

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

June 9, 1999

1 **Supervisors Present:** Bill Niccolls, Chair; Lynn Sullivan, Vice-Chair; Chris Tiffany,
2 Secretary/Treasurer; Nancy Hansen, Member; Scott Wallace, Member.

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** Max Prinsen; Bruce Harpham; Patricia O'Hanley.

4 **Guests Present:** John Lombard, Watershed Coordinator, Cedar River-Lake Washington
5 Watershed Forum, King County Water and Land Resources Division; Megan Smith, Watershed
6 Coordinator, Snoqualmie River Watershed Forum, King County Water and Land Resources
7 Division

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

9 The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. Bill Niccolls, Chair presided.

10 **Item #1:**

11 **M(Tiffany)/S(Wallace)/P a motion to approve the May 12, 1999 minutes as presented.**

12 **Agenda Confirmation/ Guest Introduction:** Everyone introduced himself or herself.

13 **Watershed Forum's Noncompetitive Grant Application Presentation:**

14 John Lombard summarized the non-competitive grant applications for the Green-Duwamish,
15 Cedar River-Lake Washington, Snoqualmie, and Sammamish River Watershed Forums that were
16 sent to the Board. Each of the Forums, except for the Puget Sound, is requesting their allotted
17 \$3.00 portion of the \$5.00 per parcel District assessment for 1998 and 1999. Monies were not
18 requested in 1998 pending resolution of the lawsuit filed by Federal Way.

19 Discussion ensued about the District's approval process. Bill Niccolls suggested that a sub-
20 committee be formed to review the applications and make a recommendation to the Board as to
21 whether to approve the requests pursuant to the criteria set out in the King County Ordinance
22 12959 and District Resolution No 98-20.

23 Lynn Sullivan stated that she reviewed the applications and believed they met the criteria.
24 Sullivan stated that she would not have a problem with voting on the applications at this
25 evening's Board meeting. Niccolls said he was not prepared to sign checks without formal in-
26 depth review of the applications.

27 **M(Tiffany)/S(Wallace)/P a motion to form a subcommittee to review the 1999 and 1998**
28 **Watershed Forum non-competitive grant applications as submitted by King County on**
29 **May 28, 1999.**

30 Niccolls asked if anyone would be interested in volunteering to participate on the sub-committee.
31 Nancy Hansen volunteered, as did Max Prinsen. A discussion then ensued regarding the

32 development of a checklist to make sure the applications meet all requirements and objectives.
33 Harpham also volunteered to join the committee. Tiffany asked Hansen to recuse herself from
34 the process and Hansen agreed. Chris asked Lynn if she would be interested in serving on the
35 committee. She agreed and was appointed Chair by Bill Niccolls.

36 Continuing with the discussion, Scott Wallace asked John Lombard about ratios of funding
37 allocation and size differences of properties assessed. Wallace also raised a concern that many
38 of the properties may not be assessed fairly. Lombard agreed to return to a future board meeting
39 to discuss how the level of assessment was determined. Tiffany informed the Board that there
40 was a committee of local governments in King County reviewing funding issues called the
41 Funding Advisory Committee. She suggested that the Coordinator, Joanna Richey, from the
42 King County Department of Natural Resources, Water and Land Resources Division might
43 attend a future Board meeting and provide information about funding issues. It was agreed to
44 invite her to the next meeting.

45 Megan Smith asked when the next Supervisor meeting was to be held because many of the
46 Snoqualmie Watershed forum members wanted to be present for the vote. Smith was told the
47 meeting would be July 14, 1999. Sullivan asked if a special meeting should be held sooner to
48 allocate the funds. Lombard said that if a decision were made on July 14 there would be
49 sufficient time to fund the projects for construction projects occurring this summer.

50 **Agenda Confirmation:**

51 Niccolls asked if members wanted to amend the agenda. Hansen stated she had a comment for
52 the “good of the order”. Hansen also requested an executive session to continue discussion from
53 May’s Executive session. Hansen agreed to hold the “good of the order” comment until the
54 discussion slated for 7:10 p.m..

