

**SPOKANE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
 210 N. Havana, Spokane, WA 99202  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
 Tuesday, February 12, 2019

**Attendees**

**Supervisors:** Jerry Scheele, Randy James, Tom Miller present by phone

**Associate Supervisors:** None

**SCD Staff:** Vicki Carter, Cori Turntine, Jeannie Jesseph, Ty Meyer, Charlie Peterson

**Guests:** Steve Sprecher from Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)  
 Chris Eckhart from Eckhart Farms

**Minutes/Treasurer's Report**

Chair Scheele called the meeting to order at 5:00 and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Motion James/Miller to approve the agenda excluding the Executive Committee Meeting, WSCC Report and the Water Resources Presentation. Motion carried.**

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the January 8, 2019 Regular Board Meeting were previously distributed.

**Motion James/Miller to accept January 8, 2019 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report**

Supervisor James read through the Treasurer's Report. Prior to the meeting he verified all the adjusted balances and all accounts matched.

Cash Accounts	Beg Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Ending	Outstanding Rec	Outstanding Exp	Adj Balance
50 PayPal Merchant Account	511.46	8,343.17	6,209.96	2,644.67	0.00	0.00	2,644.67
51 Paypal Transfer Account	350.00	5,932.19	5,932.19	350.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
101 First Interstate Bank- Checkin	585,953.23	225,805.77	377,859.77	433,899.23	-43.52	82,125.27	515,980.98
102 First Interstate Bank - MMA	220.80	0.04	11.00	209.84	0.00	0.00	209.84
201 LGIP - WA State	344,216.52	728.54	0.00	344,945.06	0.00	0.00	344,945.06
Total Cash:	931,252.01	240,809.71	390,012.92	782,048.80	-43.52	82,125.27	<b>864,130.55</b>
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**Treasurer's Report:**

Receipts: 1, 4-10, 13-24, 27-33, 35-45, 90-94, 98-106, 108-122, 124, 125, 127-133, 157-165, 192-194, 216-224, 228-234, 239-242, 250-275, 280-282, 286, 289-292, 297, 300, 302-319, 335, 343-345, 356  
 EFT's: 11, 12, 34, 46, 96, 97, 138-155, 195, 196, 198-215, 225-227, 298, 299, 301  
 Claims: 46986-47064  
 Voids: None  
 Refunds: 40, 41, 130, 171, 310

Accounts Payable: \$723,463.80.

**Motion James/Miller to accept the January Treasurer's Report and February Accounts Payable as presented. Motion carried.**

**New Business / Linkage To Community**

**Public Comments and Introductions**

Scheele made introductions.

Steve Sprecher, NRCS, reported they are waiting to hear the impact of the 2018 Farm Bill. There are some great new programs included in the Farm Bill. NRCS did not close down during the government shutdown.

**Governance Culture**

### **Election Announcement**

Incumbent Jaki Shrauger is automatically reelected since she is the only candidate that filed for the Elected Supervisor in this election. The election has been canceled. Notice will be posted accordingly.

### **National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Meeting Recap**

Carter attended the NACD convention in San Antonio. She reported that the content of the speakers and panels were some of the best she has attended. Carter serves as the NCDEA rep on the NACD Urban and Community RPG. She reported they recently awarded the third round of grants which included two Washington and three Idaho Conservation District proposals. Carter saw a demonstration of new software called ESRI Story Mapping and sees much benefit to be gained by implementing it in our watershed work and possibly PND/SA/Farmed Smart. Conservation Districts in Wyoming are using it with much success. There was a session on social marketing for Conservation Districts that she found impactful. This session is available online and she will be using it as a training tool with staff. Carter remarked on the emphasis being placed on soil health across all platforms of government, local, state and federal.

### **Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Legislative Days Recap**

Carter, Eckhart and Josh Riddle attended the WACD legislative days in Olympia on January 27-28 to talk about the need for continued Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) funding. They met with nine legislators. The visit was very productive and they were well received. Eckhart and Riddle would like to go back next year. Carter has sent each representative a thank you letter reminding them of the purpose of the visit. After Carter read one of the letters, James recommended sending a letter to the Governor.

The Spokane Conservation District would like to extend a special thank you to Josh and Chris for their volunteer efforts and promoting conservation ideas.

### **Board/CEO Relationship**

#### **Financial Review**

Turntine brought forth an amendment to the 2019 budget for board review and approval. Information from the new pay card and grant systems allow Turntine to present a more current budget position across all funds not just the general fund. She has restructured the report to help the Board more easily understand the financial picture of the District.

**Motion James/Miller to accept changes to budget in Amendment #1. Motion carried.**

#### **Director's Report**

Carter gave a Rates and Charges presentation at County Commissioner's workshop on Monday. She spoke about District projects and the impact the District has on Spokane County. Adopting a Rates and Charges system will change the rate to landowners from \$0.42 to approximately \$0.83 per month per parcel. Another way to look at the change is that it will go from \$5.04 to approximately \$9.96 annually per parcel. Carter will go back to the County Commissioners next week to demonstrate where the additional funding will be spent. Jim Armstrong is creating a draft resolution for the Commissioners. The District will hold public hearing for comments once it is authorized by the County Commissioners.

**Motion James/Miller set a Rates and Charges public hearing on March 12 from 5-6 PM during the regularly scheduled board meeting. Motion carried.**

The Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) grant scope of work has been prepared. The District is required to provide a match of \$16,667.00.

**Motion James/Miller to approve match of \$16,667 for CERB grant. Motion carried.**

Carter is working with WA DOE on an assessment of the “perceived pollution” of asphalt at the new property. If approved, SCD will apply for up to \$300,000.00 for remediation of funding through the WA DOE and EPA at the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Property.

The Board gave Carter authorization to continue vetting the sale of the lots at the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Property if needed. Carter wants to proceed in good faith with due diligence. Holding a neighborhood meeting to keep people informed was discussed.

Chris Eckhart was recognized for his volunteer service to the SCD. His service is greatly appreciated.

Carter announced the South Spokane Farm Corridor has been formed. Small producers from the area will be encouraged to be a part of this effort. The group will debut May 18 at the Moran Grange Strawberry Festival. This group is a program under the Conservation District for the time being.

Scott Gail is leaving his Small Acreage Manager’s position with SCD effective March 1. He has accepted a new job but will remain involved with Vets on the Farm and the Biofarming project he started.

### **Operational Expectations**

#### **PNDSA Update**

Meyer reported that the conference went really well with an attendance of 450 people. He said that many younger producers attended. There were 45 vendors. There was a lot of conversation and idea sharing.

#### **Correspondence & Announcements**

Carter announced the following dates:

- Jerry Scheele 80th Birthday party on March 14 at Annie Fannies

#### **Closing of the Meeting & Reading of the Motions**

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Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm. Respectfully submitted by: Jeannie Jesseph

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**Gerald A. Scheele, Chair**

**Thomas J. Miller, Member**