

## Washington Resource Conservation & Development Council

Board Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2018 | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**Attendees:** Anna Lael, Kittitas Conservation District (by phone); Ken Tolonen, Master Gardeners; Tom Coleman, Rabbitbrush Ranch; Reese Lolley, The Nature Conservancy

**Absent:** Frank Hendrix, North Yakima Conservation District; Brady Kent, Yakama Nation

**Staff:** Ryan Anderson, Brian Miller, Kara Karboski, Heather Hadsel, TJ Mattingly, Tessa Vermeul and Hilary Lundgren

### 1. Introductions

Reese led the meeting in Frank's absence. He called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

### 2. Agenda

A vote in regards to a new grant agreement for Chumstick was added to the end of the agenda. **Tom made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Anna seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.**

### 3. Minutes

The minutes from the March 6, 2018 annual meeting were reviewed. Reese requested a sentence be stricken from the minutes for better clarification. **Ken made a motion to approve the minutes with the requested change and Anna seconded the motion; The minutes were approved.**

### 4. Budget Reports

The WA RC&D financial reports for 2018 through May were presented to the Board. Ryan mentioned that the net income includes some advance payments. Heather will continue sending quarterly financial reports to fiscal sponsors. **Tom made a motion to adopt the balance sheet and the Profit and Loss Statement. Ken seconded the motion; motion carried.**

### 5. Fire Network Workshops

Kara reported that the latest workshop was held the week of May 21. Our program, the Washington Fire Adapted Communities was the local host for the National Fire Learning Network (FLN). Other groups involved were the Indigenous Peoples Burning Network and the TREX Coaches Learning Network. The workshop was well received. Lincoln Transit provided the tour transportation at the final moment when the charter busses did not arrive. Ryan is going to the Link Transit board meeting to say a personal thank you, and will write a letter to the editor of the local paper. Staff attended "Washington Wednesday" and met with Jay Inslee and Rep. Steele to highlight the efforts of the RC&D and sharing the efforts of partners working on long term forest recovery.

### 6. Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project/Manastash Taneum Project

The Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project includes three tasks – a training exchange which took place last fall, an environmental assessment for 70,000 acres of forest watershed, and an analysis and development of aquatic restoration projects in the project area for the Upper Wenatchee Pilot

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Project. Large subcontracts are being awarded through this project, including LiDar, spotted owl surveys, stand exams (trees) and \$870k for NEPA work. The NEPA work agreement will be sent out to board members for approval soon.

Tessa reported that the Manastash Taneum NEPA is going well. A field trip with an aquatics work group was held in the Taneum area discussing how recreation is affecting aquatic function. An LSR tech team trip is planned for July 11. A field trip to discuss recreation will be scheduled to include the forest service and a contractor for CSI. A letter will be sent to tribal councils and then to the public which will be open for comments for 30 days. CSI will then synthesize the comments. Field trips for the public recreation user are also planned.

#### 7. EAS Consulting Agreement

This agreement is still under negotiation as discussed above. It will be sent out for board review soon.

#### 8. Other Program Updates

Brian provided an update on the YTAHP program contract and reporting. Cassandra from WDFW gave a YTAHP presentation at the 2018 Yakima Basin Science and Management Conference on June 13.

Chumstick was awarded \$31,800 by the Icicle Fund with a 10% indirect to RC&D, plus \$7,500 match which we will be using the funds we contribute to Chumstick through the WAFAC program to cover. Ryan recommends that the board approve the grant agreement. ***Tom made a motion to approve the grant agreement and authorize Ryan to sign the agreement. Ken seconded; motion carried.***

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

#### Action Items from June 18 meeting:

- Heather to strike a sentence from the draft minutes from March 6 before posting on the website.
- Ryan will attend a Link Transit Board meeting to express appreciation for tour transportation.
- The board will review and approve the EAS Consulting agreement via email.