



Northeast Area
Washington Association of Conservation Districts

MEMORANDUM

To: All Northeast Area Conservation Districts and Interested Persons
From: Lincoln County Conservation District, 2022 Area Meeting Host
Date: August 22, 2022

NOTICE OF FALL AREA MEETING

The 2022 Annual Fall Meeting for the **Northeast Area Association of Conservation Districts** will be held this year as follows:

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022
Time: 9:00 am to 3:30 pm
Location: Davenport Memorial Hall, 511 Park St., Davenport, WA
Directions: See attached directions and map

An agenda, directions, and accommodations information for the meeting is attached.

Resolutions proposed for action at this year's meeting should be **mailed or emailed to Lincoln County Conservation District not less than three weeks** in advance of the meeting. Not less than two weeks before the meeting, either the host district or WACD will provide to district managers in the area a copy of all resolutions submitted so that attendees will have time before the meeting to review, consider and prepare for discussion. The proponent should bring enough copies of each proposed resolution for everyone present (about 40) to the meeting. Please be sure to use the attached resolution format.

Area Door Prize – Please bring one or two small items to donate for the area door prize that represents your District or County. Thank you.

Please RSVP no later than **Tuesday, October 11th**, on the enclosed form, indicating your expected attendance at the meeting so we can plan for your participation. The cost for the day will be **\$19.00** per person. Please send your prepayment with your RSVP and **make checks payable to Lincoln County Conservation District**. Any cancellations must be received by **noon on October 14th**, to receive a refund. No refunds will be made after that time.

Thank you for your participation. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Please Note: This notice has been sent to all supervisors and associate supervisors within the Northeast Area.

Sincerely,

Jeff Schibel, Chair
Lincoln County Conservation District, Area Meeting Host



RSVP

WACD Annual Northeast Area Meeting

Hosted by: Lincoln County Conservation District

Date: October 20, 2022

Place: Davenport Memorial Hall,
511 Park St., Davenport, WA

Please help us make suitable arrangements for this meeting by letting us know if you plan to attend. We need to have your reservation by: **October 11th**

Please complete the Area Meeting RSVP form below and mail to:

**Lincoln County Conservation District
PO Box 46, Davenport, WA 99122**

NORTHEAST AREA MEETING RSVP

Names:

Contact Person:

Conservation District:

Contact Address:

Contact E-mail

Addresses:

Phone:

Please note any dietary
restrictions:

Number of persons we may expect:

Cost: \$19.00 per person x

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AGENDA

WACD Annual Northeast Area Meeting

Date: October 20, 2022

Place: Davenport Memorial Hall
511 Park St., Davenport, WA

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87535633209?pwd=ZDBodllxU1kxbkpVenk4K3RLVjNyQT09>

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
8:30	Registration
9:00	Welcome and Self-Introductions - LCCD Chair
9:15	Conservation Leadership Forum – Includes brief summaries from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Washington State Conservation Commission – Chair and Executive Director ❖ Washington Association of Conservation Districts – President, Area Director and Executive Director ❖ Natural Resources Conservation Services – State Conservationist
9:45	Question and Answer Interactive Panel Session for Audience and WSCC, WACD, and NRCS Leadership
10:30	Break
10:45	Resolutions
12:30	Lunch <i>(provided)</i>
1:00	Area Awards
1:15	District Issues and Presentations
2:15	Area Business - LCCD Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Approve Minutes of 2021 Area Meeting <i>(see attached)</i> ❖ Amendment of Area Articles and By-Laws <i>(if needed)</i> ❖ Election of Area Director <i>(position held by Jeff Schibel, Lincoln)</i>
3:30	Adjourn

Directions to the Meeting Location

WACD Annual Northeast Area Meeting

Date: October 20, 2022

Place: Davenport Memorial Hall
511 Park St., Davenport, WA

- Enter the City of Davenport via Hwy 2 either direction.
- Turn South on Harker St. (5th on map)
- In one block, turn west (right) on Park St., Davenport Memorial Hall is directly across from the City Park entrance.
- Park along street.





WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

RESOLUTION FORMAT

Resolution No. 2022-(please leave blank)

Title: Changes in procedure to remove area from a district, to dissolve a district, and concerning debts of a dissolved district.

Problem:

Current law is unclear concerning the procedure for areas such as municipalities to remove themselves from a conservation district. This has led to the claim that a municipality may remove itself from its district by a simple vote of the city council. The law needs to be clarified in this regard and needs to provide a more substantial process for the deannexation of areas from districts.