55 Sullivan mentioned a “housekeeping” item. She stated that she noticed the Boardmember's
56 home phone numbers were displayed on the Districts’ website and wondered why. Krenkel
57 stated that this is what information was on the application to become a boardmember. At this
58 point Niccolls requested Boardmember to advise Krenkel if they want their phone numbers
59 removed. Hansen told the group that they might be required to provide numbers as public
60 officials. At this point Niccolls requested Krenkel to investigate whether it is required that home
61 phone numbers be used.

62 **Item # 2 Authorization for Submittal of Conservation Commission Implementation Grant** 63 **Application:**

64 Staff presented a Conservation Commission Implementation non-competitive grant application
65 to the Board and explained the objectives. Questions arose and discussion ensued related to the
66 Natural Resources Camp and the Totem Lake planting projects tasks that were proposed as part
67 of the grant.

68 Niccolls asked staff to poll people and merchants around Totem Lake to see if they’d be
69 interested in doing more to help clean up the Lake.

70 **M(Tiffany)/S(Wallace)/P a motion to submit an application to Washington Conservation**
71 **Commission for the 1999-2001 Biennium Implementation Grant.**

72 **Treasurer's report:**

73 Tiffany summarized the financial information provided in the Board packet. The League of
74 Women Voters, seeking payment for working the District's election last March had contacted
75 Sullivan. Krenkel said they had not submitted a request for payment. Sullivan acknowledged and
76 said the League was unsure as to how much to request. Niccolls recommended sending a
77 suggested billing.

78 **M(Tiffany)/S(Hansen)/P a motion to ratify checks numbering 4870 to 4917 in the amount**
79 **of \$58,849.35 for the period of May 16 to June 15 1999 for payment of salaries and other**
80 **obligations of the District.**

81 **Item # 4 Budget amendment:**

82 Tiffany presented a proposed amendment to the 1999 budget to increase spending limits in some
83 categories of the budget. Hansen asked if there were any problems encountered and Tiffany said
84 that the amounts changed were very small.

85 **M(Tiffany)/S(Sullivan)/P Resolution 99-07 to amend the 1999 annual budget.**

86 **Report on County Council Budget Committee Meeting**

87 Hanson expressed pleasure at the outcome of the discussion about the District at the King
88 County Council Budget Committee meeting on May 26, 1999. She went on to express kudos to
89 Tiffany and Krenkel for correcting the District's financial problems.

90 Sullivan, who had also attended the meeting, requested an update on how it was planned that the
91 District would complete 75 Farm Plans in 1999. Krenkel told the Board about interviews
92 currently being conducted to hire more farm planners. Krenkel explained that a plan had been
93 developed to meet this goal by clearly setting out the expectations of each Farm Planner and
94 monitoring progress. A discussion ensued about tracking of completed plans, maintaining
95 quality, and educating the Council on importance of implementing BMPs. The possibilities of
96 incentives were raised and questions about what exactly are considered plans and farms were
97 asked. Sullivan asked where the number of 75 plans came from and Stoltman explained to the
98 Board how he came up with that estimate.

99 Niccolls said it would be helpful get the definition of a farm and have a presentation as to what a
100 farm plan is and what goes into a farm plan. The Board requested progress reports on
101 completion of Farm Plans at future Board meetings.

102 **Future Agenda Topics:**

103 Niccolls suggested an overview of the livestock ordinance. Wallace suggested having Lombard
104 return to explain how the funding is set up. Tiffany suggested inviting Joanna Richey to a future
105 meeting to provide an update on the Funding Advisory Committee. Tiffany also suggested that it

106 would be beneficial to have someone come and talk about the Comprehensive Plan, which will
107 be under review soon.

108 *The Board went into Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. to continue the discussion from last months*
109 *Executive Session.*

110 *The Board came back into Regular Session at 8:00pm.*

111 There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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115 Authorized Signature

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Summary of Motions

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