

**CITY OF CONNELL**  
**TREE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**March 26, 2018**  
**Minutes**

**Call to Order:** 5:37pm

**Attendance:**

Present: Chair Cindi Welch, Co-chair Heidi Shattuck, board member; Linda Bailie

Absent: Carol Linder and Kim Phanthavong

Staff: Mayor Lee Barrow, Public Works Director Larry Turner and Deputy City Clerk Marissa Ortiz

Visitor: Garth Davis

**ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Tree Board member discussion**

Staff member Marissa Ortiz handed out *Chapter 2.16 -Tree Advisory Board* of the Connell Municipal Code. Board members discussed the roles and duties of chairman and co-chair.

**Plan for Arbor Day celebration**

Discussion was held on the Arbor Day Celebration event, which was agreed to be celebrated on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. The location was set to be at the Pioneer Park along the pool slide fence. There were no objections to the date, time and location chosen. Arborist Garth Davis would be attending to provide a demonstration on the proper planting methods for trees. He would be giving away starter trees after the event.

For board member's review Public Works Director Larry Turner handed out a list of recommended trees for the Mid-Columbia region. The list gave board members options to choose from, he reminded members to keep in mind the shade, height and spread of the tree selected. Once the selection was made Mr. Turner would contact Garden Gate Nursery and ask if the selection was tolerant in the area. Chair Cindi Welch stated to be aware of bugs that would come along with the selected tree.

**Miscellaneous**

Public Director Turner explained that every budget season the City budgets for tree replacements. Replacements were made only if needed not because of change and especially if damage was present. He stated the best time to make tree assessments was during the spring when trees are blooming. He pointed out the City had purchased replacement trees for Columbia Avenue Main Street for the year.

**Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.