

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Special Session Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2005

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

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** Bill Knudsen, Doug Dobkins

4 **Guests Present:** Sara Hemphill, Sustainable Solutions, Linda Hansen, WRIA 9 Project  
5 Coordinator, Eric Frimodt, District Counsel (arrived later)

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

7 **NRCS Staff Present:** None

8 Chairman Max Prinsen called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

9 It was decided to reverse the order of the published agenda and address the revision to the  
10 employee benefits policy first. B. Reed presented the proposed revised policy for medical  
11 insurance benefits. There was a short discussion.

12 **Livengood Moved, Wallace Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the revised**  
13 **policy for employee medical benefits.**

14 G. Reed presented the proposed assessment resolution and the transmittal letter to be submitted  
15 to the King County Council.

16 Prinsen updated the board members on recent occurrences in the assessment approval process.

17 Hemphill had been asked to research the RCW section that authorizes Conservation District  
18 assessments to determine the specific purposes for which the assessment funds may be used and  
19 who is the ultimate owner of the funds to help resolve some of the questions that have arisen  
20 during the public hearing process.

21 There was an extended discussion regarding the funding principles for the non-competitive grant  
22 program, and how it is important to fund the result, not the specific activity. Hansen presented  
23 the WRIA point of view on assessment funding and how it leverages other funding.

24 After much more discussion on how much funding would be made available to each of the  
25 stakeholders in the assessment process, and how long the assessment period would be, the Board  
26 came to consensus on a proposal for the assessment.

27 **Livengood Moved, Gelb Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to approve an assessment**  
28 **resolution that proposes a 4 year term, with \$10 going to the various entities as follows: \$3**

**to the District, \$4 to the WRIA's (to be split evenly between the 3 WRIA's) \$2 to the cities and \$1 to a District managed competitive grant program. (Wallace was not present, having left to attend another meeting, but had expressed support for whatever the board would decide in the matter.)**

It was emphasized by the Board that the WRIAs needed to provide good PR for themselves to expand public awareness of their role and emphasize their separateness from King County.

B. Reed brought up her concern with the language in the resolution saying that funds would be allocated, she felt that this word gave the impression that the funding was not ultimately under the control of the District. She said she would try to modify the language.

**Lindemulder Moved, Gelb Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to authorize B. Reed to revise the language in the assessment resolution as discussed above.**

**There being no more business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.**

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Authorized Signature

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Date

#### **Summary of Motions**

**Livengood Moved, Wallace Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the revised policy for employee medical benefits.**

**Livengood Moved, Gelb Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to approve an assessment resolution that proposes a 4 year term, with \$10 going to the various entities as follows: \$3 to the District, \$4 to the WRIA's (to be split evenly between the 3 WRIA's) \$2 to the cities and \$1 to a District managed competitive grant program. (Wallace was not present, having left to attend another meeting, but had expressed support for whatever the board would decide in the matter.)**

**Lindemulder Moved, Gelb Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to authorize B. Reed to revise the language in the assessment resolution as discussed above.**

**There being no more business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.**