

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

October 13, 1999

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

3 **Associate Supervisors:** Bruce Harpham

4 **Guests Present:** Stu Trefry

5 **Staff Present:** Sandi Krenkel, Elizabeth Welden

6 The meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM. Bill Niccolls, Chair presided.

7 **Introductions:** All present introduced themselves.

8 **Agenda Confirmation:**

9 Hansen solicited and received permission from the Chair to read a statement, attachment #1 to
10 these minutes, and discussion followed, including remarks from Stu Trefry. Hansen and Trefry
11 spoke to the legal review provided by the County's prosecuting attorney and the assistant
12 attorney general charged with review of municipal ethics questions.

13 **Mara Farm/Hamm Creek Project:** Krenkel announced that no bids had been received on the
14 Marra Project, the opening of same being next on the agenda. Costs had been estimated in the
15 vicinity of \$70,000; King county Parks and Recreation may be interested in the work that
16 involves "daylighting" or opening up waterways on the lower Duwamish.

17 **Approval of the Minutes:**

18 **M(Wallace)/S(Sullivan)/P a motion to approve the September 15, 1999 minutes as**
19 **corrected (delete references to individuals at lines 130-133) and clarified (reference at lines**
20 **56-58 was intended by Tiffany to refer to King County).**

21 **Regional Funding ESA Partnerships:** The Board considered a position on Regional Funding
22 ESA Partnerships. Discussion centered around the appropriate roles of the elected officials, staff
23 and citizens on the steering committees and WRIAs. There was consensus that citizen input
24 should be meaningful, that staff proposals should be treated as proposals for consideration rather
25 than as policy decisions, and that elected officials, accountable to the voters and required to
26 make difficult decisions in public on the allocation of resources to fund policy decisions, should
27 have the authority to make the decisions. There was also consensus for the proposition that
28 municipal corporations needed the opportunity to share and mesh plans affecting other
29 jurisdictions. Differences, to the extent that there were any, seemed to be about the amount of
30 emphasis on these points rather than their validity. Concern was also voiced that a pro rata
31 division of funds between County, joint endeavors and cities could result in piecemeal
32 distribution of resources needed for a coordinated endeavor affecting multiple jurisdictions.

33 **M(Wallace)/S(Tiffany)/P a motion to table a position by the Board on the Regional**

34 **Funding ESA.**

35 **Farm Planning Report:** Krenkel introduced the Farm Planning Report, advising that the State
36 was publishing a spread- sheet outlining District efforts and that King Conservation District was
37 looking good in that context. This led to a report by Tiffany on the Dairy Waste Management
38 Sub Committee, which recommended approval of the Norman Brook, Charley Shakel and John
39 Stolz plans.

40 **M(Tiffany)/S(Wallace)/P a motion to approve three Dairy Waste Plans, one for Norman**
41 **Brook, one for Charley Shakel and one for John Stolz.**

42 **Dairy Waste Cost Share Program:** Discussion turned to applications for cost sharing grants. A
43 cost-share application was presented for Norman Brooks Farm. A second application was not
44 considered for approval because the waste management plan had not been approved. It was
45 suggested that this plan would be presented for approval at the next Board meeting.

46 **M(Wallace)S(Sullivan)/P a motion to approve Norman Brooks Farm cost-share**
47 **application.**

48 **Grant Proposals:** Krenkel presented a \$30,000 grant proposal for the WCC/Puget Sound Water
49 Quality Action Team non-competitive grant. This money would largely go to sustain District
50 nursery endeavors, with the nursery relocated, and the District contributing plants from the
51 nursery toward near shore marine and salt marsh restoration projects. In the discussion that
52 followed Krenkel advised that the District could meet the match requirement in response to
53 questions and reminded the Board that, because the grant was non-competitive, its approval of
54 the manner in which the grant would be targeted was particularly important. Staff was directed
55 to take the grant application forward into final form.

56 **M(Tiffany)/S(Wallace)/P a motion to approve development and submission of a**
57 **WCC/Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team non-competitive grant as presented.**

58 The Board considered the completed but unsigned Dairy Nutrient Management Grant
59 application. Krenkel advised the Board that this money, \$101, 873 going directly to cost-share
60 payments and the balance of approximately \$82,000 going for project salaries (\$42,500),
61 administration (\$4,500), benefits (\$20,000), equipment (\$4,500) and overhead (\$10,000) would
62 be disbursed under state guidelines and statutes stressing accountability and prioritization based
63 upon relationship of applicant projects to habitat rather than on the order in which applications
64 were received. General discussion followed.

65 **M(tiffany)/S(Wallace)/P a motion to sign the Dairy Nutrient Management Grant #DW 99-**
66 **09.**

67 **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report stimulated substantial discussion centering around
68 the difficulty of determining, by reference to the report prepared under the current methodology,
69 how much of the money on hand was, in fact, committed to specific projects and thus obligated
70 and unavailable for other discretionary allocation by the Board. It was agreed that this made
71 management, especially by newer Board members, extremely difficult. Krenkel advised the

Board that she planned to seek approval to switch to an accrual method of accounting, which would eliminate the ambiguities. The sense of the Board appeared to be that this would be an excellent move, notwithstanding the minor drawback of the change involving 13 months of benefits in the year in which the change was made by reason of the accrual. A minor point dealt with ownership of the interest earned on obligated funds during the period they were unhand with the District and not drawn upon by the grantees, Krenkel assured Wallace that the interest was available to the District rather than the grantees.

M(Tiffany)/S(Wallace)/P a motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Executive Session: The Board went into Executive Session at 7:20 PM.

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 10:00 PM.

M(Wallace)/S(Sullivan)/P a motion to place the District Executive on two weeks of Administrative Leave.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Authorized Signature

Date

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