

# ***Columbia County Voluntary Stewardship Program***

## ***Work Group Meeting Minutes***

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 111 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Dayton, Washington 99328

### **I. Call to order**

Roland Schirman called to order the 2019 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter meeting of the Columbia County VSP Work Group at 6:02 pm.

### **II. Attendance**

Meagan Bailey, Roland Schirman, Terry Bruegman, Don Howard, Janet Howard, Tom Schirm, Marty Hall, and Ryan Rundell

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes were approved as is.

### **IV. Agenda items**

#### **A. Updates from State VSP**

- i. Staff provided a general update from the State, including the April, 2019 VSP mailer that discusses the importance of an ongoing VSP Work Group. Succession was brought up and discussion commenced regarding attracting new individuals to participate and hold an active role on the Work Group. Current Work Group members will continue to seek out additional interest from landowners, and staff will continue ongoing marketing and advertising techniques.
- ii. Staff provided a budget report, and indicated additional monies available and ready to spend before the end of the biennium.

#### **B. Implementation Progress**

- i. Staff shared a report from the County Weed Board regarding additional acreage enrollment. The adopted VSP identifies nuisance/pest species management as benefiting 4 of the 5 critical areas, so the project was a certain success. The project allowed nearly double acreage enrollment based upon the additional monies made available.
- ii. Staff shared information regarding MapSeed mapping and identified a possible implementation source for VSP. The program allows landowners to “Share their Stewardship” on a mapping program. General support was received for staff to move forward with seeking additional information on MapSeed, including costs and timelines.

C. Comments, concerns, items not present on the agenda

- i. General discussion regarding the “carrot/stick” stewardship implementation practices and potential State reactions if VSP is not implemented to the full extent required.

**V. Adjournment**

Schirman adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Next meeting: June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00 pm, Delaney Building (111 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Dayton, WA)

Minutes submitted by: Meagan Bailey