

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 1999

Supervisors Present: Brooke Barrett, Chair; Lynn Sullivan, Vice-Chair, Chris Tiffany, Sec/Treasurer.

Guests Present: Laurie Clinton, King County Water and Land Resources Division

Staff Present: Sandi Krenkel, Lyle Stoltman, Millie Martin-Olive

NRCS Present: Joe Henry

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. Brooke Barrett, Chair presided.

Agenda Confirmation/ Guest Introduction: Laurie Clinton was introduced.

Public Comment: No public comment

Item 1: Approval of previous meeting minutes.

Some comments were made by Lynn regarding the December 15 minutes, first paragraph. Line 16 states that the property was zoned A10 to lease farmers, that the original piece of property was being turned into a soccer field, and a second piece of property was purchased to replace the original one.

It was agreed that Chris would make revisions to the minutes to refine the two properties.

M (Tiffany) S (Sullivan) P a motion to approve the two sets of minutes as amended as presented by the Treasurer (Tiffany).

Item 2: Presentation on Farm Planning Properties

A discussion was held by Laurie Clinton on a strategy draft that she has been working on to implement a livestock ordinance. The ordinance was passed in 1993 and the enforcement date went into effect December 31, 1998. The enforcement, the violations and penalties are spelled out in the ordinance. Complaints have been made by the farmers, neighbors, etc. What Laurie will be doing is making the first contact with the livestock owner, observe what the complaint is made on and determine whether the livestock owner is in compliance or out of compliance. Laurie would be giving them a packet of information on farm plans and talk to them about the best strategy for maintaining their farm and livestock. It will be the owners responsibility to stay within that compliance. If there are complaints against the farmers, it will be determined by DDES if the farmers are in violation or not.

There will be more discussion on this issue at the next board meeting.

30 **Item 3: NRCS Monthly Report:**

31 Joe Henry presented updates on a listening session held at Seatac and sponsored by the Department
32 of Agriculture along the EPA about the clean water plan. He talked about the diversity in terms
33 of agency followings, environmental groups, and representatives from the Dairy Federation
34 Association. A strategy was discussed, during this session, of the Long Point pollution. They are
35 looking for comments and involvement from the conservation districts.

36 The next item being discussed by Joe Henry was the Farm Plan Preservation Program. There are
37 restrictions on what a person can do and cannot do on their property, and one of them is the amount
38 of fill material that can be added to the property. There was a piece of property in the program
39 where the landowner used it as a dump site, and through a health hearing, the NRCS was asked to
40 take a look at it and offer some comments in terms of what could be done. He will be given
41 suggestions on what to do by the county, and if followed, he will not be fined. He will have until
42 June 30, 1999 to follow these guidelines.

43 The NRCS has been meeting with the USDA, along with the State of Washington on a program
44 called the Conservation Resource Enhancement Program. He stated that there is \$200 million
45 available from the USDA and the State to be used within four years where a landowner can choose
46 to participate by swearing into a contract with the USDA anywhere from 10 to 15 years.

47 One of the requirements is by having a stream that is salmon bearing, they would have to set back
48 a livestock barrier anywhere from 100 to 150 feet from the stream. The USDA has an incentive
49 program that will assist landowners to address environmental issues. This program will provide
50 incentives and technical assistance. Large manure ponds, separators, main lines, pasture seeding,
51 and upstream fences would be provided. A device would be put on the back of a tractor to pump
52 directly out of the manure pond, and the manure is pumped into the lines. These lines create little
53 furrows, and the manure is pumped directly into those furrows so that it minimizes the opportunity
54 for runoff.. This device is called a manure injector.

55 The NRCS now has the funds, but that they now have to obligate the funds which has to be done
56 by the first of August. It was agreed that there will be more discussion on this manure injector at
57 the next Board Meeting

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59 Next topic that was discussed was the appointment for Board members to fill two vacancies. It
60 was recommended that Chris Tiffany fill one of the vacancies as Conservation Commissioner. The
61 other vacancy would be filling Pat Brewington's position which ends in March, 2000. A number
62 of applicants have already applied. It was recommended by Brook that Bill Nichols be given the
63 position. Brook has already met with him, reviewed his background which seemed very
64 substantial. Chris also amended her motion to elect Bill Nichols to the elected position.

65 **M (Barrett) / S (Tiffany) / Abstain (Sullivan) /P a motion to elect Bill Nichols to the**
66 **supervisory position**

The next item that was discussed was to have public notice to move the Board meetings to the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. starting in February.

Also needed was to appoint three members to the Farm Planners Committee. Interview committee will consist of Lynn, Lyle, and Sandy. Discussion and approval will be made in the February Board Meeting. Also what was discussed was Board members running elections, where the elections will be held, to find people that will volunteer to be the pollsters, and to designate who is going to be the counters. It was decided that the elections will be held on March 23, 1999. A Notice of Election will have to be published 45 days in advance which would be February 2, 1999.

M (Barrett) / S (Sullivan) / P to move the elections for the three positions for the Farm Planners Committee to March 23.

The next item for discussion was the appointment of Board members for the Policy and Procedures Manual / Board Operations Manual Committee. It was agreed to approve the vacation on the December 15th Board Meeting for the time that Joshua had already taken off. It was also agreed that continued discussions will be held for the appointment of Board members for the Policy and Procedures Manual / Board Operations Manual Committees in the February Board Meeting.

