

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SUPERVISORS' MEETING

January 6, 2025

Meeting was called to order 7:00 p.m. Present were Carolyn Kelly, Mike Lesky, Justin Grillo, Joe Sprauer, Mackenzie Groves – Pheasants Forever, Carol Cowling

No public comment

December meeting minutes approved. **Motion:** Joe/Mike/passed.

Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. Approved: **Motion:** Lindsey/Joe/passed.

(Vouchers 4773-4781 = \$8736.15)

NRCS Report – Mackenzie Groves updated us on the NRCS programs. Welcome Mackenzie. Another NRCS employee is expected at the end of the month. NRCS local working group will be April 17 in Chelan. Hope to meet with local producers for their concerns before the meeting in April.

WCC Report – None

Old Business

VSP ongoing

CWPP - Survey on the SDCD website. Working thru draft CWPP.

CWMA – they are updating their programs. Discussion on interaction with CWPP process as invasive weeds are a fire hazard.

New Business

Annual Meeting - South Douglas will be the host of the annual meeting this year. February 11 at the Community Hall. Possible pesticide credits from Odessa Trading (weed) or Jerry Ellis (biocontrol) Other topics could be biocontrols, compost facility in Quincy, Steve Smith, pig farmer in Ephrata with enclosed system.

Resolution 25-E – Establishing election by mail only. **Motion** to approve: Lindsey/Justin/passed.

Resolution 25-01 – 2025 Meeting Dates. Motion to approve: Joe/Mike/passed.

Officers will be the same as last year: Carolyn – Chairman, Lindsey- Vice Chairman, Joe Sprauer – auditor/Treasurer, Mike Lesky – member, Justin Grillo – member. **Motion:** Joe/Lindsey/passed.

Discussion of the public records document request. Carol will draft resolution based on other CDs approved resolutions.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 p.m.

Auditor

Recorder

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SUPERVISORS' MEETING

February 3, 2025

Meeting was called to order 5:30 p.m. Present were Carolyn Kelly, Mike Lesky, Justin Grillo, Lexi Gardner NRCS, Carol Cowling

No public comment

January meeting minutes approved. **Motion:** Justin/Mike/passed.

Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. Approved: **Motion:** Justin/Mike/passed.

(Vouchers 4782-4786 = \$6462.15)

NRCS Report – Lexi updated us on the EQIP and CSP programs. Funding is unknown at this time. IRA funds are on hold although the Farm Bill funding is still secure. Possible funding for planting radishes. Federal employees may be eligible for deferred resignation until September 30. NRCS local working group will be April 17 in Chelan. Hope to meet with local producers for their concerns before the meeting in April.

WCC Report – None

Old Business

VSP – meeting set for 2/4. Carolyn would like to see the two meeting rule followed for updating and modifying the budget.

CWPP - Survey on the SDCD website. Working thru draft CWPP.

CWMA – they are updating their programs. Possible overlap with VSP funding, making bio controls as a priority.

New Business

Annual Meeting - South Douglas will be the host of the annual meeting this year. February 11 at the Community Hall. Two pesticide credits secured. Northwest Management will lead a discussion on the progress of the CWPP.

Resolution 25-02 – Public Records Index/ **Motion** to approve: Justin/Mike/passed.

Reminder to Justin that he needs to send in paperwork if he wants to continue as appointed supervisor.

Carol will remind Lindsey as elected supervisor as well.

Tree Sale April 5 at the Fire Station.

Cost share projects

Brent Billingsley livestock waterer is out for final cultural resources approval. His estimate has been adjusted to \$40,000

Rachel Goetz cattle guard project is \$20,000. Cost Share approval at 75% for 15000. **Motion:** Lindsey/Mike/passed/

We do have funding for both projects. Carolyn thought maybe VSP may have funding. Decision should be made at our March meeting.

Request from EW landowner for cost share to remove large trees in backyard. This is not within our scope of cost share projects.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 p.m.

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SUPERVISORS' MEETING

March 3, 2025

Meeting was called to order 5:30 p.m. Present were Carolyn Kelly, Mike Lesky, Lindsey Morrison, Rachel Bromiley Goetz , Mike Baden - WCC Carol Cowling

No public comment

February meeting minutes approved. **Motion:** Lindsey/Mike/passed.

Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. Approved: **Motion:** Lindsey/Mike/passed.

(Vouchers 4787-4793 = \$5774.90)

NRCS Report – Programs proceeding as funding is available.

WCC Report – Mike updated us on the state budget. Still many unknowns, but optimistic most core programs will be retained.

Old Business

VSP –updates on projects and funding. Biocontrols may be available

CWPP - working on the draft plan. Northwest Management was able to speak at the annual meeting and answer questions the public may have about the procedure. Local outreach is planned as the draft plan becomes a working document.