Additionally, recent lawsuits have suggested that in the event of the insolvency of a district, current law may only require that the district be dissolved for the Conservation Commission to become liable for the outstanding debt. This creates a risk to the Commission because current law only requires a petition of 100 land occupiers to require an election to dissolve a district. There needs to be a change in the law to assure that districts may not be so easily dissolved and to protect Conservation Commission (and district) funds from depletion through possible litigation.

Recommendation:

WACD should support legislative action to clarify that removal of territory such as a municipality from a district requires a more substantial process for de-annexation than just a vote of the city council.

WACD should support legislative action to increase the requirements for the dissolution of a district and to remove the liability of the Conservation Commission for the debts of dissolved districts.

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Presented by

Northeast Area Meeting

WACD Annual NE Area Meeting Minutes October 20, 2021

Host: Ferry Conservation District

Attendees:

Washington State Conservation Commission: Kirk Robinson, Mike Baden, Larry Cochran,

Washington Association of Conservation Districts: Tom Salzer, Ryan Baye, Doug Rushton,

Natural Resource Conservation Service, Nathan Gallahan, Ben Bonella, Richard Edlund, Roylene Comes at Night, Nick Vira,

Ferry County Conservation District: Dave Hedrick, Eric Bracken Chair, Jim Rochelle supervisor, Candy Roman, Alex Reyes NRCS.

Lincoln County Conservation District: Elsa Bowen, Braidy Haden, Jeff Schibel, Chris Laney, Delaini Disher, Conner Nikkola, Dean White. Jim Baye, Josh Sherwood.

Pend Oreille Conservation District: Mike Munford, Alex Case-Cohen, John Floyd, George Stuvenga,

Spokane Conservation District: Jerry Scheele, Vicki Carter, Hilary Sepulveda, Wendy Knopp, Cori Turntine,

Stevens County Conservation District: Dean Hellie, Tom McKern, Andy Kroiss, Cheri Carrigan, Stan Janowicz NRCS, Mark Simpson NRCS,

Welcome and Introductions Eric Bracken, Ferry Conservation District Chair opened the meeting at 8:00, Zoom Conference line. He welcomed the group and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

Washington State Conservation Commission: Mike Baden, **State Budget request:**

1) SFF, 2 million dollars (operational). **2)** Conservation equality engagement 500K (operational). **3)** FPLA, 2 million (capital). **Elections:** Need legislation action, next year 2023. Four points, 1. Every other year. 2. Four-year term. 3. All districts held during same month. 4. Option to be on general election. **Personnel:** Carol Smith is retiring.

Interim Director Kirk Robinson, job posting, rank candidates, November interviews, December final interviews, appointment made by end of December. Two new positions, IT policy & planning manager. Melissa Vander Linden moving on Vander Linden moving on. **Long Range plan, 2022-2027** working on.

Ryan Baye and Tom Salzer gave a progress report from WACD.

The WACD Annual Conference is scheduled through the month of November, on Tuesday/Thursday/Saturdays, Virtual. Special committee working during the year, DEI and Elections. Legislative Recap. PMC report. Bylaw proposals

Question and Answer Interactive Panel Session for Audience and WSCC, WACD, and NRCS Leadership

Questions were asked throughout the presentations

Resolutions

**NEAA 2021-01 Stevens County CD,
Livestock Water Rights.**

Tom McKern moved to adopt the resolution

Jerry Scheele seconded. Motion carried.

NEAA 2021-02 Lincoln County CD,

Establish Area Cost Share Rates.

Jeff Schibel moved to adopt the resolution

Braidy Haden seconded. Motion carried.

NEAA 2021-03 from the Floor Mike Mumford

NE Area Endorses resolution from Thurston CD to establish a WACD long-term sustainable funding committee.

Mike Mumford moved to adopt the resolution

Jerry Scheele seconded. Motion carried.

