

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2005

1 **Supervisors Present:** Max Prinsen, Chairman, Matt Livengood, Secretary/Treasurer, Richard
2 Gelb, Member, Bobbi Lindemulder, Member.

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** None

4 **Guests Present:** Roger Short, Jefferson CD and NW Area Director, Linda Hansen WRIA 9
5 Coordinator, Dennis Clark, WRIA 9 Outreach coordinator, Tom Devers, Watershed Steward,
6 Julie Hall, City of Seattle, Curtis Tanner, Puget Sound Action Team

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

8 **NRCS Staff Present:** None

9 Chairman Prinsen called meeting to order at 6:00pm.

10 Introductions were made and the agenda was reviewed. Supervisor Scott Wallace was not in
11 attendance as he was in Atlanta at the National Association of Conservation Districts Annual
12 Meeting. As NRCS staff would not be attending, the NRCS report would be cancelled. B. Reed
13 said there was no Carnation non-competitive grant application for review.

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15 **minutes as read for the January 2005 King Conservation District Board of Supervisors**
16 **meeting.**

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35 **2000-2003 assessments for the King County Stewardship & Naturalist Community**
36 **Involvement for Salmon Recovery Phase III.**

37 **Non-Competitive Grant Items to be Reflected in the Minutes:**

38 B. Reed amended the *King County Sammamish Watershed Forum Issaquah Creek/Lake*
39 *Sammamish Waterways Acquisition Project* grant agreement, extending the project completion
40 date to December 31, 2004.

41 B. Reed amended the *King County WRIA 8 Strategic Assessment Phase II* grant agreement,
42 extending the project completion date to April 30, 2005.

43 B. Reed amended the *King County WRIA 8 Cold Creek Headwaters Acquisition Project* grant
44 agreement, extending the project completion date to December 31, 2004.

45 B. Reed amended the *King County WRIA 7 Lower Griffin Creek Restoration Project* grant
46 agreement, extending the project completion date to June 30, 2003.

47 B. Reed amended the *King County Central Puget Sound Watershed Forum Opportunity Fund*
48 grant agreement, extending the project completion date to December 31, 2005.

49 B. Reed amended the *King County Central Puget Sound Watershed Forum Limiting Factors &*
50 *Habitat Mapping Project* grant agreement, extending the project completion date to December
51 31, 2004.

52 B. Reed amended the *King County WRIA 9 2001 Middle Green River Acquisitions SRF Board*
53 *Grant Match* grant agreement, extending the project completion date to December 31, 2005.

54 B. Reed amended the *King County WRIA 9 Porter Levee Side Channel Project* grant agreement,
55 extending the project completion date to December 31, 2004.

56 B. Reed amended the *King County WRIA 9 2000 Opportunity Fund* grant agreement, extending
57 the project completion date to December 31, 2004.

58 B. Reed amended the *King County 2003 Juvenile Salmonid Survival Study* grant agreement,
59 extending the project completion date to December 31, 2004.

60 Gelb asked how long it takes from grant approval to disbursement of grant funds. B. Reed said it
61 usually took three months.

62 G. Reed presented the proposed Assessment resolution and timeline for approval. The District
63 counsel has reviewed the proposed resolution, and the Board needed to make decisions regarding
64 4 issues: 1) What amount should the assessment resolution use, considering the pending
65 legislation to raise the limit from \$5 to \$10?; 2) How the funds from the assessment should be
66 divided up for distribution to the District, forums and municipalities?; 3) How long should the
67 assessment last? The limit is 10 years; and 4) When to hold the required public hearing?

68 After a great deal of discussion, the board decided to add a “reopening clause” that would allow
69 the resolution to be revisited and changed if necessary to reflect any changes in allowed
70 assessment limits, and keep the current assessment request at \$5. The District counsel will be
71 asked to draft language to this effect. An additional resolution will be drafted with a \$10 request
72 so as to have it ready in case of need. Prinsen wanted to add a statement regarding the District’s
73 responsibility to do certain activities per 89.08.

74 The Board decided to set the distribution at \$2 for the District, \$1.50 for the Forums and \$1.50
75 for the municipalities. This distribution reflects the greater need for funding by the District to
76 cover additional responsibilities and initiatives, and the reduced role of the Forums in
77 implementing restoration projects.

78 The board decided to use a 10-year timeline for the assessment. The current 5-year assessment
79 was meant to fit in with the 5-year planning process for the forums. Now the planning process is
80 nearly complete and the plans have a 20-year focus.

