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TO: The Record
SUBJECT: August 4, 2011 Board of Supervisors
LOCATION: USDA Service Center, Okanogan, WA
FROM: Laura Clark, Administrative Program Coordinator

PRESENT:

Ivan Oberg, Chair	Jerry Asmussen, Vice Chair
Albert Roberts, District Auditor	Wes Hover, Member
Lorah Super, Member	Craig Nelson, District Manager
Bob Clark, Tech. Prog. Coordinator	Laura Clark, Admin. Prog. Coord.
Kim Simpson, District Treasurer	Kelly Kolrud, Conservation Planner
Christy Cincotta, Cons. Planner	Kirsten Cook, Conservation Educator
Randy Kelly, NRCS	Curtis Beus, WSU Extension
Bill Eller, WSCC (by phone)	

Regular Meeting Call To Order: Ivan Oberg called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Agenda: The agenda was presented. Add: RC&D Services & Okanogan Gauging to the contracts section; Archiving to Old Business; and WACD Awards to New Business. Wes Hover made a motion to approve the agenda as changed. Albert Roberts seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Approval of Minutes: Ivan Oberg asked for comments on the **June 30, 2011 minutes**. Albert Roberts made a motion to approve the June 30, 2011 minutes as written. Wes Hover seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report #699, which covers the checking account activity for July 1, 2011 to August 4, 2011, inclusive was presented for the Board's approval. The following vouchers/checks are approved for payment:

Payroll direct withdrawals; on 7-5-11 totaling \$9,654.34,
Payroll direct withdrawals; on 7-18-11 totaling \$9,542.83,
Payroll direct withdrawals; on 8-2-11 totaling \$9,697.00,
Voucher (check) numbers; 9420 to 9434 totaling \$27,382.85,
Direct withdrawals on 7-1-11 totaling \$12.65, on 7-6-11 totaling \$245.00, on 7-7-11 totaling \$3,009.85, on 7-14-11 totaling \$2,380.84, on 7-15-11 totaling \$12.65, on 7-19-11 totaling \$245.00, on 7-21-11 totaling \$2,976.91, on 7-21-11 totaling \$50.00, on 7-26-11 totaling \$85.39,

on 7-26-11 totaling \$338.48, on 7-26-11 totaling \$2,469.58, on 7-29-11 totaling \$1,150.94, on 7-29-11 totaling \$1,643.84, on 7-29-11 totaling \$201.18, on 7-29-11 totaling \$103.00, on 8-1-11 totaling \$12.65, on 8-4-11 totaling \$3,032.91, and on 8-4-11 totaling \$245.00, and deposits totaling \$169,028.00. Albert Roberts made a motion to approve Treasurer's Report #699 as written. Wes Hover seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Supervisor Reports: Wes Hover indicated that this year is producing some of the highest quality and yields for his **hay**. He noted the water levels in the lakes in the Methow Valley are high and looking very good for this time of year.

Lorah Super advised that the U.S. Forest Service public meeting to address **Chewuch roads** was being conducted tonight.

Albert Roberts says his **haying** is going very well with his new machine which allows him to bale the hay in four days rather than the previous seven days. The **Washington Association of Conservation Districts' annual meeting** information is now available.

Ivan Oberg stated the **water levels** in the Tonasket area streams are still good.

Jerry Asmussen advised that **fire season** has started with a small fire in his area which was started by a lightning strike.

Associate Supervisor Reports: There were no associate supervisor reports.

District Manager's Report: Craig Nelson and Bob Clark met with the County Commissioners and Jerry Barnes to discuss the current status of the **Okanogan Watershed Plan**. It will take approximately \$1,500 to complete the changes the Department of Ecology is requesting. They will be meeting with Ecology in mid-August to discuss those changes. Some **Beaver Creek diversions** were damaged and are not functioning correctly from the high spring flows. The remaining high levels are preventing proper withdrawal as the stream flow is different than when they were designed. Craig asked if there were other streams that were and continue to be affecting irrigation diversions which may also require some modifications. Some other streams were discussed and we will see if we can locate some funding to help with the modifications. Craig will be assisting John Larson with a meeting tomorrow with Ecology to discuss the **water quality complaint agreement** between them, the Commission, and Districts. Craig has been asked to act as an **interim executive director** for the Washington Association of Conservation Districts while they search for a replacement. He described the limited activities of the interim position and that WACD will be asked to fund the time he will need to do the work.