CWMA – they are updating their programs. Possible overlap with VSP funding, making bio controls as a priority.

NRCS Local Working Group is meeting April 17 in Chelan.

2025 Elections still in progress. Election day is March 14.

New Business

Tree Sale April 5 at the Fire Station.

Cost share projects

Brent Billingsley livestock waterer is ready to go. His estimate has been adjusted to \$40,000. We will pay 30000. **Motion:** Mike/Lindsey/passed.

Rachel Goetz cattle guard project is \$20,000. Cost Share approval at 75% for 15000. **Motion:** Lindsey/Mike/passed.

Fuels reduction projects on Badger Mtn waiting for snow to disappear. Funding from CWPP project can be moved to fuels reduction as it is forest related. Carol will get details. Colleen Parks project on Badger Mtn.

Cody Jordan – irrigation project and Gene Roth – Irrigation Efficiencies in Palisades ongoing.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 p.m.

Auditor

Recorder

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SUPERVISORS' MEETING

April 7, 2025

Meeting was called to order 5:30 p.m. Present were Carolyn Kelly, Mike Lesky, Lindsey Morrison, Justin Grillo, Lexi Gardner – NRCS, Carol Cowling

No public comment March meeting minutes approved. **Motion:** Lindsey/Mike/passed.

Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. Approved: **Motion:** Lindsey/Mike/passed.(Vouchers 4794-4802 = \$29065.14)

NRCS Report – Sarah Troutman is stepping down to part time. Hannah Tomlinson is taking her place. Programs proceeding as funding is available. EQIP may not be funded. CSP funding extended.

WCC Report – State Budget not yet finalized.

Old Business

VSP – updates on projects and funding. Biocontrols may be available Concentrating on weed management for dalmatian toad flax. Mike may have leads on sources for the bugs. Carolyn noted that the Biocontrols need to be in the VSP plan to get credit for the program.

CWPP - working on the draft plan. Northwest Management to meet with the County Commissioners at their request. Local outreach is planned as the draft plan becomes a working document.

CWMA – they are updating their programs. Possible overlap with VSP funding, making bio controls as a priority.

NRCS Local Working Group is meeting April 17 in Chelan.

2025 Election Day was March 14. Congratulations to Lindsey Morrison for a successful campaign. Justin has turned in his paperwork to continue as Appointed Supervisor. Final decision by WCC at May meeting.

New Business

Tree Sale April 5 at the Fire Station. Good turnout and great plants.

Solar project still rumbling up on Badger Mtn. Company asking for extension.

Lindsey asked about signs designating entering South Douglas CD along county/State roads. Carol will get more info.

Cost share projects

Fuels reduction projects on Badger Mtn waiting for snow to disappear. Funding from CWPP project can be moved to fuels reduction as it is forest related. Motion to move \$30000 from line items to Cost Share project in Forest health grant. **Motion:** Lindsey/Mike/passed.

Justin would like \$150 for soil tests at the Waterville School Dougals Creek Project. **Motion:** Lindsey/Mike/passed. Justin abstained.

Laura Murphy presented a cost share application for a project up on Badger. Details and cost to come. May need cultural resources. **Motion** to proceed with investigation. Lindsey/Mike/passed.

Cody Jordan – irrigation project and Gene Roth – Irrigation Efficiencies in Palisades ongoing as well as livestock waterer and cattle guard project.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 p.m.

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SUPERVISORS' MEETING

May 5, 2025

Meeting was called to order 5:30 p.m. Present were Carolyn Kelly, Mike Lesky, Justin Grillo, Carol Cowling

No public comment

April meeting minutes approved. **Motion:** Justin/Joe/passed.

Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. Approved: **Motion:** Lindsey/Mike/passed.

(Vouchers 4803-4811 = \$33530.98)

NRCS Report – Update report.

WCC Report – None

Old Business

VSP –updates on projects and funding. Biocontrols may be available Concentrating on weed management for dalmatian toad flax 44 sites at 5-10 acres each so far.. Carolyn noted that the Biocontrols need to be in the VSP plan to get credit for the program.

CWPP - working on the draft plan. Local outreach is planned as the draft plan becomes a working document. Draft should be ready soon.

CWMA – they are updating their programs. Possible overlap with VSP funding, making bio controls as a priority. Field Day May 14.

NRCS Local Working Group met April 17 in Chelan. User groups are orchard, range, forestry and cropland.

New Business

Justin spoke of the Wheat Week in Waterville. Three days. They also had a bus tour of the area, stopping at Highland Grain, Barnes Welding and the airport.

2026 Annual Plan update. Several modifications. **Motion** to approve – Joe/Justin/passed.

Cost share projects

Fuels reduction projects on Badger Mtn progressing. Several more to go.

Irrigation Efficiency grant advance of \$150,000!. **Motion** to approve. Joe/Justin/passed.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 p.m.

