

Washington Resource Conservation & Development Council

Board Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2018 | 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Attendees: Ken Tolonen, Master Gardeners; Tom Coleman, Rabbitbrush Ranch; Reese Lolley, The Nature Conservancy; Mike Tobin, North Yakima Conservation District; Anna Lael, Kittitas Conservation District

Staff: Ryan Anderson, Brian Miller, Heather Hadsel, TJ Mattingly, Tessa Vermeul

1. Introductions

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

2. Agenda

The agenda was reviewed by the board. **Mike made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Tom seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.**

3. Minutes

The minutes from the September 11, 2018 meeting were reviewed. **Mike made a motion to approve the minutes and Ken seconded. The minutes were approved.**

4. Budget Reports

The WA RC&D financial reports for 2018 through August were presented to the Board. **Mike made a motion to adopt the balance sheet and the Profit and Loss Statement. Tom seconded the motion; motion carried.**

5. Paid Family and Medical Leave Law

Washington State has approved legislation for paid family and medical leave and premiums begin January 1. Although businesses with fewer than 50 employees are not required to contribute to the premium, the decision to pay the employees' portion of the premium was discussed. **Mike Tobin made a motion for the organization to pay the employees' portion of the premium. Tom seconded the motion, and motion passed with the approval of all present.**

6. Program Updates

- Brian provided an update on the YTAHP program. The 2018-2019 contract modification was approved by BPA. He also mentioned that the next Nelson Dam Stakeholder's meeting is scheduled for November 14 which he is facilitating.
- Tessa provided an update on the newest grants that have just started. The Manastash Tanaeum Collaborative meeting was held two weeks ago and landowners and other stakeholders presented. They will be working on a story map to present data to landowners in an easy-to-use format.

The Little Naches Workgroup will create a workplan for the mainstem and begin implementation.

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- Ryan announced that the TREX workshop was successful, with 18-20 firefighters and garnered attention on the front page of the Seattle Times.

7. Good of the Order

Mike Tobin mentioned that the North Yakima Conservation District voted to use \$35k of their reserve funds to hire the Washington Conservation Corps to reduce fuels along Hwy 410. The crew worked for 5 weeks and 700 cubic yards was chipped.

The next board meeting was agreed to be held on January 29. Details will be sent out as the date approaches.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.