

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

February 10, 1999

Supervisors Present: Lynn Sullivan, Vice-Chair; Chris Tiffany, Sec/Treasurer; Bill Niccolls, member.

Brooke Barrett, Chair not present.

Guests Present: Stu Trefry of the Washington Conservation Commission.

Staff Present: Sandi Krenkel, Lyle Stoltman, Geoff Reed

NRCS Present: Joe Henry

Lyle Stoltman presented a short video on manure injectors.

Bill Niccolls arrived at 6:27 and the meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. Lynn Sullivan, Vice-Chair Presided.

Guest Introduction: All individuals present made introductions

Agenda Confirmation: The Board agreed to change the agenda as follows:

- Add discussion on the District's new position on the WRIA No. 9 Steering Committee.

Public Comment: No public comment.

M(Tiffany)/S(Niccolls)/P a motion to approve the January 12, 1999 minutes as presented.

Geoff Reed gave a slide presentation on the Green River Watershed Program, the native plant nursery at Bow, Washington, and the Snoqualmie Valley Hedgerow project. Geoff also discussed the bare root plant sale and he informed the board that the District is currently sold out for most varieties. This program keeps increasing its sales each year.

A discussion on the March 23rd election ensued. Several tasks still need to be accomplished. The Board directed staff to obtain signs, send out press releases, and to look into obtaining a locked ballot box from the county auditor. Board and staff will try to obtain volunteer polling officers prior to the next meeting. Stu Trefry said that the Commission will appoint individuals to the two vacant appointed positions of the March 18, 1999 commission meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

The Board requested for the next meeting, training on financial statements and detail of what was included in prior period expenditures.

M(Tiffany)/S(Niccolls)/P a motion to ratify of the check numbers 4673 through 4694 in the total amount of \$38,675.92 for payments of salaries and other obligations of the District.

29 Bill Niccolls agreed to second the motion on the advice of Chris Tiffany, Secretary/Treasurer.

30 There was a discussion about the annual budget.

31 **M(Tiffany)/S(Niccolls)/P a motion to adopt Resolution No. 99-03 for amending the 1998**
32 **annual budget showing ending net cash and investments at \$2,096,361.00.**

33 Bill Niccolls seconded the motion on the condition that Sandi clarify the accounts payable as of
34 December 31, 1997 and December 31, 1998. Sandi agreed to have the complete annual report at
35 the next meeting.

36 **NCRS Monthly Report:**

37 Joe Henry informed the Board of complaints generated by the Department of Ecology about
38 some dairy farmers regarding an abandoned manure pond. He encouraged a program to deal
39 with the problem.

40 Joe also informed the Board of two upcoming workshops. There will be a workshop on the
41 Environmental Quality Reserve Enhancement Program (EQIP) for contractors and consultants
42 toward the end of the month of February. Joe Henry informed the Board that there will be a
43 workshop on the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). Thereafter, a discussion
44 ensued about the CREP Program.

45 Joe Henry informed the Board that NRCS had to establish a cost list for the Wetland Reserve
46 Program and Wildlife Habitat and Incentive Program. This is an identification of the practices
47 that would apply to the program and the average costs of the program. Joe presented two lists to
48 the Board which were a reflection of costs that NRCS came up with for King County.

49 **M(Tiffany)/S(Niccolls)/P a motion that the Chair be authorized to sign that the Board of**
50 **Supervisors concur with the county practice and cost list for the Wildlife Habitat and**
51 **Incentive Program and the Wetland Reserve Program prepared by the USDA, NRCS for**
52 **1999.**

53 **WRIA No. 9 Steering Committee:**

54 Chris Tiffany informed the Board of the upcoming WRIA No. 9 meeting to be held on February
55 11, 1999. King County formed these committees for three watersheds within King County, and
56 they were given the task of coming up with a salmon recovery conservation plan. She wanted
57 the Board to be aware of the committee. She distributed copies of what the committee would be
58 discussing and she informed the Board that she would have questions from the Steering
59 Committee for the Board of Supervisors.

60 **Contract Approvals:**

61 Geoff Reed discussed the Community Agriculture Grant from the King County Department of
62 Natural Resources-Water and Land Resources Division, Resource Lands and Open Space
63 Section. This is a Community Agriculture Grant to develop the Restoration Growers

Association. This grant is used to develop nursery membership of the Restoration Growers Association of King County; assemble and print a local buying guide for local native plants; provide sales leads to member nurseries for upcoming public and private projects; publicize/educate project managers on buying local plants from member nurseries; and provide assistance to start-up native plant nurseries.

One of the outcomes is a data base of nurseries. A budget amendment for \$10,000 will be provided at the next board meeting.

M(Tiffany)/S(Niccolls)/P a motion that the Chair or the Vice-Chair be authorized to sign Grant No. D26087D from the King County Department of Natural Resources for Restoration Growers Association Grant.

Bill Niccolls recommended that the staff maintain a copy of the data base of the Growers Association District at King Conservation District and that they use a group fax or e-mail when corresponding with members of the Association..

A very short discussion ensued about the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.

M(Tiffany)/S(Niccolls)/P a motion that the District accepts the grant proposed by the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Commission (CREP).

Sandi Krenkel addressed Y2K issues. The computer system at King Conservation District has problems because it was not professionally installed. Sandi looked into many computer services and employed a computer person from Visera services, finding that the amount to hire someone from this company was significantly lower than other companies. Visera Computer Services has been working on the computer problems at KCD for about six weeks. Sandi informed the Board of the need to have someone continue working on the computer system for at least another six months. Sandi informed the Board that hiring Visera under a contract would be a very cost-effective approach to deal with the computer system problems.

M(Tiffany)/S(Niccolls)/P a motion that the Chairperson be authorized to sign a service agreement with Visera for computer services at the district.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:44 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned at <<<CHRIS>>>.

Authorized Signature

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SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

101 **M(Tiffany)/S(Niccolls)/P a motion to approve the January 12, 1999 minutes as presented.**

102 **M(Tiffany)/S(Niccolls)/P a motion for the signing of the checks 4693 through 4694 in the**
103 **total amount of \$38,675.92.**

104 **M(Tiffany)/S(Niccolls)/P a motion to adopt Resolution No. 99-02 for amending the 1998**
105 **annual budget showing ending net cash and investments at \$2,096,361.00.**

106 **M(Tiffany)/S(Niccolls)/P a motion that the Chair be authorized to sign that the Board of**
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108 **Incentive Program and the Wetland Reserve Program prepared by the USGA, NRCS for**
109 **1999.**

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