



Pend Oreille Conservation District
Board Meeting MINUTES:
 2/17/2026
Meeting 4:00pm-6:00pm
at Public Utility District
151 Washinton St.
Newport, WA 99156

In attendance at: *Corey Brenner (POCD Riparian Program Manager), Dominic Casolari (Agriculture Program Coordinator), Stephen Allen (POCD Communications Manager) Analyse Jett (POCD Administrative Coordinator), , Mike Mumford (POCD Board Chair), George Stuivenga (POCD Board Vice Chair), John W. Floyd (POCD Board Supervisor), Jon Paul Driver (POCD Board Supervisor), Robert Rosencrantz (POCD Commissioner), Mark Simpson (NRCS)*

In attendance via “Zoom,”: *Mary Malone (POCD Executive Director), Steve Harris (DNR), Derek Marin (District Conservationist, NRCS), Randy Burke (Lost in the Woods Forestry)*

Meeting Start 4:00pm

Official Action Items				
Motion	Motion made by:	Motioned seconded by:	Decision	Attachment
agenda and take items out of order	George Stuivenga	Jon Paul Driver	Carried	A
special meeting minutes for January	George Stuivenga	Jon Paul Driver	Carried	B
Action Item: Treasurer’s Reports for January	Jon Paul Driver	George Stuivenga	Carried	D
Action Item: PUD Agreement	George Stuivenga	Jon Paul Driver	Carried	E
Action Item: Kalispel Tribe Agreement MOA	Jon Paul Driver	George Stuivenga	Carried	F
Action Item: Riparian Cost-share projects	Jon Paul Driver	George Stuivenga	Carried	G-K

Action Item: Engineer for Riparian cost-share projects	Jon Paul Driver	George Stuiivenga	Carried	L
Action Item: DNR Agreement and Funding			Tabled for contract being completed	N
Action Item: Personnel-admin title change and wage increase	Jon Paul Driver	George Stuiivenga	Carried	Q
Action Item: NRI- POCD \$1469.60	Jon Paul Driver	George Stuiivenga	Carried	
Action Item: Drone purchase			Tabled for further research/discussion	
Meeting Adjourned at 6:26PM				

Partner Reports

Robert Rosencrantz, POCD Commissioner

Robert briefly mentioned gate update in progress. He discussed continued to offer support for CWDG grant round 2 to the district as needed.

Mark Simpson,

NRCS has training in March for processing applications for NRCS personnel.

Derek Marin, NRCS

There are changes happening with NRCS. There is a new regenerated pilot program, a soil testing program with a min 5-year contract with testing in first and fifth year for the farmer. Currently they are working on implementing a stand-alone practice for range writing as well as implementing range writing within the prescribed practice. Additionally, they are consulting with US Fish and Wildlife for this implementation. Derek discussed the differences in process with NRCS across states, specifically CA as he came back from a NRCS conference from there. Wolves and range writing were a topic.

Steve Harris, WA DNR

Implementing 4 projects in Pend Oreille County. All are 100% funded, 2 are done. Dayton Allemand is the temporary forester through June 2026. They are waiting for state budget to determine planning for further projects.

John W. Floyd

WACD meeting is 2/23/26. This meeting will have 5 min NEA district presentation. Staff are invited to attend to speak on any projects.

Jon Paul Driver

Farm Bureau Report- There is a new entity- NE Counties Farm Bureau, for Bonner County and Lincoln County.

Operations Report- see attachment C

Treasurers Report- January – see attachment D

Motion to approve Treasurers Report made by Jon Paul Driver and seconded by George Stuvenga. Motion carried.

New Business

Action Item: PUD Agreement- see attachment E

Extend PUD agreement for Cottonwood Enhancement Erosion Mitigation Program. To allow reimbursement for cost-share projects up to \$5,500 per landowner and a maximum of \$55,000 per year, plus \$5,000 for administrative costs.

Motion to approve PUD agreement made by George Stuvenga and seconded by Jon Paul Driver. Motion carried.

Action Item: Kalispel Tribe Plant Nursery MOA Agreement- see attachment F

Motion to approve Kalispel Tribe MOA made by Jon Paul Driver and seconded by George Stuvenga. Motion carried

Action Item: Riparian Cost-share- see attachment G-K

Boxleitner- total project cost \$27,386.66, SCC/district cost \$20,540.00

Oien- total project cost \$31,599.99, SCC/district cost \$23,700.00

Nesbeitt- total project cost \$18,959.98, SCC/district cost \$14,220.00

Windhorst- total project cost #58,746.63, SCC/district cost\$44,240.00

Smith- total project cost \$75,839.90, SCC/district cost \$56,880.00

Motion to approve cost-share contracts for RGP made by Jon Paul Driver and seconded by George Stuiivenga. Motion carried.

Action Item: Engineering- see attachment L

Motion to approve Gary Ausman as Engineer for bank stabilization project completion made by Jon Paul Driver and seconded by George Stuiivenga. Motion carried.

Action Item: DNR Agreement- see attachment N

Tabled for contract to be completed. Special meeting will be held for approval.

Action Item: Forest Heath/Natural Resource Investment Cost-share projects- see attachment O, P

Russell Fick- total project cost \$1,959.47, SCC/district cost \$1,469.60

Ryan Fick- total project costs- \$16,738.27, SCC/district cost \$12,553.70

Motion to approve FH/NRI cost share projects made by Jon Paul Driver and seconded by George Stuienga. Motion carried.

Executive Session-pursuant to 42.30.110 (g)

5:46-5:56pm

Action Item: Personnel- Admin title and salary- see attachment Q

Position reports and is overseen by the Executive director. Analyse Jett to have title change to Administrative Finance Manager with an increase to \$28.02, effective 3/1/2026

Motion to approve personnel title and salary increase made by Jon Paul Driver and seconded by George Stuivenga. Motion carried.

Action Item: Drone Purchase- see attachment M

Item tabled for further research on product and money resources for drone purchase.

Discussion Item: Building Update

POCD staff is currently looking at office space and pursuing USDA loans for building updates and repairs. A mold report is scheduled as part of the process for building determination and employee wellbeing.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:26 PM

Mary Malone, Executive Director



Mike Mumford, POCD Board Chair