Auditor

Recorder

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SUPERVISORS' MEETING

June 2, 2025

Meeting was called to order 5:30 p.m. Present were Carolyn Kelly, Joe Sprauer Justin Grillo, Lindsey Morrison, Sydney Balderston FCCD, Waterville School students and adults, Carol Cowling

No public comment

May meeting minutes approved. **Motion:** Justin/Joe/passed.

Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. Approved: **Motion:** Lindsey/Mike/passed. (FS not presented due to QB breakdown)

(Vouchers 4812-4822 = \$65652.36)

NRCS Report – None

WCC Report – None

Waterville Grade School students spoke about the Douglas Creek project. A good presentation of their scientific findings. Not many nitrates so not a lot of Ag runoff. Lots of ticks (!) and beaver activity.

Group out at this time.

Old Business

VSP – updates on projects and funding. Biocontrols will be available for toadflax. Eileen Bone has volunteered land for a bug nursery, where future insects can be harvested.

CWPP - Draft ready to be reviewed.

CWMA – Joe said the meeting went well. While Do Co does not have a weed board, the weed management team is getting the word out. The CWMA is not supportive of a County wide weed board. Maybe if incentive based, but not enforcement. Determination of funding and outcomes would have to be reviewed before any further decisions can be made.

New Business

SCC Master Contract for 25-26 reviewed and approved. **Motion:** Joe/Lindsey

Cost share projects

Fuels reduction projects on Badger Mtn progressing. Several more to go.

Other cost share projects continuing.

Possibility of cost share or funding for grass strips and wildlife strips under and near power poles. They have been funded before.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 p.m.

Auditor

Recorder

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SUPERVISORS' MEETING

July 7, 2025

Meeting was called to order 5:30 p.m. Present were Carolyn Kelly, Joe Sprauer, Mike Lesky, Heather Wendt (WACD), Carol Cowling

No public comment

June meeting minutes approved. **Motion:** Joe/Mike/passed.

Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. Approved: **Motion:** Joe/Mike/passed.

(Vouchers 4823-4835 = \$407650.69)

NRCS Report – distributed.

WCC Report – Heather spoke for WCC/WACD. Legislature is learning who CDs actually are. There is a need to distinguish funding between DNR and the CDs. The legislative strategy needs to continue year long, particularly with new legislators.

Old Business

VSP – updates on projects and funding. Purple leaf stripe is becoming a real problem in the Columbia River.

CWPP - waiting for signatures.

CWMA – Discussion on Weed Board. Chelan County's weed board budget is 519000.

A growing problem is Poison Hemlock. It is moving into NCW. Rampant in the Walla Walla area.

New Business

Request for WCC Basic Allocation of 12,500.00 **Motion:** Joe/Mike/passed

Natural Resource Initiative Funding available. \$107700 for two years. We used it previously for fuels reduction on Badger Mountain.

Motion to approve funding: Joe/Mike/passed.

Possible fall road trip so supervisors can see what has been done with our dollars.

Justin may be a good video producer.

Cost share projects

On hold until fall.

Meeting adjourned 6:48 p.m.

Auditor

Recorder

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September 8, 2025

Meeting was called to order 5:30 p.m. Present were Carolyn Kelly, Joe Sprauer, Mike Lesky, Justin Grillo, Lindsey Morrison, Carol Cowling, Rachel Goetz.

No public comment

Rachel Goetz presented a project for livestock water facility on Badger Mtn. Purpose is to move water down to where the cattle are and establishing rotational grazing. Cultural Resources have been done. Will meet NRCS standards. Total project will 24811.79. 75% will be 18608.84. **Motion** to fund at 75%. Lindsey/Mike/passed.

Rachel reported on the cattle guard that was installed this past summer. They were able to control rotational grazing, 50 cow/calf units on 930 acres.

Rachel out at this time.

July meeting minutes approved. **Motion**: Justin/Joe/passed. (No August meeting)

Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. Five students prepared educational posters for fair. Education Conservation = \$500. Approved: **Motion**: Joe/Lindsey/passed.

(Vouchers 4836-4848 = \$19,578.53)

NRCS Report – distributed.

WCC Report – none

Old Business

VSP –held special meeting for cost share projects for specific state funding.

CWPP - still waiting for signatures.

CWMA – none

New Business

North Central Area Area meeting October 23. Foster Creek to host in Mansfield.

Fair emphasis on agriculture is weak. Discussion on how to improve displays and promote agriculture. Carolyn will work on it. CWMA and VSP displays were good. (Thanks Carolyn)

Cost share projects

New applications for fuels reduction on Badger Mtn. Steve Elledge – 7770.00, Compton 3330.00. **Motion** to approve: Lindsey/Justin/passed.

