

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2005

**Supervisors Present:** Max Prinsen, Chairman, Scott Wallace, Vice-Chairman, Richard Gelb, Member.

**Associate Supervisors Present:** None

**Guests Present:** Linda Hansen WRIA 9 Coordinator, Gordon Thompson, WRIA 9 Planner/Project contact. Sara Hemphill, Sustainable Solutions (arrived later).

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

**NRCS Staff Present:** Clare Flanagan- Lubinda (arrived later)

Chairman Prinsen called meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Introductions were made and the agenda was reviewed. B. Reed said she had an additional non-competitive grant revision, and the other items could be addressed under ongoing business.

**Wallace moved, Gelb seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the minutes as read for the February 2005 King Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting.**

Non-competitive grant applications for February 2005:

**Green-Duwamish-CPS Watershed Forum Grant Application:**

B. Reed presented the WRIA 9 grant application. Prinsen asked for a breakout of the number of studies versus action projects for the Duwamish watershed, and noted there needs to be a definition of this ratio so as to be able to ask questions that arise from lawmakers. Hansen said that there will be a move towards on the ground projects Gelb asked about monitoring being built into the grant applications- is it tied to multiple actions or just one action? Hansen said that monitoring is implicit in projects because it is necessary to determine how the project changes the conditions at the site. Hansen distributed folders with the information that city leaders will be using for meetings in Washington DC and pointed out the KCD logo on the cover sheet.

**Gelb Moved, Wallace Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the Green-Duwamish-CPS Watershed Forum non-competitive grant application for \$35,000 from 2004 Assessments for the King County WRIA 9 Projects Review and Evaluation Project contingent upon revisions to the project description and objectives.**

**City of Bellevue Grant Application Packet:**

**Gelb Moved, Wallace Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the City of Bellevue non-competitive grant application for \$16,000 from 1999-2000 Assessments for the Pollution Source Control Program.**

The board requested the grant agreement make provision for program materials to be made available to the District for sharing with other member municipalities.

**Gelb Moved, Wallace Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the City of Bellevue non-competitive grant application for \$50,000 from 2000-2001 Assessments for the Pollution Source Control Incentive Program.**

The board requested the final report include a list of the BMPs implemented and quantities as a result of project activities.

No action was taken on the City of Bellevue grant application for the *Wet Pond Retrofit-West Nile Virus Control Project* as the board did not feel it was a strong natural resource management project.

**Wallace Moved, Gelb Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the City of Bellevue non-competitive grant application for \$70,000 from 2002-2004 Assessments for the Bellevue LID Pilot Project Manual.**

The board requested the City of Bellevue make available the LID manual to other member municipalities. The board suggested a training session as an effective mechanism to share the manual with other District member municipalities.

No action was taken on the City of Bellevue grant application for the *Riparian Restoration Incentive Program* as the board felt the scope of work lacked necessary details.

**City of Kent Grant Application:**

**Wallace Moved, Gelb Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the City of Kent non-competitive grant application for \$3,710 from 2000-2001 Assessments for the Scenic Hill Park Urban Forestry Project.**

B. Reed presented a non-competitive grant revision request from the Snohomish Forum. The request had been originally submitted to the District directly, but because it was a Forum project, the Forum needed to approve its submittal. The project has been completed; the revision request merely reallocates expense from equipment to salaries to cover the additional engineering costs. Additional funding was obtained from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. There was a debate on the installation of fish screens with the new pumps. There will be signs installed on Highway 203 to identify the project and sponsors, a task that was not in the original application.

**Wallace Moved, Gelb Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to amend the Drainage District No. 7 Cheery Creek Pump Station Retrofit Project grant agreement, revising the budget as submitted.**

63 Hamilton Lucas presented the total month expenses for January 2005.

64 **Wallace Moved, Gelb Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve checks numbers**  
65 **8356 – 8413 in the amount of \$313,436.17 for the month of February 2005.**

66 The balance sheet was distributed and reviewed along with the restricted and unrestricted fund  
67 balances. The budget tracking report was distributed and reviewed.

68 **Wallace Moved, Gelb Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to accept the February**  
69 **Finance Report as presented.**

70 Clare Flanagan-Lubinda gave the NRCS report. \$265,638 in EQIP funding was awarded to  
71 operators in King County covering the row crop, beef, dairy and forestry industries. There were  
72 26 applications from the county.