District Issues and Presentations

Mtg presentation for Lincoln CD

1. Introduce the District, mission statement and service region
2. VSP -- last year we implemented and completed 4 VSP projects, and currently have 5 in the works. Last year alone we had 14 additional projects interested in funding and placed on a waitlist. Overall, \$40,000 of cost share dollars were implemented in FY2021.
3. LCCD has taken on another task order in partnership with NRCS to assist with CRP. This spring we completed 280 plans and 50 field review checks for CRP56. This summer we completed an additional 104 field stand evaluations in Lincoln County and are set to administer the completion of an additional 223 checks in Adams County.
4. Continued progress on our 3 active Department of Ecology grants -- This spring saw the end of our initial well monitoring project, and we have finalized an agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation to continue well monitoring activities in partnership with WSU. Our existing Direct Seed grant has provided more than \$100,000 in cost share to farmers in the practice, and after a year of virtual meetings we were able to attend the PNW Direct Seed Association conference in person. We were also awarded another 3-year Direct Seed grant to continue providing this cost share to new farmers. The Mielke Wetland and Riparian Restoration project with Ducks Unlimited in Pend Oreille County is being monitored to make sure that the riparian buffers that were planted are thriving. The project has been very successful so far in providing habitats for a variety of waterfowl and wading birds.
5. We have several active grants focusing on wildfire prevention and recovery and have recently added an additional Firewise Community within Lincoln County. Part of our fire mitigation efforts include completing 10 home ignition zone assessments for landowners, assisting with the creation and presentation of a second wildfire risk mitigation seminar, and to continue providing homeowners with free home address markers
6. Spring projects -- With the assistance of the DNR crew, we planted 5,200 trees at an ongoing planting project and installed a windbreak at the WSU Wilke farm in Davenport. We also held our annual tree sale, where we saw more individual orders than ever before. At the end of the 2021 school year, we led a field trip to Audubon Lake for Reardan middle school to identify plant and bird species native to Eastern Washington.

Dave Hedrick, Director of Ferry CD

Dave shared a presentation Gardinier Family Forest Fish passage project. Opened up 17 miles of habitat. Completed thinning and reseeded projects to enhance habitat for wildlife and pollinators while reducing fire danger. Tested Curlew Lake and developed solutions for increased nutrients. Worked with Curlew School District to support their water quality education program.

Alex Case-Cohen, District Manager of Pend Oreille CD

VSP review: Total Technical Assistance conducted: Engage with at least 35 producers, Conduct at least 25 landowner site visits, Complete at least 20 VSP Checklists, Complete/Draft at least 15 ISPs. **Project Highlights:** Nearly 1500 ft. of Riparian Fencing. **Off-Channel Watering Facilities:** 1 water trough with 500+ ft. of livestock pipeline, 1 solar pump for a future watering facility, 1 spring development for livestock and irrigation. **No-Till Planting:** 45 acres of no-till Timothy/alfalfa planting for

2 landowners. **Herbaceous Weed Control:** 1 acre of weed cloth on a lavender farm, 10 acres of reed canary grass management in a highly sensitive critical area ecosystem. **Bank Stabilization/ Riparian Plantings:** Completed 4 projects, stabilized over 500 ft of moderate/severe shoreline, Completed 6 engineered site plans for future projects. **Managing Aquatic Invasive Species:** Assisted the Weed Board with Outreach & Education Grant, helped to eradicate Eurasian Milfoil at Bead Lake. **On to the Next One...** Strengthen Partnerships & Meet Local Needs. Potential VSP Project Priorities – FY2022-2023, Bank Stabilization Project Priorities. Sunnyside/Sandy Shores Application. Riverside Ave. – Metaline, WA.

Vicki Carter, Director of Spokane CD

Spokane CD's presentation included an introduction to the entire SCD staff and an update on their new building and campus. Vicki Carter, Director, also reported on the SCD's 80th birthday celebration which took place on September 26, 2021, the NASCA Tour on October 4, and mentioned the Rocks to Roots podcast and Farm and Food conference with keynote speaker, Ray Archuletta.

Dean Hellie, Director of Stevens County CD

Completed 9 small scale soil health demonstration projects, cover cropping and livestock bale grazing. Hosted 8, 3-hour workshops and farm tours (5 virtual and 3 in person). Assisted 90 percent of dairies in Stevens County with technical assistance and nutrient management plan updates. Livestock Barriers without wire.

Area Business Approve minutes of 2020 Area Meeting

Jerry Scheele moved for approval; Tom McKern seconded. Minutes approved.

Amendment of Area Articles and By-Laws

There are none for the NE Area at this time.

Election of Area Director

Jerry Sheele nominated Mike Mumford, (position currently held by Jon Birnbaum) from Pend Oreille CD. Wendy Knopp, seconded. Motion carried.

Lincoln Conservation District will host the 2022 WACD NE Area Meeting.

Jerry Scheele moved to adjourn the meeting, Tom McKern, seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

At the NE Area Annual Meeting:

Spokane CD was awarded the Conservation District of the Year Special recognition award. Jerry Scheele. Spokane CD Supervisor Special recognition Dave Hedrick Ferry CD manager.