Discussion on cost sharing for biocontrol insects for South Douglas CD residents. Pay 50% up to \$250. **Motion**: Joe/Justin/passed.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.

Auditor

Recorder

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SUPERVISORS' MEETING

October 6, 2025

Meeting was called to order 5:30 p.m. Present were Carolyn Kelly, Joe Sprauer, Mike Lesky, Justin Grillo, Carol Cowling.

No public comment

September meeting minutes approved. **Motion:** Justin/Mike/passed. (No August meeting)

Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. Approved: **Motion:** Justin/Mike/passed.

(Vouchers 4849-4854 = \$1855.00)

NRCS Report – none

WCC Report – none

Old Business

VSP – Biocontrol field trip, concentrating on Dalmatian toadflax. Good info.

CWPP - still waiting for signatures.

CWMA – none

New Business

North Central Area meeting October 23. Foster Creek to host in Mansfield.

Joe presented a resolution for the WACD annual meeting, allowing changes in mid contract mowing on CRP fields. While it is the NRCS default method for controlling weeds in CRP, the mowing is detrimental to the biocontrol insects in the field. Possible alternative of harrowing. **Motion** to present at area meeting: Mike/Justin/passed.

WACD meeting in Spokane, December 1-3. Carolyn, Mike, Joe and Lindsey all plan on going. Details to come.

Resolution 25-02 -Cost Share Policy. **Motion** to approve: Mike/Justin/passed.

Cost share projects

Vernon Breiler applied for fencing thru the WA Shrub Steppe Restoration Initiative. **Motion** to approve: Mike/Joe/passed.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.

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November 3, 2025

Meeting was called to order 5:30 p.m. Present were Carolyn Kelly, Joe Sprauer, Mike Lesky, Lindsey Morrison, Carol Cowling, Ryan Williams – Cascade CD, Allisa Carlson - WCC

No public comment

October meeting minutes approved. **Motion:** Lindsey/Joe/passed.

Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. Approved: **Motion:** Justin/Mike/passed.

(Vouchers 4855-4859 = \$6653.63)

NRCS Report – FSA and NRCS offices are once again open. Jon Wyss, State FSA Director, has been fired. No further details.

WCC Report – Allisa Carlson, our new WCC Regional Manager, introduced herself and updated us on programs.

Old Business

VSP – Meeting tomorrow. Several cost share projects will be reviewed.

CWPP - still waiting for signatures.

CWMA – Discussion about Weed Board in Douglas County. Dougals County Commissioners have stated they have had no weed complaints forwarded to them.

New Business

Ryan Williams, Cascadia CD, updated us on their education programs that include South Douglas CD students. We will look at our budget and make recommendations at the next meeting.

Mike Lesky wondered about the soil health programs NRCS promotes.

SDCD will host 2026 Envirothon. It will be April 23 at Waterville City Park.

Cost share projects

Nate Gutzwiler, Badger Mtn, wondered about fuels reduction for aspen trees. Motion to pursue funding. Lindsey/Joe/passed.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.

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December 8, 2025

Meeting was called to order 5:30 p.m. Present were Carolyn Kelly, Joe Sprauer, Justin Grillo, Carol Cowling, Scott Scroggie - NRCS

No public comment

November meeting minutes approved. **Motion:** Justin/Joe/passed.

Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. Approved: **Motion:** Justin/Joe/passed.

(Vouchers 4860-4864 = \$5 962.95)

NRCS Report – Scott Scroggie is now our District Conservationist. Sarah Troutman is now a parttime employee and will be working on CRP and transition. Lexi is stationed in Wenatchee, but comes up to Waterville as well. Our office is #1 for a resource conservationist, but not any time soon. Need more coordination between FSA and NRCS offices.

WCC Report – none

Old Business

VSP – Working on 10 year report and revisions to plan.

CWPP - at the printers

CWMA – none

New Business

Education with Cascadia CD discussed. We will discuss this again at January meeting. We would like to stretch these education dollars as far as possible. Justin spoke of the Ag Days Wilbur hosts.

SDCD will host 2026 Envirothon. It will be April 23 at Waterville City Park.

Resolution 26-E Election presented. Reviewed and approved at January meeting.

Cost share projects

Brent Billingley presented a project that will protect shrub steppe from livestock and enhance wildlife habitat. This is part of a multi year project. Project approved. Total project 32 656.93 75% 24492.70 **Motion:** Justin/Joe/passed. Cultural Resources will be needed.

Schneider Orchards LLC presented a cost share project for upgrading irrigation in orchard. Asking 45,000 of 60,000.

Motion to further discuss at January meeting Joe/Jusin/passed

2026 Board – Carolyn – Chairman, Mike Lesky- Vice Chairman, Justin Grillo -Treasurer, Lindsey Morrison- Member, Joe Sprauer-Member **Motion:** Joe/Justin/passed

Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.

