

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2004

1 **Supervisors Present:** Max Prinsen, Chairman, Scott Wallace, Vice Chairman, Richard Gelb,
2 Member, Bobbi Lindemulder, Member.

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** Matt Livengood

4 **Guests Present:** Julie Hall, Seattle Public Utilities; Curtis Tanner, Washington Department of
5 Fish and Wildlife; Linda Hanson, KC DNRP WLRD; Sara Hemphill, District Consultant

6 **Staff Present:** Brandy Reed, Geoff Reed, Marla Hamilton Lucas

7 **NRCS Staff Present:** None

8 Prinsen called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. The agenda was reviewed and the board agreed to
9 move Hall's presentation up to 6:15. Prinsen wished to add a discussion about having a morning
10 meeting in June with the Watershed Forum leadership and the District Board to discuss the
11 assessment.

12 The previous meeting minutes were reviewed and there were no proposed changes.

13 **Wallace moved, Lindemulder seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the**
14 **minutes as read from the April 2004 King Conservation District Board of Supervisors**
15 **meeting.**

16 Hamilton Lucas presented the District VISA bill for board review. She reported on the internal
17 review conducted by Steve Mullet, Mayor of Tukwila, Prinsen, G. Reed and Hamilton Lucas. All
18 the district finances were reviewed at this meeting as required by the Washington Conservation
19 Commission. The only item that the group noted was a couple of outstanding checks that had not
20 been either cashed or voided. Hamilton Lucas has addressed these items since the review.
21 Prinsen asked that a thank you letter be sent to Mayor Mullet for his help in the review.

22 Total monthly expenses and deposits for April was reviewed. Discussion ensued on plant sales
23 that string on into May Lindemulder asked about soil tests the District does with landowners. She
24 thought the landowners should contract and pay for the tests themselves so as to keep them from
25 being subject to the Freedom Of Information Act.

26 **Wallace Moved, Gelb Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to approve checks # 7836-**
27 **7895 in the amount of \$ 94,013.46.**

28 The budget tracking report was distributed and reviewed by the board. Hamilton Lucas reviewed
29 the District Balance Sheet; currently there is \$ 1.2 million in the unrestricted fund balance.
30 Budget tracking report shows 67% of the budget remaining with 67% of the year remaining.
31 Reallocation of some budget items was discussed.

32 **Wallace Moved, Lindemulder Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to accept the April**
33 **Finance Report as presented.**

34 Julie Hall of Seattle Public Utilities gave a presentation on a project funded with non-competitive
35 grant funds, the Nearshore Marine Inventory Project for Seattle/ WRIA 9. She talked about how
36 the data obtained by the project is being used.

37 Gelb asked about coordination with other areas in Puget Sound. Wallace asked about natural
38 bulkheads. Gelb asked how the information would be used for planning the central waterfront
39 renovation. There's lots of theoretical information, but it hasn't been determined if the new ideas
40 work.

41 There was a discussion of the PSNERP project, which would generate projects for 2008,
42 assuming funding remains for the Army Corps of Engineers. Currently the local entities are
43 outspending the feds on PSNERP.

44 It was decided to discuss the WDFW non-competitive grant revision amendment first. This grant
45 originally was to fund a series of technical workshops and produce a "white paper" on the
46 information that came out of the workshops. As the WDFW employee assigned to complete the
47 paper has moved to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the paper will be
48 produced on his schedule. The funds from the grant will be used to "web publish" the grant.
49 Prinsen requested an update on the history of the grant- he recalled that the board had some
50 concerns about the budget and who was going to be involved.