81 As the County Council must approve the resolution by August 1, it was decided to have the
82 public hearing in the afternoon of April 13, just prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting.
83 G. Reed would also set a time period for written/e-mail comment. The goal is for the Board to
84 adopt the Assessment Resolution in May to give enough lead-time.

85 It was decided to plan some outings to projects funded by the assessment so that council
86 members could see what is being accomplished.

87 G. Reed updated the board on the current technical services contracts at the District. \$15K has
88 been contracted to hire a consultant to prepare an RFP as the first step in selecting a contractor to
89 build the Dairy Digester.

90 ADAP was originally budgeted for \$45K but has now been reduced to \$20K. There are
91 differences between the District staff and King County staff as to how the program should be
92 run, so the number of projects the District will be involved in will be reduced. Discussion ensued
93 regarding the future of the program.

94 CAO assistance for county landowners is budgeted at \$250K. Currently LeeAnn Merrill is
95 drawing up an inter-local agreement for presentation to the council so that an ordinance can be
96 written. An ordinance is required even though the contract is payment to the District for helping
97 with the County with landowner issues relating to the CAO. G. Reed said that there have been
98 quite a few people coming to the District for help with their CAO related concerns.

99 Discussion ensued about the CAO. The Ag rule is still out for public comment. CAO education
100 classes continue and confusion reigns.

101 There was no NRCS report.

102 Hamilton Lucas presented the total month expenses for January 2005 and the December Visa bill
103 for review. The budget tracking report was distributed for review.

104 **Gelb Moved, Livengood Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve checks # 8309-**
105 **8355 in the amount of \$ 61571.77 for the month of January 2005.**

106 The balance sheet was distributed. The restricted and unrestricted balances were reviewed
107 Prinsen asked about the current interest rate for money market funds.

108 **Gelb Moved, Livengood Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to accept the January**
109 **Finance Report as presented.**

110 Prinsen asked about the Districts vouchering process on Conservation Commission grants.
111 Lindemulder had been to a Conservation Commission meeting where some Districts were
112 identified as being behind on their billings. Discussion ensued on how vouchering for grants is
113 done and the factors involved.

114 G. Reed updated the board on the two supervisor positions up for election and appointment by
115 the WCC. G. Reed said that the form to be sent to the Commission for the appointed position
116 required a recommendation and he asked the board if they would authorize recommending Scott
117 Wallace for reappointment to the board

118 **Livengood Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed a motion to authorize a**
119 **recommendation to the Washington Conservation Commission for the re-appointment of**
120 **Scott Wallace to the King Conservation District board.**

121 Gelb mentioned that he was involved in a food system policy committee, and he was trying to
122 get more rural representation on the committee. B. Reed said that a notice could be put in the
123 newsletter.

124 There was a discussion about which board/staff attends what WRIA (Water Resource Inventory
125 Area).

126 Lindemulder mentioned that there would be AFO/CAFO training for district employees
127 statewide. She talked about a group of beef ranchers that are marketing their product as grass fed.
128 The group is coordinating with Salmon Safe too.

129 Snohomish is thinking of asking for an assessment and wants someone from the District to talk
130 to their board/staff about it. The recent Snohomish CD open house went well.

131 Lindemulder will be attending "Lobbying Day" in Olympia next week on other business.

132 The proposed Veterans Conservation Corps bill hearing went well. Each Conservation District
133 may have a corps assigned to them, with funding supplied by the Salmon Recovery Funding
134 Board (SRF board).

135 B. Reed will be updating the Board on the Sea Grant program funding when Wallace returns at
136 the next Board meeting. At NACD, there was a resolution from Hawaii regarding a Sea Grant
137 cooperative arrangement.

138 B. Reed did talk to Andrea Copping and it was agreed that specific tasks would be identified
139 rather than a portion of a position funded and that the cost would be less than \$20K. Sea Grant is
140 hiring right now for this position. Gelb wanted to know if there might be information from Sea
141 Grant that would be helpful for the upcoming resource inventory.

142 B. Reed said there was nothing new to discuss on the proposed revisions for non-competitive
143 grant procedures.

144 B. Reed distributed copies of the final art for the "Pacific Northwest Hedgerow" poster. The text
145 still needs to be written, but it is expected to be finished by this coming June. Gelb wanted a
146 message included regarding hedgerows and how they contributed ecology to agriculture.

147 Gelb distributed an outline of his plan for the natural resources inventory and asked the board for
148 comments. Prinsen suggested the plan be forwarded to Stu Trefry at the Washington
149 Conservation Commission as there is some momentum to do this at the Commission level and it
150 would be good to get their perspective.

151 Livengood informed the board that he would not be at next month's meeting.

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Authorized Signature

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