

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2009

1 **Supervisors Present:** Bill Knutsen, Chair, Bob Vos, Vice Chair, Scott Wallace, Supervisor, David
2 Irons, Supervisor, Preston Drew, Supervisor

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** None

4 **Staff Present:** Jeffrey Possinger, Susan Wermus, Jessica Saavedra, Brandy Reed, Jason
5 Chambers

6 **Guests Present:** Sara Hemphill, Sustainable Solutions, Julia Larson, Rural Economic Strategy
7 Coordinator, King County

8 Chair Knutsen called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

9 PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

10 Introductions were made and the agenda was reviewed. The Strategic Plan and 2010 Budget
11 discussions were requested to be moved to the July 13 board meeting.

12 **Wallace Moved; Vos Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the meeting**
13 **agenda. (5 ayes, 0 nays)**

14 PUBLIC COMMENT:

15 None

16 CONSENT AGENDA:

17 **Wallace Moved, Vos Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the consent**
18 **agenda. (5 ayes, 0 nays)**

19 PRESENTATIONS:

20 Julia Larson presented on the Rural Economic Strategies 2008 Annual Report and she gave an
21 overview of the status of the county's program in general. She provided the board with a
22 handout of the RES Annual Report which included RES Program Background, a Summary of
23 Existing RES Program Strategies, 2008 Implemented Strategies Highlights, and 2009 Strategies
24 Implementation. Participation from rural residents is a part of the overview strategies as well as
25 holding public meetings around the county to solicit input. Existing rural economic strategies
26 include the following strategy clusters: General, Agriculture, Forestry, Home-Based Business,
27 Tourism and Recreation, Rural Towns and Neighborhood Centers, and Rural Cities. Larson
28 added that the county is interested in partnering with KCD and she made numerous correlations
29 in her presentation between KCD and county goals and visions. The board asked questions

*“Promoting sustainable uses of natural resources
through responsible stewardship”*

30 including “the right to farm”, protecting farmers, and agricultural production districts and Larson
31 provided responses.

32 Possinger provided the board with a presentation regarding goal setting in preparation for 2010.
33 He explained that over the next several weeks the board will be involved with setting the
34 groundwork for the 2010 calendar year for the District in terms of budget, work plan, and goal
35 development as well as a process in which to rank priorities. By doing so, the board will have
36 well developed tools to utilize in making decisions.

37 **REGULARLY SCHEDULED ITEMS:**

38 Possinger provided the Executive Director Report. Possinger informed the board that the draft
39 Assessment Appropriation Plan was distributed on June 12th and a FAQ document was prepared
40 in response to incoming questions. Incoming questions included any changes to District services
41 and what will happen to unspent jurisdiction grant funds. The board requested that the District
42 attorney be involved with any unanswered questions regarding the use of unspent grant funds for
43 future projects. Additionally, board members would like to see a time limit on spending the
44 funds and would like to have a better understanding of what the 2011 and beyond budgets will
45 look like. The Advisory Committee will meet on June 30 and July 23 and will focus their
46 attention on the Assessment Appropriation Plan. Possinger met with Bob Burns and other
47 representatives with King County regarding agricultural services. Possinger and District
48 Attorney Frimodt met via phone with King County Prosecuting Attorney, Dan Satterberg. The
49 meeting went well and Mr. Satterberg asked to be kept in the loop. Most staff members attended
50 the WADE conference last week. The Clark County Prosecuting Attorney is taking the approach
51 that assessments are not legal and therefore blocking Clark CD’s ability to gain assessment
52 funding. A follow up meeting will take place soon with the engineer position chosen candidate.
53 Possinger met with farmer and citizen Erik Haakenson and they discussed his concerns regarding
54 the definition of agriculture. The Executive Director Action Plan as well as an update on the
55 salary schedule structure will be ready for the next board meeting.

56 Knutsen reported that he attended the Auburn Farmer’s Market Opening and it was a first class
57 event. He had several positive conversations and he said that the WRIAs are confused by the
58 projected grant funding numbers in the Assessment Appropriation Plan.

59 Vos said that an Enumclaw resident is working hard to get the city of Enumclaw to be a part of
60 the King Conservation District.

61 Wallace asked the board regarding a rumor he heard that the Lower Snoqualmie Falls Dam
62 might be lowered by two feet.

63 Irons did not have a report.

64 Drew addressed the board in an email sent to the District. He apologized to the board for his
65 comment at the last board meeting regarding nuclear weapons. He said the comment was meant
66 to address frustrations with process challenges in the forestry program with King County.

