

## **Pomeroy Conservation District**

Jan 16, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Pomeroy Conservation District was called to order by Mike Hastings at 8:08 a.m. Supervisor's present were Mike Hastings, Seth Claassen, Luke Ledgerwood and Scott Williams. Lance Frederick, Briana Kimbe, Mitch Ruchert, and Heather Hastings were also present.

The minutes of the Dec 10, 2024 meeting were read.

**Scott moved and Seth seconded to approve the Dec 10, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.**

The treasurer's report was reviewed.

**Scott moved with Luke seconding to approve the Dec 11, 2024 thru Jan 16, 2025 treasurer's report and pay the vouchered bills 12752 through 12782, excluding 12763, 7 EFT and 7 deposits for a total of \$46,949.69 Motion carried.**

**NRCS REPORT:** Mitch shared the deadline for CSP signups is near. Currently there are a total of 15 applications for Garfield County. Also wrapping up EQIP with 16 selected for Garfield County. General applications will be the next thing to work on with a total of 65 applicants. Some concern with the new administration and possible loss of the Inflation Reduction Act which could affect CSP applications/obligations. If a loss occurs, there is a belief that they wouldn't be able to touch existing contracts. Rick Stauty is also back in the office after some extended person leave.

**COMMISSION:** District Digest

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

*Weather Stations*-Lance installed a weather station at Bob Cox's place. Location is under "Ellis Place" in the weather link application.

*Riparian Grant Program*-Clay Tetrick's project. Ron Scheibe put tarps down about a week ago (20,000 sq/ft). Trees will be planted this spring. Project to be completed by the end of June 2025.

### **NEW BUSINESS shared by Lance**

*Implementation Cost Share*-(see attached)

**Scott moved and Luke seconded to approve John Dixon's cost share project. Motion carried.**

**Seth moved and Luke seconded to approve Justin Dixon's cost share project.**  
**Motion carried.**

Mike Hasting dismissed himself from the room for board discussion about his cost share project.

**Seth moved and Luke seconded to approve Mike Hasting's cost share project.**  
**Motion carried.**

Mike returned to the room and Luke Ledgerwood dismissed himself from the room for board discussion about his cost share project.

**Scottie moved and Seth seconded to approve Luke Ledgerwood's cost share project.**  
**Motion carried.**

Luke returned to the room.

**Luke moved and Scottie seconded to approve Gary Wold's cost share project.**  
**Motion carried.**

*Policy updates-Cost share rates, Personal Holiday*-Cost share rates were updated in our policy. Personal Holiday-Several other CD's as well as the county get a personal day to use as the employee desires. This is a request to add this to our policy if board members approve.

**Scottie moved and Luke seconded to approve 1 personal day for each staff member of Pomeroy CD and update the policy. Motion carried.**

*Acme Aerial Progression*-Curt Tetrick is starting a business and service with drones for smaller scale spraying. This is something that could be eligible for cost share. Curt shared this information by email to Lance in hopes to spread the word to others.

*PE Funding to Walla Walla*-Renee with Walla Walla CD is requesting \$32,000 for a large-scale project. (see attached)

**Luke moved and Scottie seconded to approve PE funding to Walla Walla CD.**  
**Motion carried.**

*Weather Station*-Randy Kausche requesting a weather station at his place.

**Luke moved and Seth seconded to approve installation for a weather station at Randy Kausche's**  
**Motion carried.**

*Cell Phone*-Lance spoke about the need for a Pomeroy CD business cell phone.

**Scottie moved and Luke seconded to approve a Pomeroy CD business Cell Phone. Motion carried.**

*Internal Audit*-Lance plans to start on the internal audit in February with thoughts to do the audit to follow the March board meeting.

*Cost of Living*-Washington state is 2.6% for current increase for cost of living. Lance is currently underpaid in comparison to many districts with the position he holds as District Manager. Lance stepped out of the room for board members to discuss this matter.

**Scottie moved and Luke seconded to approve increase Lance's wages by a 15% rate and increase Gary and Briana's by a 2.6% rate. Motion carried.**

*Farmer's Day*-Lance would like to hold Farmer's Day around this time in 2026 as it has not been held since 2020 and the pandemic. Board members agreed.

**Grader Report by Lance:**

A tire on the grader needs replacement. See Les Schwab quote attached. Mike suggested that we get a few more quotes. All agreed.

**CREP:**

None at this time.

**OTHER Business:**

**REVIEW OF MOTIONS:**

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**Scott moved and Luke seconded to approve John Dixon's cost share project. Motion carried.**

**Seth moved and Luke seconded to approve Justin Dixon's cost share project. Motion carried.**

**Seth moved and Luke seconded to approve Mike Hasting's cost share project. Motion carried.**

**Scottie moved and Seth seconded to approve Luke Ledgerwood's cost share project. Motion carried.**

**Luke moved and Scottie seconded to approve Gary Wold's cost share project.**  
**Motion carried.**

**Scottie moved and Luke seconded to approve 1 personal day for each staff member of Pomeroy CD and update the policy. Motion carried.**

**Luke moved and Scottie seconded to approve PE funding to Walla Walla CD.**  
**Motion carried.**

**Luke moved and Seth seconded to approve installation for a weather stations at Randy Kausche's Motion carried.**

**Scottie moved and Luke seconded to approve a Pomeroy CD business Cell Phone.**  
**Motion carried.**

**Scottie moved and Luke seconded to approve increase Lance's wages by a 15% rate and increase Gary and Briana's by a 2.6% rate. Motion carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m. The next meeting will be held Feb 11th, 2025 at 8:00 A.M with elections to follow.

Office Manager,  
Briana Kimble

*Briana Kimble*

Board Chairman,  
Mike Hastings

*Mike Hastings*