51 **Wallace Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed a motion to amend the Washington**
52 **Department of Fish & Wildlife Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project**
53 **PSNERP Workshops grant agreement, approving the revised budget and scope of work as**
54 **submitted.**

55 **City of Clyde Hill Grant Application:**

56 **Wallace Moved, Gelb Seconded; Passed a motion to approve the City of Clyde Hill non-**
57 **competitive grant application for \$1,500 from 2001 through 2003 Assessments for the City**
58 **of Clyde Hill Arbor Day Celebration Project.**

59 **City of Kenmore Grant Application:**

60 **Wallace Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed a motion to approve the City of Kenmore**
61 **non-competitive grant application for \$12,500 from 1998 through 2001 Assessments for the**
62 **City of Kenmore Wildcliffe Shores Sammamish River Shoreline Restoration Project.**

63 **Revisions/Agreement Amendments:**

64 **Wallace Moved, Gelb Seconded; Passed a motion to amend the Seattle Public Utilities lake**
65 **Washington-Ballard Locks Mapping Project grant agreement, canceling the project and**
66 **voiding District check number 7564 in the amount of \$60,000.**

67 **Wallace Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed a motion to amend the *King County Green-***
68 ***Duwamish Ecosystem Restoration Project* grant agreement, revising the scope of work as**
69 **submitted and approving return of the grant funds in the amount of \$265,840.**

70 **Wallace Moved, Gelb Seconded; Passed a motion to amend the *City of Redmond***
71 ***Sammamish Watershed Monitoring/Education Program* grant agreement, revising budget as**
72 **submitted and approving return of \$3,936.04 in grant funds.**

73 **Wallace Moved, Gelb, Passed a motion to amend the *King County Tolt River Acquisition***
74 ***Project* grant agreement, canceling the project and approving return of the grant funds in**
75 **the amount of \$81,250 in grant funds.**

76 There was a short discussion about the effect of I-864, if passed, on the assessment. It was the
77 opinion of the District's legal counsel that the assessment would not be affected by the possible
78 passage of this initiative.

79 Discussion ensued regarding the meeting to be held in June for watershed forum leadership-
80 B.Reed read a list of possible attendees. More discussion ensued regarding the District's policy
81 of requiring non-competitive grant studies to lead to actual physical projects. The meeting is
82 intended to help guide the assessment approval process and to allow the District to have some
83 influence in how the assessment is managed and allocated. Prinsen was concerned that the
84 proposed attendees were already strong supporters of the assessment. Gelb asked if the meeting
85 was about increasing the assessment or allowing the district more control over the allocation of
86 funds. Prinsen thought this approach was too detailed for the proposed audience at the meeting.
87 He felt that the meeting should discuss the goals of the Conservation District that the proposed
88 group of attendees would be a good audience for a discussion about what the District should be
89 doing. B. Reed suggested a sub-committee to determine the meeting agenda. A facilitator needs
90 to be named. There was a suggestion that the Mayor of Renton facilitate, as the meeting will
91 likely be held in Renton.

92 There was further discussion about wanting the non-competitive grant program to reflect the
93 ideas and goals of the CD. Gelb mentioned the use of media to coordinate efforts in watersheds.
94 There was a further discussion of the future of the forums after the expiration of the assessment
95 in 2005.

96 It was decided to have a sub-committee meeting on Friday May 21st to create agenda for the
97 Forum meeting to be scheduled after the June 9th board meeting.

98 A basic outline of the proposed District health benefits plan had been sent to the Board before
99 the meeting. This proposal would require the District to have a policy regarding the definition of
100 domestic partners.

101 Under this proposal there would be two benefit schedules, one for current employees and another
102 for future hires. It was decided to have the Board review the proposal until the next meeting.
103 Prinsen asked that an analysis of the costs of the program be prepared for the next meeting.

104 G. Reed suggested the Board review the Washington State Conservation Commission website
105 for their newly adopted long-range plan, which includes performance measures. Gelb distributed

106 a draft for the District long-range plan cover letter and a version of the Vision statement. The
107 board will review these items.

108 There was no NRCS report.

109 The required annual meeting for the District will be held just before the beginning of the Frog
110 Frolic at Shadow Lake Bog.

111 The Board will need to appoint a Secretary/Auditor to replace Sullivan, who lost her Board
112 position in the March election. The Board will do that at the June 9 meeting. Prinsen will invite
113 Lynn to the June meeting so the Board can present her with a service award in recognition of her
114 work for the District.

115 **The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.**

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Authorized Signature

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