

November 8th, 2022 VSP Work Group Meeting Minutes

Lee Hemmer: Voting Member, FCCD
Carolyn Kelly: Voting Member, SDCD, VSP TSP
Ryan Lefler: FCCD Staff
Amanda Philips: NRCS, VSP TSP
Robert Ramm: Voting Member

Eric Pentico: WDFW
Brit Dudek: Orchardist, Chelan-Douglas Farm Bureau
Levi Keesecker: Washington State Conservation
Commission
Lexi Gardner: NRCS

**4 out of 8 VSP Work Group Voting Members in attendance*

Meeting Starts: 4:07pm

Review of Meeting Minutes from last meeting (5-03-2022): Motion to approve

Lee makes a motion to approve the minutes.

Carolyn seconds the motion.

Approved, 4/0

Public Comment:

- No public comment was submitted.

Updates:

- NRCS has just closed application deadlines for EQIP and CSP and is working on starting conservation plans. There are only 3 CSP applicants, so the Waterville office workload is expected to decrease significantly.
- SDCD is exploring a partnership with Mia Thompson, the Waterville High School Ag teacher, as she develops programs for the school's new greenhouse. SDCD has more fire recovery and fuels reduction funding available and is planning a chipping event in November.
- WSCC held a monitoring forum in pursuit of developing its monitoring guide. When a draft is completed, it will be distributed to VSP groups for feedback.
- WSCC capital funds are still available. Roughly half the funding has been allocated.

Budget:

- The group discussed the current budget. Members attending virtually were not able to view a copy.
- Carolyn requested the budget be broken out to show how the coordinator's time will be allocated.

ACTION ITEM: FCCD will adjust the budget to show the VSP coordinator's time allocation.

Tech Panel Meeting (Field Tour)

- The group reviewed a recap of the October 27th Douglas County Field Tour.
- In response to tech panel comments, Carolyn would like to see a budget for implementation projects.

Work Group Vacancy

- Bob Ramm announced that he is resigning from the work group.

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VSP Coordinator Vacancy

- FCCD is advertising the position and is actively conducting interviews.

2023 Meeting Dates

- The group selected meeting dates for the next year:
 - February 14th
 - May 2nd
 - June 20th
 - November 7th

Carolyn moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:05pm.