

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
April 9, 2018

Meeting was called to order 7:00p.m. Present were Eileen Bone, Mike Lesky, Joe Sprauer, Jeff Rock, Carol Cowling, Lee Hemmer, Amanda Ward – Foster Creek CD, Carolyn Kelly, Julie Unfried–NRCS

March meeting minutes were approved. **Motion:** Eileen/Joe/ Passed.
Financial statements and bills to be paid submitted. **Motion:** Joe/Eileen/Passed.
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NRCS Report - Julie updated us on projects. Bryce Kruger is moving to Walla Walla end of May.

WCC Report – None

Old Business

NCW Envirothon will be April 26 at Badger Mountain Ski Hill. South Douglas to host. We have our judges in place and all area schools have been contacted.

Carol had spoken to Wenatchee Valley College and they do have biocontrols for Russian knapweed. Dale Whaley, WSU, also said they had released bugs south of Douglas on RKW and will be monitoring the success. WVC would have the bugs available this spring at no cost. Discussion about possibly establishing a "bug nursery" to have more bugs available. Carol will keep Foster Creek in the loop.

Chipping Days May 16-17 – East Wenatchee.

New Business

Training coming up in Ellensburg (Fire) Cashmere(Vets on the Farm), Wenatchee (Fire) and WADE. Motion for Carol to go as needed. **Motion:** Joe/Eileen/passed.

Conservation Planner Discussion – Carolyn Kelly, facilitator

Foster Creek CD would like South Douglas to support a Conservation Planner that would work in both districts. With NRCS reduced staff, there is a need for a planner to help facilitate NRCS programs. NRCS would like to keep it in Foster Creek's office as they currently have a contract, and FC could provide office space and equipment. Much of the work would be done in NRCS office, utilizing computers and programs.

Could this be an independent contractor as opposed to an employee? While it may not reduce costs, the planner would be paid for plans completed, and not for other employee activities or projects.

Amanda stated it took between 160 – 200 hours to complete a plan (12 plans/year?) It was suggested possibly using ag/natural resource students from WVC to help with the plans.

What does Foster Creek want from us? What assurances would we have that the Planner would work on plans in South Douglas? No budget was available. Is this our problem or NRCS who require the Conservation Plans for their program, but does not have the staff to complete the work?

On going discussion

Internal Audit at May meeting. Need two supervisors to come in at 6:30.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Auditor

Recorder