

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2005

1 **Supervisors Present:** Scott Wallace, Vice-Chairman, Matt Livengood, Bobbi Lindemulder,
2 Member, Richard Gelb, Member.

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** None

4 **Guests Present:** George Jaquish, Farm Service Agency, Damon Diesler and Kit Paulsen from
5 City of Bellevue, Sara Hemphill, Sustainable Solutions, Jim Brennan and Andrea Copping from
6 University of Washington Sea Grant, Doug Howell from KCWLRD.

7 **Staff Present:** Geoff Reed, Brandy Reed, Pete Landry

8 **NRCS Staff Present:** Clare Flanagan

9 Vice- Chairman Scott Wallace called the meeting to order at 6:05.

10 The agenda was modified to add an FSA report as well as Koopman dairy DNMP certification.

11 Introductions were made around the table. The march 05 minutes were reviewed and line 97 was
12 noted- The commission has expressed support for the project according to Gelb.

13 **Gelb Moved, Lindemulder Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to accept the March**
14 **2005 minutes as read subject to the correction proposed by Gelb.**

15 Jaquish distributed a fact sheet on the livestock assistance program, crop disaster and grassland
16 reserve programs as part of the report for the FSA.

17 The City of Bellevue non-competitive grant package was reviewed including the resubmitted
18 riparian restoration incentive program and the beaver management program. Paulsen explained
19 the cities' rationale for the project. The board had some questions from the March meeting on
20 this project and a continued discussion ensued following up on the questions that were raised last
21 month. Lindemulder asked about beaver control on the project and possible impacts from
22 flooding. Paulsen explained they are working in steep gradient sites where beavers are not
23 common. Gelb asked about BMP maintenance agreements for participating landowners.

24 **Gelb Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the City of**
25 **Bellevue non-competitive grant application for \$50,000 from 2004-2005 Assessments for the**
26 **City of Riparian Restoration Incentive Program.**

27 The Beaver Management project was reviewed. Paulsen explained the problems the city is
28 experiencing and how they seek to maintain a balance between ecology and private property
29 damage control and their policy toward controlling beavers. Wallace asked about DFW policy on
30 beavers and getting HPA permits for these projects. Gelb asked about sharing their info with

31 other WRIAs. Lindemulder asked about predators and property rights relating to wildlife.
32 Wallace asked about salmon migration impacts from dams.

33 Paulsen said it would be an ongoing learning experience as technology is developed.

34 **Gelb Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the City of**
35 **Bellevue non-competitive grant application for \$48,000 from 2000-2002 Assessments for the**
36 **City of Bellevue Beaver Management Project.**

37 The city of Clyde Hill Arbor Day project application was reviewed. Wallace said David Doud,
38 Associate supervisor should go on behalf of the District.

39 **Gelb Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the City of**
40 **Clyde Hill non-competitive grant application for \$1,400 from 2004-2005 Assessments for**
41 **the City of 2005 Arbor Day Celebration.**

42 Wallace moved down the agenda to accommodate guests that are attending the meeting for the
43 Sea Grant project. B. Reed explained the scope of the project and the issues and work that is
44 proposed for the near shore marine environment in the way of education and tech assistance for
45 landowners. Cost share is planned in the future but is not currently budgeted. The budget for
46 the project was reviewed. Copping answered some questions from the board regarding overhead
47 charges. Lindemulder offered her experience regarding liability concerns with bluff erosion. B.
48 Reed said she and Pete Landry, District Engineer had done some site visits and they have
49 determined a landowner would need to hire an engineer for that type of work and this project is
50 more about habitat improvement. Brennan related his experience in this type of work and said
51 that a lot of erosion problems stem from improper drainage and not wave action. Lindemulder
52 asked about other funding sources and discussion ensued on building a program. Wallace related
53 his experience at the NACD meeting with other coastal CDs and the work that CDs are doing to
54 address near shore issues. Gelb asked about other local jurisdictions interest in this issue and
55 coordinating with them. Copping said they are working on that. B. Reed explained how she
56 intended to use the CC Puget Sound grant to fund the Districts part of the project.

57 **Gelb Moved, Lindemulder Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to accept the Sea**
58 **Grant Project and proposed budget.**

59 Wallace moved down the agenda to accommodate Doug Howell and a public information
60 request that he submitted to the Board. G. Reed briefed the Board on the request for dairy
61 producers information as part of the Dairy Digester project that the District is working with the
62 County and other partners. Howell explained the progress he has been making and why this info
63 is requested by the RFQ bidding contractors to better help them tailor the proposals. No names
64 will be given, just the information. Lindemulder asked about maps and it prompted Howell to
65 explain the project in more detail. Wallace asked about issues relating to transporting manure
66 and offered his opinion on this issue. G. Reed asked if the County staff could do the actual work
67 on gathering the info as District staff are very busy. Howell said he needed all the help he could
68 muster. Lindemulder asked about confidentiality issues regarding this information.

