

Pend Oreille Conservation District Regular Board Meeting MINUTES: 9/19/23

Meeting Start -POCD Office: 4:00 pm

In attendance: Alex Case-Cohen, POCD District Manager; Stephen Allen, POCD Ed., Outreach & Administration Coordinator; George Stuivenga, POCD Board Supervisor; Randy Leestma, POCD Board Treasurer; Lisa Alkire, Alkire Collab; Mike Mumford; POCD Board Supervisor; Mark Simpson, NRCS

In attendance via "Zoom,": Mary Malone; POC Weed Board; Robert Rosencratz, POC Commissioner

Official Action Items				
Motion	Motion made by:	Motioned seconded by:	Decision	Attachment
Motion to approve agenda and take items out of order	Randy Leestma	Mike Mumford	Carried	A
Motion to approve 8/1 & 8/15 regular meeting minutes	Randy Leestma	Mike Mumford	Carried	B, C
Motion to approve RCO Agreement 19-1753	Randy Leestma	Mike Mumford	Carried	D
Motion to approve WSCC SRF Addendum	Mike Mumford	Randy Leestma	Carried	Е
Motion to approve 20230309_FE PSA POCD Amend. 3	N/A	N/A		F, G
Motion to approve PSA No. 20230919_O2.	Mike Mumford	Randy Leestma	Carried	H, I
Motion to approve July & August Treasurer's Report	Randy Leestma	Mike Mumford	Carried	L, M
Meeting Adjourned at 6:38 PM				

Partner Reports

Mary Malone, Weed Board

No Reports

Mark Simpson, NRCS

- Stan (NRCS Leadership) left for training and will return in Oct. Mark was "Acting" DC & Alex Reyes is "Acting" DC in Stevens County.
- Mark currently cannot go out to the field to certify projects (medical). Mark completed two IRA funded projects in Stevens County.
- NRCS is reaching its fiscal year end and projects, other items are being closed out currently. In October Mark will resume processing applications.

Mike Mumford, WACD Board

- First WACD board meeting since June. John Wiess spoke at the meeting regarding fraudulent/ erroneous enrollment. The FSA has had a few issues in recent history due to poor contract construction by FSA, CD's & the county. Reports of these developments will be shared in the future.
- The WACD is exploring some funding to lower annual dues and possibly provide additional funding to CD's. This process is still early, and no further information is provided.
- PMC changed its ordering process to abide by industry standards and avoid financial issues
- The WACD signed a letter of retainer with a law firm in Bellevue, and the WACD has stated that up to \$10,000, CD's can utilize these law services.
- WACD report on rules of conduct in board meetings, board chairs in a committee this small are allowed to vote at any time during actions items etc....
- Dependent health care coverage is currently under review to decide on keeping the status quo or changing the policy. No vote has been carried out yet.
- The WACD Regional meeting was held in the southwest. The executive director's search is about complete and dates for the second set of interviews will be soon.
- CD's will be requested to submit appropriate questions to be asked.

Robert Rosencrantz, POC Commissioner

- Discussed the Community Wildfire Defense Grant
 - To do list/report: Please Follow-up with Ione on the bank stabilization program (Sean)

Old Business

• Action Item: Item Detail – RCO Grant FFPPP Agreement, See attachment D.

- This allows us to bill our hours and receive funding from RCO for ongoing projects.
 - Randy Leestma motioned, Mike Mumford seconds, motion carried.
- Action Item: SRF Addendum FY2024, See attachment E.
 - This addendum is to fund the Wagon Wheel Project
 - Mike Mumford motioned, Randy Leestma Seconded.
- Action Item: Osborn Consulting, See attachment F & G.
 - o These attachments will be discussed at the special meeting.

Discussion Item or Action Item: Item Detail -Organizational Chart, See attachment J.

New Business

- Action Item: Alkire Collab. Contract See attachment H, I.
 - o Discussed items & errors on contracts will be addressed after the meeting.
 - o Re-evaluation Date of June 30th, 2025, every two years there of
 - o 60 days' notice will be given.
 - Mike Mumford motioned, Randy Leestma Second, motion carried.
- Lisa's Operation Report:
 - o Record impressions & website visits due to fair content & job openings.
 - o Purple air monitors contributed to the data.
 - o 40 plus followers to Facebook added.
 - o Created a watch duty app & seeder interested.

Treasurer's Report for July & August – See attachment L, M.

- Conditionally approve the report until the LOC discrepancy is addressed in the report at the next special meeting.
 - Randy Leestma moved to approve, Mike Mumford seconded, motion carried.

Operations Report – Alex Case-Cohen, See Attachment K.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:38 PM

To Do List:

Follow-up with Metalline Falls on bank stabilization program.

Case-Cohen, POCD District Manager

George Stuivenga, POCD Board Chair