

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 1999

1 **Supervisors Present:** Lynn Sullivan, Vice-Chair; Chris Tiffany, Sec/Treasurer; Bill Niccolls,
2 Member

3 Brook Barrett, Chair not present.

4 **Guests Present:** Michael Bolasina, Attorney at Law for Stafford Frey Cooper

5 **Staff Present:** Sandi Krenkel, Lyle Stoltman

6 **NRCS Present:** Joe Henry

7 The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. Lynn Sullivan, Vice-Chair presided.

8 **Guest Introduction:** None

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

- 10 • Add discussion on the Dairy Waste Implementation Injector Program

11 **Public Comment:** No public comment

12 *The Board went into Executive Session at 6:16 p.m. to discuss a pending lawsuit.*

13 Michael Bolasina left the Board meeting at 6:38 p.m.

14 *The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 6:42 p.m.*

15 **M(Tiffany)/S(Niccolls)/P a motion to approve the February 10, 1999 minutes as presented.**

16 Joe Henry arrived at 6:45 p.m.

17 **Old Business:**

18 ♦ Farmland Preservation and Soccer Fields:

19 Lynn Sullivan presented a draft of a letter she volunteered to write as discussed in the December
20 15, 1998 meeting. At that meeting it was determined that the District would send a letter to the
21 King County Executive and to King County Councilmember Louise Miller concerning support
22 of agricultural uses for property in the Agricultural Production Districts and for property for
23 which the development rights have been purchased under the Farmland Preservation Program.
24 The Board agreed that they wanted the letter to reflect their preference for preservation of
25 agricultural uses of these properties. Chris Tiffany agreed to review the letter, clarify this
26 position, and forward it to the Chair for signature.

27 ♦ Election Update

28 Lynn informed the Board that she had contacted the League of Women voters of South King
29 County and requested assistance in monitoring the ballot box for the District Supervisor election
30 on March 23, 1999. Two people volunteered to assist the District for a donation to their
31 organization the amount to equal a total of the minimum wage multiplied by the number of hours
32 they act as ballot box monitors. It was agreed to donate this amount and to provide dinner for the
33 volunteers. Lynn Sullivan also told the Board that Geoff Reed is working on signs for directing
34 voters to the District and will be obtaining a locked ballot box as recommended by Stu Trefry
35 from the Washington State Conservation Commission.

36 Sandi Krenkel notified the Board that Bruce Harpham and Dulce Setterfield are running for the
37 elected position that expires in March 2001. Chris Tiffany informed the Board that she applied
38 for the appointed supervisor position that expires in March 2001. Nancy Hansen and Scott
39 Wallace have also applied for one of the two open appointed supervisor positions. The positions
40 that are to be filled are those that Brooke Barrett is currently holding and Susan Schmoll held.
41 Brooke Barrett's term ends March 31, 1999 and the position Susan Schmoll vacated had a term
42 ending March 31, 2000..

43 **CREP – Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program:**

44 Sandi Krenkel presented a management plan on how she proposes the District implement the
45 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) with the grant (Grant 99-09-CR) awarded
46 by the Conservation Commission. The Board supported the proposal and requested quarterly
47 updates as required by Grant Task Item 5.02. Sandi informed the Board that the amount granted
48 was for \$379,353.00 with \$49,895 for expenditures by the District to conduct the program as
49 outlined by the grant tasks and \$329,458 for cost-share expenses for farmers participating in the
50 program. The grant agreement was signed by the Secretary/Treasurer on February 25, 1999
51 pursuant to the Board's agreement to accept the grant at the February 10, 1999 meeting..

52 The Board discussed the financial incentives offered to farmers under the CREP program and
53 how these rates are determined. Joe Henry informed the Board that the current rates would be
54 re-evaluated later this year. Information will be provided in the future about the specifics of the
55 financial incentives and information about buffers under the CREP program.

56 The Board discussed marketing the CREP program to farmers within the District. Sandi
57 informed the Board that she is putting together a media and promotional packet for advertising
58 the program.

59 Joe Henry offered to present at the next Board meeting a video tape with Curt Smitch, from the
60 Governor's Salmon Office discussing salmon restoration issues.

61 **Treasurer's Report:**

62 Chris Tiffany presented the Treasurer's Report and explained each of the sheets provided using
63 the Narrative on Monthly Financial Reports written by Sandi. The Board questioned Sandi about

64 the amounts paid to the City of Seattle and the City of Bellevue. She informed them the
65 payments were these two cities proration of the 1998 assessment. The City of Seattle used the
66 money in part to fund a television educational series called Salmon on the Brink.

67 **M(Tiffany)/S(Niccolls)/P a motion to ratify check numbers 4695 through 4759 in the total**
68 **amount of \$278,065.95 for payments of salaries and other obligations of the District.**

69 Sandi agreed to investigate obtaining the film, Salmon on the Brink, from the City of Seattle for
70 a future Board meeting.

71 Chris Tiffany commented that she would like to make sure the District requires signage stating
72 that the District in part or wholly provided funding for assessment-funded projects.

73 **Budget and Work Plan Amendment:**

74 Sandi presented to the Board proposed Resolution 99-04 to amend the 1999 Annual Work Plan
75 and Budget. She explained that because one of the responses of the District to the January 1999
76 King County Executive Audit Report was that all grants be budgeted at the time grant funds were
77 awarded, that she was requesting a budget amendment for three additional grants that have been
78 obtained since initial approval of the 1999 Budget/Work Plan. The grants are for the
79 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program in the amount of \$379,353 from the Conservation
80 Commission; \$10,000 for a promotion of a Restoration Growers Association funded by King
81 Counties Community Agricultural Grant Program; and \$4,500 from the Friends of P-Patch for a
82 Jobs Plus Naturescaping Program.

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84 **1999 Budget and Work Plan.**

85 Lyle Stoltman presented a grant that Geoff Reed applied for and obtained from the Cooperative
86 Extension Service for a field demonstration in the Snoqualmie Valley of the dairy waste manure
87 injector in the amount of \$2,800.

88 **M(Tiffany)/S(Niccolls)/P a motion that Vice-Chair be authorized to sign the agreement**
89 **between the District and King County for a demonstration of the Manure Injector System**
90 **in the Snoqualmie Valley, Contract No. D253-22, contract award amount of \$2,800.**

91 Chris Tiffany asked the Board to authorize her to apply for a grant from the King County
92 Wildlife Program. She explained it is a grant for the enhancement of wildlife areas in the urban
93 setting and to involve citizens in cities with salmon conservation. She informed the Board she
94 would be seeking a partnership with Cedar Grove Composting and the City of Seattle Public
95 Utilities. The Board agreed to authorize application for the grant..

96 **NRCS Monthly Report:**

97 Joe Henry presented his written report to the Board.

98 **Other Items Reported by Staff:**

99 The District received a request from Kent Meyer on February 17, 1999 for copies of public
100 records. Mr. Meyer's representative, Jeff Dunbar, came to the District office on February 26,
101 1999 to review and request copies of various documents.

102 Bill Niccolls suggested maintaining copies of public records in order to make the records more
103 easily accessible to the public.

104 Sandi informed the Board that staff are investigating the employment of an Americorps
105 volunteer.

106 Lyle Stoltman confirmed with the Board his becoming an ex-officio member of the LOC
107 (Livestock Oversight Committee).

108 The Board members requested that Lyle provide regular reports to the Board on the issues
109 discussed and decisions made by the King County Livestock Oversight Committee.

110 There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Authorized Signature

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SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

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