73 There will be a Dairy Entrepreneur workshop offered at Green River Community College.

74 The Washington Conservation Commission has a meeting on March 17 to appoint supervisors. It  
75 is expected that Scott Wallace will be reappointed to the KCD board of supervisors by the WCC.  
76 Elections for supervisor will be held on March 22. The two candidates are incumbent Richard  
77 Gelb and challenger Darlene Madenwald. G. Reed said that a Mr. Luddenback from North Bend  
78 had expressed interest but did not get his application in on time to be on the ballot. It is possible  
79 he might be a write in candidate for the board.

80 Whoever is elected to the board will need to have their election certified by the Commission at  
81 their June meeting. The first official meeting for the elected board member would be in June.

82 Hemphill asked about the District election process. Discussion ensued.

83 G. Reed noted that he had not made much progress on wordsmithing the 2006 assessment  
84 resolutions.

85 Various board members gave meeting reports. The City of Newcastle passed a resolution to  
86 support legislation to raise the allowable limit for District assessments to \$10. Wallace said that  
87 his trip to the NACD meeting in Atlanta was very educational and he will do a presentation to  
88 the board at the April meeting. He felt that national meetings are important to attend because you  
89 can see what other CD's are doing to prepare for the future. The KCD's current situation with  
90 King County is similar to other CD's relationships with their counties- we're not alone. The issue  
91 of nearshore ecosystems was important for the West Coast CD's. Discussion ensued regarding  
92 the Rangeland Coalition.

93 Gelb updated the board on the progress of the resources inventory. He has been to a few  
94 meetings and has learned about green mapping, where GIS information is used to identify  
95 priority lands for conservation. He is scoping out the possibility of having U of W students help  
96 us with the inventory for no cost. Geography students could use their work on the inventory to

97 meet class requirements. The response so far from the Conservation Commission has not been  
98 very enthusiastic.

99 Hemphill gave a report on the progress of the \$10 limit on assessment legislation. A long  
100 discussion ensued regarding the issue.

101 There will be another meeting set with the Forum leadership to discuss assessment issues.

102 G. Reed reported that the District has been doing work with landowners and the County on the  
103 Critical Areas Ordinance. At this time there is still no Memorandum of Understanding, Interlocal  
104 Agreement or Ordinance, which must be approved by the County Council for the District to be  
105 paid for its work on CAO. Prinsen said that the District should keep track of the work they've  
106 been doing on CAO related issues. G. Reed noted that there had been a lawsuit filed against the  
107 CAO so there's a possibility that it could be repealed at some point. District counsel is reviewing  
108 the issues. Discussion ensued among the group.

109 B. Reed said she didn't have anything new to report about the Sea Grant proposed partnership at  
110 this time but that she is working on a list of deliverables. Gelb asked if it would be possible to  
111 get a status report on the nearshore resources for the inventory as part of the deliverables.

112 B. Reed said that as the District sponsored the *Backyard Wildlife Fair* in 2004. The Fair  
113 coordinator has approached the District regarding District support for the 2005 Fair. She  
114 distributed a draft of the 2005 Fair poster which would the District logo should the District  
115 approve sponsorship at a minimum of \$1,000. Prinsen thought sponsoring the fair was a good  
116 idea.

117 **Gelb Moved, Wallace Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to sponsor the 2005**  
118 **Backyard Wildlife Fair by contributing \$1,000 to printing costs associated with the fair**  
119 **poster.**

120 B. Reed presented information to the board regarding contracting directly with non-profit groups  
121 when awarding non-competitive grants. In the past, District counsel advised against doing so as  
122 there was a risk that there would be liability for the District if a non-profit became insolvent and  
123 could neither complete the contract or return the grant funds. The policy was that a non-profit  
124 group could contract with the District if there was a city or Forum guarantor on the agreement.

125 Counsel has now determined that the risk of the above situation occurring is fairly small, and that  
126 it is not necessary to require a guarantor. Discussion ensued about how to change the policy and  
127 it was decided to come up with guidelines for contracting with non-profits and to set a limit on  
128 the contract at \$ 50,000 per project and a total of \$150,000 per non-profit per year. The board  
129 also stipulated an application with a non-profit as a primary applicant must be accompanied by a  
130 letter from the Watershed Forum or member Municipality whose assessment allocation is being  
131 released to the non-profit, approving the release of the allocation to the non-profit.

132 **There being no more business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.**

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