



**Pend Oreille Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting MINUTES: 12/19/23
Meeting Start – 4:00 pm**

In attendance at the Camas Center: John W. Floyd (Board Supervisor, POCD), Jon Paul Driver (Board Supervisor, POCD), Corey Brenner (Riparian Program Coordinator, POCD), George Stuivennga (Board Chair, POCD), Scott Morgan (Landowner), Amanda Cullin (Conservation Ag. Specialist, POCD), Randy Leestma (Board Treasurer, POCD), Mary Malone (Interim Operations Director, POCD), Stephen Allen (Education, Outreach & Administration Coordinator).

In attendance via "Zoom,": Mike Mumford (Board Supervisor, POCD), Priya Paul Dey (Forester, POCD), Thea Webster, (Exbablylon), Mark Simpson (NRCS), Robert Rosenrantz (POC Commissioner)

Official Action Items			
Motion	Motion made by:	Motioned seconded by:	Decision
Motion to approve agenda and take items out of order	Randy Leestma	Jon Paul Driver	Carried
Motion to approve to meeting minutes for 11/21/23 as amended.	John W. Floyd	Randy Leestma	Carried
Motion to approve candidate selection for Executive Director	Mike Mumford	Randy Leestma	Carried
Motion to approve candidate selection for Admin. Specialist	Mike Mumford	Randy Leestma	Carried
Meeting Adjourned at 6:41 PM			

Partner Reports

Mike Mumford, WACD

At the end of November, WACD held the annual meeting. Conservation Districts, Partners & Sponsors showed up in record numbers. The WSCC had their EOY meeting and appointed their new commissioner. Legislative days are approaching in January and the meeting for the commission is on 1/18 & 1/19.

Thea Webster, Exbablyon

Managing a project on firewall and switch update to optimize the network in the office. The project will be completed before the end of the year. Thea discussed the need for the network from a security perspective and discussed getting a radius on the access point for cameras.

Mark Simpson, NRCS

New NRCS Program "Act Now" created due to the time it takes process EQUIP applications. Mark discussed his supervisor retiring at the end of the month. Mark is unsure if an interim person will fill the role and Mark will inform us as soon as possible. Mark discussed the site visits that he conducted with Priya and Amanda as well as introduce them to community members and partners in Pend Oreille County. Mark gave an update on Lock Dam, 1949 project that was part of a drainage project related to Box Canyon, NRCS paid for a dam and pumping plants to keep the property from being flooded by Box Canyon Dam. The 50-year inspection was completed and NRCS no longer completes reports on the dam.

Robert Rosenrantz, POC

No Reports

Old Business

Executive Session: Discuss applicant qualifications for Executive Director—See attachment C.

- Begin Executive Session at 5:20 pm
- Executive Session ended at 5:35 pm

○ Mike Mumford moves to take the recommendation of the personnel committee and move forward with negotiations to hire the person pending successful negotiations. Any candidates that inquire about qualifications regarding the selection process should be directed to Jon Paul Driver. Mike Mumford motions, Randy Leestma seconds, motion carried.

Executive Session Discuss Applicant Qualifications for Admin. Specialist—See attachment D.

- Executive Session Start: 5:45 pm
- Executive Session Ended 6:05 pm

○ Mike Mumford moves forward with the recommendation with the interview panel and moves forward with negotiations with the candidate and after successful negotiations hire the candidate. Randy Leestma seconds. Motion carried.

New Business

12/28 Special Meeting – Mike Mumford Requests addition to the agenda/ Discuss the need for a meeting next week—no attachment.

- Mike wanted to discuss the need for the upcoming special meeting due to the end of the year and holiday challenges. The board agreed to attend a special meeting at 11 am on 12/28 at a location in Newport TBD (PUD or POCWB Conference Room).

Randy Leestma is recognized for 20 years of service on the board—no attachment.

- Mike Mumford, Stephen Allen, and John W. Floyd spoke about Randy's service with the Conservation District and the challenges the position of treasurer poses and commended Randy on his dedicated years of service.

POCD Forester Official Introduction & Updates—no attachment.

- Priya discussed the forestry training she initially took on during October and discussed some of the training related to wildfire resilience as well as assessing community challenges related to forestry in the area. Scott Morgan commented on some local issues the community has experienced such as areas to thin or areas that need to be thinned.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:41 PM

To Do List:

- Website links for meeting minutes are not working correctly, work with Lisa on that issue.

George Stuiivenga, POCD Board Chair
1/16/2024

Mary Malone, POCD Executive Director