69 Considerable discussion ensued. Wallace said the county should get the info directly from
70 producers or get them to sign a consent form. Lindemulder said she is firmly opposed to the
71 district providing the information. Howell received permission to further explain the project and
72 proceeded to diagram the digester project plan. Considerable discussion returned to the
73 information request and the final decision was to deny this request. An option of asking for
74 written permission from the producers or getting the information directly from the producers was
75 offered. It was decided to call the producers.

76 G. Reed introduced Pete Landry, District Engineer, and the City of Black Diamond Water
77 System Improvements project. The project would refurbish the City of Black Diamond water
78 system which is a well based water system. Part of the project involves tying into the City of
79 Tacoma water system. The project would be funded by Black Diamond, which would contract
80 with the District for project management/inspection services.

81 **Livengood Moved, Gelb Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to authorize the District**
82 **to negotiate a contract with the City of Black Diamond for the Water System**
83 **Improvements Project.**

84 The Board agreed to revise the agenda, moving the NRCS report. Flanagan provided the NRCS
85 report. The EQIP contracts are in process of being negotiated. A total of \$265,502 in cost share
86 funding was awarded. All but \$136 of the King County EQIP allocation was awarded.

87 G. Reed presented the Koopman dairy nutrient management plan for certification by the Board.

88 **Lindemulder moved, Livengood Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the**
89 **certification of the Koopman Dairy Nutrient Management plan.**

90 B. Reed outlined the procedures and policies and funding criteria for the Non Competitive Grant
91 Program. Several changes have been made to this document which was reviewed by the Board.
92 This exercise is basically house cleaning to incorporate new policies that the board has passed in
93 preparation for the next round of non competitive grant applications.

94 Gelb asked about providing a timeline and a District commitment to how long it takes for a
95 contract to be prepared after an application is approved, and to attempt to achieve an "ideal" time
96 frame. Additionally, he asked for additional community involvement and participation guidelines
97 to be included in the policies. Finally, Gelb asked for additional guidelines about property
98 acquisitions made with non-competitive grant funds and management of those lands.

99 Hemphill offered some legal phrasing that the Board should consider including in the
100 procedures.

101 Questions arose and discussion ensued regarding reporting requirements.

102 Gelb suggested a template for reporting

103 **Lindemulder Moved, Gelb Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the Non-**
104 **Competitive Grant Program guidelines as presented and to include the preceding**
105 **comments in those guidelines.**

106 G. Reed reviewed the WCC Management Standards checklist with the Board. Board members
107 agreed to complete review of RCW 89.08 by April 30th. The internal audit, the 2004 work plan,
108 and basic funding application will be completed by the end of the month.

109 G. Reed presented the financial report as M. Lucas was unable to attend the board meeting. The
110 board reviewed the total monthly expenses and balance sheet for March.

111 **Wallace Moved, Lindemulder Seconded, passed Unanimously motion to approve checks**
112 **8414 through 8479 in the amount of \$164,399.21**

113 **Livengood Moved, Wallace Seconded, passed Unanimously a motion to approve the**
114 **financial report.**

115 G. Reed reported that Gelb won the election for Board of Supervisors position number 2. The
116 election will be certified at the May Commission Meeting. Wallace was reappointed at the
117 March Commission meeting to another 3 year term.

118 G. Reed presented the public hearing flyer for renewal of the District assessment. The hearing
119 will take place at the KC DDES public hearing room on May 11th, 2005 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Gelb
120 requested the public hearing comments will be summarized for submittal to the King County
121 Council. G. Reed updated the board on progress drafting the assessment resolution which will
122 be ready for adoption at the May Board meeting

123 B. Reed distributed a draft of the District's 06 work plan that needs to be submitted to the
124 County Council by June 1.

125 A draft resolution needs to be submitted along with the workplan. The workplan is written for a
126 \$5 dollar assessment with a 2/1.5/1.5 split between the District, member cities/county and the
127 forums.

128 Outside meeting reports were reviewed. Lindemulder is going to the AFO-CAFO conference.
129 Wallace has met with the City of Duvall. Wallace feels that a lot of outreach needs to be done to
130 showcase what the District is and what we do.

131 Hemphill presented the legislative report for bills that impact Conservation Districts.

132 **There being no more business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm.**

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134 Authorized Signature

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