

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

Feb.13, 2002

1 **Supervisors Present:** Bill Niccolls, Chair, Scott Wallace, Vice-Chair, Lynn Sullivan,  
2 Secretary/Treasurer, Nancy Ahern, Member, Max Prinsen, Member.

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** none

4 **Guests Present:** Will Knedlik.

5 **Staff Present:** Geoff Reed, Brandy Reed, Josh Monaghan

6 **NRCS Staff Present:** none

7 Meeting called to order at 6:08PM with Bill Niccolls, Chairman, presiding.

8 Meeting agenda was reviewed and accepted with no changes.

9 **Wallace moved, Prinsen seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the January**  
10 **9<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. Sullivan abstained because she had not had a chance to review them.**

11 Josh Monaghan gave a presentation to update the Board on the clopyralid herbicide issue in the  
12 state and King County and how it is affecting horse manure composting operations. Without  
13 adequate disposal methods at compost facilities the horse manure piles up and may degrade  
14 water quality. The District has aggressively taken several actions to address this situation and  
15 will continue to do so in the future. J. Monaghan will be briefing the King County Agriculture  
16 Commission as well tomorrow night. A letter will be drafted by staff for board review stating  
17 the Districts position on the issue and our concern over how the herbicide is currently being  
18 regulated by the state.

19 B. Reed presented the financial report as Hamilton Lucas is currently on vacation. Expenses for  
20 the month are slightly higher than normal due to tax payments paid at this time of year and salary  
21 increases, which took affect in January of the New Year.

22 **Prinsen moved, Ahern seconded, passed unanimously a motion to accept the January**  
23 **expenses as presented on the monthly expense report for checks numbered 6370 to 6418 in**  
24 **the amount of \$ 180,587.20.**

25 B. Reed reviewed the balance sheet which showed that total equity has increased to \$1,098,481.  
26 The budget to actual and income sheet will be provided to the Board at the March meeting.

27 The Green Duwamish Central Puget Sound Watershed Forum application was reviewed by the  
28 board. The timeline had been short for staff to process the applications but King County was  
29 asking for a quick turn-a-round. Sullivan had not had a chance to look at them at all before the  
30 meeting. Prinsen and staff had felt some further discussion and additional detail was needed on  
31 some of the project proposals and a spreadsheet was distributed that Prinsen had prepared

32 showing the issues and concerns with the proposals. It was decided to review each project  
33 proposal separately and start with the three that looked most complete and satisfactory.

34 **Prinsen moved, Wallace seconded, passed unanimously a motion (Ahern Abstaining) to**  
35 **approve the High Priority WRIA Research – Juvenile Salmon Survival Studies.**

36 **Prinsen moved, Wallace seconded, passed unanimously a motion (Ahern Abstaining) to**  
37 **approve the High Priority WRIA Research –Productive Fish and the Beach Naturalist**  
38 **Projects.**

39 The Ecosystem Restoration Project Local Match was then discussed. There was concern due to  
40 the inclusion of Tukwila, Enumclaw, and Federal Way in the project application as those cities  
41 are not members of the District. Also a complete funding breakdown was not provided.  
42 Additional backup information and questions regarding the certainty of the project was needed.  
43 Information regarding how firm the complete funding package was and a better breakdown of  
44 the project over the 3-year term was needed. Staff was directed to work with KC DNRP staff on  
45 these issues for another review at a future board meeting.

46 The Near shore General Investigation Study project was then discussed. Ahern suggested the  
47 Board needed another month or so to review the scope of work and it was agreed.

48 The Middle Green River Acquisitions project was then discussed. Site-specific locations needed  
49 to be added and another month of work was needed on this project.

50 The WRIA Education and Stewardship program manager project was discussed. Staff had  
51 discussed the project with King County DNRP staff extensively over the last few days. Specific  
52 suggestions had been made to DNRP staff on how to improve the project, but the District's input  
53 was not well received by WRIA 9 staff. The District's concern was for lack of partnering details  
54 with local residents and the lack of inclusion of non-profit groups residing in the targeted  
55 community who are doing similar work with minimal funding and achieving impressive results.  
56 G. Reed felt as though the WRIA 9 staff had poor performance in similar efforts in the past,  
57 especially in the Duwamish area and could use outside assistance in completing this project. G.  
58 Reed was directed to work with the DNRP program manager and to assist him in implementing  
59 the project to make it as effective as possible and to improve their public outreach efforts in the  
60 Duwamish community.

61 **Wallace moved, Prinsen seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the WRIA**  
62 **Education and Stewardship project with the above recommendations and concerns noted.**

63 The Green River Natural Area Restoration Maintenance project was discussed. The project  
64 application was thought to be ambiguous and unclear as to where the projects are located. The  
65 Board agreed for staff to work with DNRP on these issues.

66 B. Reed presented a request for a budget amendment for the City of Issaquah.

67 **Sullivan moved, Wallace seconded Passed unanimously a motion to approve the budget**  
68 **amendment for the City of Issaquah Restoration Grant Program.**

69 B. Reed reviewed the non- competitive grant eligibility requirements criteria for municipalities  
70 with the Board. The discussion centered on whether the cities should be required to meet the  
71 same criteria as the watershed forums. King County Ordinance #14016 was reviewed. Ahern felt  
72 that their portion of the assessment fell under RCW 89.08 requirements and the strategic  
73 initiatives criteria.

74 **Sullivan moved, Wallace seconded, passed unanimously a motion to have the municipalities**  
75 **meet the requirements of the RCW and strategic initiatives and not necessarily the**  
76 **Regional Funding Principles.**

77 B. Reed thought it would helpful if the Board adopted some “focus areas” for next year’s non-  
78 competitive grants to better enable the applicants to achieve high quality results and make the  
79 review process easier. The Board thought this was a good idea, but thought that we need to be  
80 careful as these are non-competitive grants and perhaps lead by example with some additional  
81 funding provided to applicants that meet the new focus area criteria.

82 G. Reed reviewed the updated dairy cost share list.

83 **Wallace moved, Prinsen seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve and accept the**  
84 **updated dairy waste cost share allocation list.**

85 Wallace initiated a request to assist NRC consulting and Sara Hemphill with some upcoming  
86 AFW meetings where the District is represented and involved. He thought Sky Miller could  
87 provide valuable input to the discussions and negotiations and wanted to allocate some funding  
88 to pay Miller to attend along with Hemphill. The Board agreed to authorize Hemphill to enlist  
89 Miller’s help for 20 hours of service at the District expense.

90 Adding a new position for a fisheries biologist to assist District staff was discussed. G. Reed was  
91 directed to write a job description and solicit applicants.

92 B. Reed distributed copies of the final approved 2002 work plan and budget

93 There being no further business,

94 **Ahern moved, Wallace seconded, passed unanimously a motion to adjourn the meeting at**  
95 **8:05PM**

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Authorized Signature

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102 Summary of Motions

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