the retiring of Laura Potash to be implemented in the agreement for RC&D staff to transition of the position. Mike recommended a budget and work plan each year. **Mike made motion the transition of Laura's position to RC&D staff. Anna 2nd. Passed**

6) *Blue Mountain RC&D request*

Ryan gave a description about the Blue Mountain. The board agreed to find more about their board status and what is the capacity of this request. Meeting to be set to discuss furthermore. **Mike made motion for Ryan to follow up with a meeting. Tom 2nd. Passed**

7) *Chumstick Coalition New agreements: All Lands Forest Restoration& Building Forest Partnerships*

Ryan briefly described the two new agreement to support the Chumstick Coalition with a term of two years. Corrine gave a description of the agreements: All Lands Forest and Building Forest Partnerships with indirect rate of 10%. The Building Forests to continue partnerships and capacity with 10% indirect.

Mike made motion to approved grant agreements. Anna 2nd. Passed

8) *Election of Officers*

Reese mentioned Frank's retiring and need to recruit a new Vice-President (VP). Mike mentioned about Fran's formal resignation to be submitted. Also, to select a temporary VP until full board members are present. Tabled for further discussion. **Tom moved motion for temporary VP and no action taken. Anna 2nd. Passed**

9) *Policy Review*

Reese suggested items for next agenda.

- Advocacy issues
- Letter of support
- Board members and staff responsibilities
- Conflict of Interest: Organization and Personal

10) *Good of the order*

Mike mentioned state agencies connections and with whom to connect. How to use RC&D to connect with implementation of activities. i.e. Okanogan CD funds are available for 13 districts that meet the 20-year plan. Reese recommended furthermore the discussion on steps to take to connect and take DNR funding sources experience on the districts. Building new relationships and continued collaboration with partners.

Follow up items

- Board recruitment
- Strategy for reserved funds
- Email Tapash agreement
- Ryan schedule meeting in regards: Blue Mountain request
- Board meeting in April
- Use of technology for board meetings
- Mike board recruitment with Cascadia CD

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm