

***Columbia County Voluntary Stewardship Program
Work Group Meeting Minutes***

January 16, 2020, 114 South 2nd Street, Dayton, Washington 99328

I. Call to Order

Marty Hall called the meeting to order the 1st quarter meeting of the Columbia County VSP Work Group at 3:02 p.m.

II. Attendance

Marty Hall, Don Howard, Roland Schirman, Tom Schirm, Leslie Michel, Ryan Rundell, Terry Bruegman, Don Brigham, Jr., Dena Martin, Tracy Hanger.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 3, 2019 meeting and October 7 work session were approved as presented.

IV. Updates and Old Business

- Budget update was provided and reviewed by work group.
- Introduced WSDA Soil Scientist Leslie Michel who is based out of Yakima and provides technical assistance for VSP to east-side counties in Washington.

V. Implementation Progress

1. Reviewed and discussed cost-share project applications and made determinations as follows:
 - VSP 2019-01, Craig Martin, Earth Spring Runoff Basin; approved site visit and technical assistance to evaluate scope and feasibility of project.
 - VSP 2019-02, George Touchette, Engineered Spring Catch Basin; approved site visit and technical assistance to evaluate project.
 - VSP 2019-03, Brett Touchette, Reforestation; approved technical assistance with forest ranger to determine best approach, with intent to fund at 75% once a plan and timeline are established.
 - VSP 2019-04, Don Howard, Livestock Control Fencing/Watering Stations, approved at 50% of unfunded cost for a total of \$4165.
 - VSP 2019-05, Rob Peyton, Livestock Watering Stations, approved technical assistance to determine cost and placement.
 - VSP 2019-06, Tye Knebel, Livestock Control Fencing, approved at 50% of unfunded cost for a total of \$2658.
 - VSP 2019-07, Tye Knebel, Windbreak and Shelterbelt Establishment, approved technical assistance to determine cost and placement.

- VSP 2019-08, Robert Phinney, Invasive Species Control; approved technical assistance to determine cost, chemicals and best practices.
2. Workgroup agreed to move \$10,000 from the” Cost-Share Match to Producers” budget line item to a new “Technical Assistance” line item under the Technical Assistance budget heading.
 - County will develop an interlocal agreement with CCD to provide and facilitate technical assistance.

VI. On-going Items

1. Don Brigham presented the idea of a VSP sponsored project, such as pollinators, as a form of outreach. The idea is that a nonprofit organization, such as a 4-H group, could manage the project in a visible location as a way to make VSP more visible.

VII. Next Meeting

The VSP Work Group will meet Monday, March 6 at 3:00 p.m. at the Planning Department.

VIII. Adjournment

Marty Hall adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.



Columbia County VSP

2020 1st Quarter Meeting

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