



Pend Oreille Conservation District
Board Meeting MINUTES:
 3/17/2026
Meeting 4:00pm-6:00pm
at Public Utility District
151 Washinton St.
Newport, WA 99156

In attendance at PUD: *Corey Brenner (POCD Riparian Program Manager), Stephen Allen (POCD Communications Manager) Analyse Jett (POCD Administrative Coordinator), Russ Fick (POCD board supervisor), George Stuivenga (POCD Board Vice Chair), Mark Simpson (NRCS), Loretta Nichols (POCWB), Jerry Pellon (POC landowner)*

In attendance via “Zoom,”: *Mike Mumford (POCD Board Chair), Mary Ellen- filling in for (environmental planner DNR), Derek Marin (District Conservationist, NRCS), John W. Floyd (POCD Board Supervisor), Robert Rosencranz (POC Commissioner), Sandy Nguyen (Metaline Falls Community Garden),*

Meeting Start 4:0pm

Official Action Items				
Motion	Motion made by:	Motioned seconded by:	Decision	Attachment
Approve agenda and take items out of order- Additions DIP SS	Russ Fick	Mike Mumford	Carried	A
Regular board meeting minutes for 2-17-2026	Russ Fick	Mike Mumford	Carried	B
-Action Item: Financial Reports for February – tabled			Tabled	D
Action Item: Metaline Falls Project FEMA grant – phase 1 awarded	Mike Mumford	Russ Fick	Carried	E
Action Item: NRI Cost-share project Abel	Mike Mumford	Russ Fick	Carried	F
Action Item: Bear Paw Project- utilize engineering grant funding	Mike Mumford	Russ Fick	Carried	G

Action Item: FFFPP Project- Contech Engineered Solutions for project procurement	Russ Fick	Mike Mumford	Carried	H
Action Item: Secure funding from engineering cluster for bank stabilization for finalized site plan from unmet deliverables, Larch Lane and Leclerc Rd South	Mike Mumford	Russ Fick	Carried	
Action Item: USPS Rental Lease- pending bathroom access- keys	Mike Mumford	Russ Fick	Carried	I
Meeting Adjourned at 6:21PM				

Partner Reports

Mark Simpson/Derek Marin, NRCS

Presenting event 9/28/2026 with Society for Range Management (SRM) called Wolf-Livestock Production round table. It focuses on range riding, depreciation mitigation with regional partners. NRCS is seeking endorsement from POCD for this event.

NRCS is redoing the MOU (memorandum of understanding) and UCA (unfunded cooperative agreement) with the conservation districts. An updated partner MOU will be needed soon between the agency and district. Local work group meeting has been set for 4/10/26 at Forest Service in Coleville, WA.

Mark updated that the NE team local work group funding has been significantly reduced. All applications are being encouraged for sema 216 , soil testing. Landowners have new qualifications for having a ‘qualified persons’ contractor participant. Promoting soil health and the testing is for the purpose for the landowner to better know their soil health. 9 applications have been entering and 5 have been picked for funding- 30 total in the state. High and low tunnels plans.

Robert Rosencrantz, POCD Commissioner

Office space with the county is supported. The award of the FEMA grant is of significance to the county.

John W. Floyd

WACD meeting, new area director in Clark. WACD conf is in December.

4/23 in Waterville Envirothon run by south Douglas. North central area gave presentation. Becca at Foster Creek is looking for male chaperones for kid’s camp if anyone is interested

Sustainable funding update- continued discussion on this and how much is the basis for sustainable funding among districts. Big number 170, based on additional sales tax.

Loretta Nichols

POCWB workshop at the end of March state weed board add the plant Sunflower broomrape to noxious weed list. It is a parasitic plant that can affect other plants and develops a host easily and has a 2-week life cycle. It is the first sighting in the United States. This can shut down WA from being an export state if it is not controlled as the seed is viable for 50 years. If you find any contact pest@agr.wa.gov.

Mary-Ellen WA DNR

Working on service forest pasture program to do fuels reduction. Updates on grants- funding is up in the air for future funding still. Currently 11 landowners are set to have projects.

Dayton Almond is current forester that can be contacted.

Funding for landowners available.

Questions about HIZ form and discussion on Stevens County fires with funding being available through nonprofits that are helping landowners with Frank Curtain.

Sandy Nguyen, Metaline Falls Community Garden

Incorporated as a nonprofit 501c3 status, with grants from Kalispel Tribe and Lyons Club of Ione. and continued effort to gain growth in growing capacity and efficiency for the community's benefit.

Sandy discussed they have a Lease with Metaline Falls town- 15-year lease with land improvements, such as fencing and a greenhouse for extended community growing.

The greenhouse project plan is an application with the Ione Lyons Club with an interview on 3/20 and Sandy is requesting POCD letter of endorsement for community garden greenhouse. The board agrees to support.

Sandy encouraged participation and visibility through community events.

Operations Report- see attachment C

Treasurers Report- February – see attachment D

Treasurers Report tabled.

New Business

Action Item: FEMA Metaline Falls Agreement- see attachment E

Phase 1 award-

Audit threshold clarification discussed.

Motion to approve FEMA award pending clarification of audit threshold made by Mike Mumford and seconded by Russ Fick. Motion carried.

Action Item: NRI Cost-share project, Able - see attachment F

Able cost-share project

Total- landowner \$5,204.27, district \$3,903.20

Motion to approve NRI Abel project made by Mike Mumford and seconded by Russ Fick. Motion carried

Action Item: : Bear Paw Project, funds update- see attachment G

- utilize engineering grant \$15k of funding to update plan changes-

Motion to approve use of funds for plan changes made by Mike Mumford and seconded by Russ Fick. Motion carried. John W. abstained

Action Item: FFFPP Project- Contech Engineered Solutions for project procurement-see attachment H

Motion to approve Contech Engineering for bridge project procurement in FFFPP project made by Russ Fick and seconded by Mike Mumford. Motion carried.

Action Item: Engineering Cluster funding approval

Secure funding from engineering cluster for finalized site plan from unmet deliverables in bank stabilization projects Larch Lane and Leclerc Rd South.

Motion to approve cluster funding for final site plan made by Mike Mumford and seconded by Russ Fick. Motion carried.

Action Item: USPS Rental Lease- pending bathroom access- keys

Motion to approve USPS sublease pending clarifications on keys/bathroom access made by Mike Mumford and seconded by Russ Fick. Motion carried.

Executive Session-pursuant to 42.30.110 (g)

5:46-5:56pm

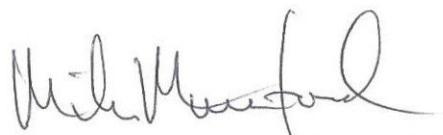
Action Item: Personnel- Admin title and salary- see attachment Q

Position reports and is overseen by the Executive director. Analyse Jett to have title change to Administrative Finance Manager with an increase to \$28.02, effective 3/1/2026

Motion to approve personnel title and salary increase made by Jon Paul Driver and seconded by George Stuvenga. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:26 PM


Mary Malone, Executive Director


Mike Mumford, POCD Board Chair