67 Possinger added to his report the board will be provided with orientation materials periodically.
68 Binders were provided to the board at tonight's meeting. Reed will bring a contract to the board
69 at the next meeting for reclaimed water use at the District nursery.

70 The Administration and Budget Subcommittee did not have a report.

71 Saavedra informed the board that the Grants Subcommittee recently reviewed 15 applications of
72 which 12 will be on the agenda at the next board meeting. Reed added that Opportunity Fund
73 applications will come before the board at the next meeting as well.

74 The Stakeholder Relations and Strategic Planning Subcommittee report will be molded into the
75 Assessment Strategy discussion later in tonight's meeting.

76 The Program Development, Science, and Engineering Subcommittee met last Friday. The focus
77 of the meeting was on continued BASE Initiative work and discussion of the Bellevue 145th
78 Street drainage project grant application. District staff members, Dunnahoe and Halgren, are
79 working with Ed Zapel's engineering intern on putting data on to maps and prioritizing alluvial
80 fan project locations. The next step is to identify who within the county will be working with us
81 on the alluvial fan projects. The subcommittee identified locations for water quality monitors for
82 this year. The Bellevue 145th Street drainage project application will go back to the Grants
83 Subcommittee before coming before the full board again.

84 Knutsen called for a recess at 7:50 pm and reconvened the meeting at 8:03 pm.

85 PUBLIC HEARINGS:

86 None.

87 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

88 The board turned its attention to AI 09-075, a grant amendment from the City of Auburn
89 requesting additional funds for a restoration project. The board voiced concerns for potential
90 flooding concerns for residents downstream. Several ideas were offered by the board including
91 ensuring that all stakeholders are able to provide input and breaking up the project into stages
92 with a component of KCD board input. The amendment was tabled by the board.

93 The board turned its attention to the continued discussion of assessment strategy. Possinger
94 handed out several handouts including the distributed Draft Assessment Appropriations Plan. A
95 shortfall of \$750,000 had to be integrated into the plan which was distributed across the grants
96 program. Possinger spoke with Hamilton-Lucas, Knutsen, and Vos before making the
97 adjustments. 2009 spending levels have been higher than will be expected in 2010. Possinger,
98 Chambers, and Hemphill have been fielding calls and questions regarding the draft plan.
99 Possinger reiterated the importance of utilizing language that reflects the full \$10 as District
100 funding. The board recollected challenges from pursuing previous years' assessments.
101 Possinger pointed out that the approach of viewing the full \$10 as part of the assessment funding

102 for KCD programs is built into the structure of the plan. Board members suggested building in
103 language in the beginning of the plan to address citizen understanding of the plan details as well
104 as being up front with the prosecuting attorney's viewpoint that the full \$10 is under KCD
105 jurisdiction for appropriate distribution of funding for projects and that the KCD board has
106 fiduciary responsibility to account for the funds. District staff and consultants are continuing to
107 make contact with numerous stakeholders and supporters. Hemphill handed out a list of key
108 non-jurisdictional stakeholders for the board to make additions, corrections, and identify who
109 they would be willing to contact. The only negative feedback received so far from the Advisory
110 Committee regarding the plan is that salmon is not more prominently identified in KCD
111 programming. The board's viewpoint is that KCD does quite a lot to support salmon via water
112 quality and other projects. The remaining discussion time centered around how best to convey
113 assessment messaging to the Advisory Committee and other key stakeholders.

114 NEW BUSINESS:

115 The board focus turned to Goal Setting, Budget, and Work Plan Framework. Possinger passed
116 out a handout detailing his proposed framework and added that he will reevaluate the proposed
117 structure and revisit this topic at a later meeting.

118 **Irons Moved; Wallace Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to reopen the consent**
119 **agenda and bring forth AI 09-091 to the meeting agenda's unfinished business. (5 ayes, 0**
120 **nays)**

121 **Irons Moved; Vos Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the consent agenda**
122 **as amended. (5 ayes, 0 nays)**

123 **Irons Moved; Drew Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to table AI 09-091. (5 ayes, 0**
124 **nays)**

125 Knutsen asked Irons if he would serve as Board Secretary / Treasurer Pro-Tem and Irons
126 accepted.

127 Chair Knutsen adjourned the meeting at 11:05 pm.

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Authorized Signature

_____ Date

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Summary of Motions

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