M (Barrett) / S (Tiffany) / P to approve Joshua's vacation already taken and to move the appointment of Board members to the Committees listed above to the February Board Meeting.

ITEM 3: Wetland Plant Cooperative Grant Agreement

Discussion was made on the additional funding for three years of \$17,400 was provided for Angie for supplies and the money for the Greenhouse. The county originally had the nursery and turned it over to the district. This year is the last year that they will provide anything. Chris agreed to approve the agreement between the county and the Conservation District.

It was also discussed looking into wetland environmental groups doing restoration plans. Consideration of this will be discussed at another time.

M (Barrett) / S (Tiffany) / P to approve this agreement for additional funding of \$17,400 from the county for supplies and money for the Greenhouse. And also to have further discussion at another time for restoration plans from the wetland environmental groups.

ITEM 4: Treasurer's Report:

This was a motion to approve ratifying the budget and checks #4629 thru #4661 through the time period of January 12, 1999 in the amount of \$214,481.59.

There was also discussion to approve Budget Amendment No. 1, Resolution No. 90-01 to add the wetland nursery, and to add the money that the district pays out in the 1999 budget.

M (Brook) / S (all members) / P to have approval of checks #4629 thru #4661 in the amount of \$214,481.59. Also the approve Resolution No. 90-01, Budget Amendment No. 1

ITEM 5: Establishment of Petty Cash Fund:

It was discussed that Sandy would set up the process of the Petty Cash Fund and the Treasurer would balance out the account.

M (Tiffany) / S (Sullivan) / P Resolution No. 99-02 establishing the Petty Cash Fund

ITEM 6: Mercer Island Contract for Conservation Services

Mercer Island has put together a project to get them to commit to assessment monies. A contract format was drawn up a few months ago by Eric Frimodt, attorney, to authorize contract services between districts and cities. There is a project that they are requesting that we do and that our staff has been working with them.

M (Tiffany) / S (Sullivan) / P to authorize contract services between the Conservation Districts and Mercer Island.

Lynn Sullivan also discussed her attending the Rural Forest Commission Meeting. Brook stated that he received a packet of materials, at the cost of \$180, and was given only three days notice to attend. Brook ended up not going, at which Lynn went in his place, but did not have the packet of information. This was a brand new commission meeting. Their goal is to educate the public, appreciation of the forest, forest conservation, and forest practices and regulations. It was discussed at the Board meeting that we move towards the system of having some sort of issue of presentation with the notion that we take action one month later. This will be discussed at a later time.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Authorized Signature, Title

Date

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

M (Tiffany) / S (Sullivan) / P a motion to approve the two sets of minutes as amended as presented by the Treasurer (Tiffany).

M (Barrett) / S (Tiffany) / Abstain (Sullivan) / P a motion to appoint Chris Tiffany as the Conservation Commissioner and to elect Bill Nichols to the Supervisory position.

M (Barrett) / S (Sullivan) / P to move the elections for the three positions for the Farm Planners Committee to March 23.

M (Barrett) / S (Tiffany) / P to approve Joshua's vacation already taken and to move the appointment of Board members to the committees listed above to the February Board meeting.

M (Barrett) / S (Tiffany) / P to approve this agreement for additional funding of \$17,400 from the county for supplies and money for the Greenhouse. And also to have further discussion at another time for restoration plans from the wetland environmental groups.

M (Barrett) / S (all members) / P to have approval of checks #4629 through #4661 in the amount of \$214,481.59. Also, to approve Resolution No. 90-01, Budget Amendment No. 1.

M (Tiffany) / S (Sullivan) / P for approval to authorize contract services between the Conservation Districts and Mercer Island.

Item 4: WRIA Appointments to Steering Committee:

Item 5: Treasurer's Report: M/S/P a motion to ratify check numbers 4523 through check numbers 4581 in the amount of \$227,379.37 to be used as payment for salaries, benefits, and other obligations of the District.

M/S/P resolution 98-18 to amend the 1998 budget to include a previously unbudgeted cash advance related to the Hamm Creek project

M/S/P resolution 98-19 a resolution which requires authorized signatures to be declared on all Commission vouchers

M/S/P a motion to approve payment of \$209.29 of assessment funds to the City of Redmond.

The Board went into executive session at 8:25 PM

The meeting was adjourned at ? PM.

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Authorized Signature	Date

Index of Motions:

- 188 **M/S/P a motion to approve the minutes for Oct. 13, Oct. 20, and Nov. 5, 1998 as presented**
- 189 **M/S/P a motion to modify resolution 98-17 (renumbered 98-20?) which modifies the policy**
190 **for applications for watershed monies to coincide with KCD strategic plan and RCWs.**
- 191 **M/S/P resolution #98-20 a procedure to disperse municipal noncompetitive grant funds from**
192 **current assessment.**
- 193 **M/S/P a motion to adopt the 1999 draft work plan**
- 194 **M/S/P a motion to ratify check numbers 4523 through check numbers 4581 in the amount**
195 **of \$227,379.37 to be used as payment for salaries, benefits, and other obligations of the**
196 **District.**
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198 **advance related to the Hamm Creek project**
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200 **all Commission vouchers**
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