Bob Clark advised he is still working on acquiring additional funding from the Bonneville Power Administration and the Colville Confederated Tribes for additional **irrigation withdrawal screens**.

Christy Cincotta discussed the **irrigation energy efficiency program**, including the rebate system through the Okanogan PUD and Nespelem Valley Electric Coop. Our District is the first in the state to move into working with landowners, while other districts are still obtaining the agreements with their electrical providers. The Whitestone Reclamation project funding from Bonneville Power Administration did not come through, so she is rewriting the scope of work in order to fit the existing funding. Kirsten Cook will be working on the marketing for this program.

Kelly Kolrud advised the **Bonaparte Creek project**, which relocated the stream back to its original channel, is still on track to have the planting, large woody debris, and new channel activation occur by the end of October. The sign for the 2010 Wildlife Farmer of the Year, Mark Nysether/Sea Real, was presented this week.

Laura Clark discussed the **WACD awards** nominations and requested anyone with an idea of who to nominate should let her know soon so those can be developed and submitted.

Contracts & Conservation Plans

Albert Robert made a motion to approve the contract for **Anthony** to screen his irrigation withdrawal. Jerry Asmussen seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Albert Robert made a motion to approve the contract for **Bergh** to screen his two (2) irrigation withdrawals. Jerry Asmussen seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

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Albert Robert made a motion to approve the contract for **Voelckers** to screen his two (2) irrigation withdrawals. Jerry Asmussen seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Albert Robert made a motion to approve the contract for **Wilson** to screen his two (2) irrigation withdrawals. Jerry Asmussen seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Jerry Asmussen made a motion to approve the **Saltsman** cost share project to install alternative watering for livestock. Wes Hover seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Albert Roberts made a motion to approve the contract with North Central Washington Resource Conservation and Development for the **irrigation energy efficiency project** for April 18, 2011

to December 31, 2011 for \$63,823. Jerry Asmussen seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Albert Roberts made a motion to approve the Department of Ecology contract amendment for the **stream flow gauging** grant, to extend the performance period to July 15, 2011 and increase the amount by \$500. Lorah Super seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Agency Reports:

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Randy Kelley handed out his monthly report. Their new **budget** process will be based on prior activities and current natural resource concerns. Many NRCS staff received **integrated pest management** training as they will be working with landowners applying high risk pesticides.

Washington State Conservation Commission: Bill Eller advised there will be a webinar on August 30, 2011 to discuss the changes to the district election process. There will be a webinar in September to discuss general and fiscal yearend financial processes. The next Commission meeting will be September 14 & 15, 2011 in Wenatchee. The Washington Association of Conservation Districts North Central Washington area meeting will be on October 25, 2011 in Ritzville and hosted by Adams Conservation District. The State Auditor's Office will be sending out letters in August and September to conservation districts they will be auditing this year. The draft for the private business conflict policy is out for comments, which are due by the end of the month.

WSU Extension Office: Curtis Beus gave kudos to Kirsten Cook and Laura Clark for a job well done in presenting the **stream table** and information to the students at the 4-H Camp recently. Extension has applied for a grant to provide training for **Ag Tourism**.

Old Business

Task List

#9 – Methow Field Trips – these are now completed.

#12 – Website software update – this is now completed and the updated website is now live.

#13 – Partnership efforts with WSU Extension Office – the partnership is now well established and will have ongoing efforts.

Add: The update for the cost share ranking policy & a cone harvest for ponderosa pine.

Kim Simpson advised we did not receive the grant we applied for, but we will be able to send our Board meeting minutes through 2000 to be **archived**/stored.

Public Comments: No public comments were given.

New Business

The Washington State Conservation Commission main contract addendums for FY 2012 & 2013 were presented to the Board.

Lorah Super made a motion to approve the **Implementation grant Category 1** contract addendum for \$24,998 for technical assistance and cost share. Wes Hover seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

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Lorah Super made a motion to approve the **Livestock** contract addendum for \$5,100 for technical assistance. Wes Hover seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Ivan Oberg **adjourned** the meeting at 8:40 PM.

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