

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2006

Supervisors Present: Max Prinsen, Chair, Scott Wallace, Vice Chair, Matt Livengood, Sec/Treas
Richard Gelb, Member, Bobbi Lindemulder, Member.

Associate Supervisors Present: Bill Knudsen

Guests Present: George Jaquish, Farm Service Agency, Stu Trefry, Washington Conservation
Commission, John Larson, Washington Association of Conservation Districts, Fred Colvin,
Washington Association of Conservation Districts, Mary Jorgensen, Acting Coordinator, WRIA
8, Linda Hanson, Project Coordinator, WRIA 9, Scott Thomas, City of Burien, Brad Gaolaoch,
WSU Extension (arrived later), Sara Hemphill (arrived later).

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

NRCS Staff Present: Clare Flanagan (arrived later)

Chair Prinsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Introductions were made around the room.
The agenda was reviewed and Jaquish asked if he could give the Farm Service Report after the
approval of the minutes.

Minutes from the January 11 Regular Session were reviewed by the Board.

**Wallace Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to accept the
January 11, 2006 Regular Session meeting minutes.**

Jaquish distributed a handout for the Farm Service Agency report, noting that it was an update
on the agency's recent activities. Mason County was included in a listing of success stories for
the agency.

B. Reed presented the non-competitive grant applications.

City of Kent Grant Application Packet:

**Livengood Moved, Wallace Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the City of
Kent non-competitive grant application for \$16,707.50 from 2002- 2003 Assessments for
the City of Kent Clark Lake Inlet Restoration PII Project.**

**Livengood Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the
City of Kent non-competitive grant application for \$3,360 from 2003 Assessments for the
City of Kent Clark Lake Forest Management Plan.**

City of Burien Grant Application Packet:

Lindemulder Moved, Gelb Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the City of Burien non-competitive grant application for \$30,000 from 2000 - 2002 Assessments for the City of Burien Seahurst Nearshore Revegetation Project.

Green-Duwamish-CPS Watershed Forum Grant Application Packet:

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Cedar-Lake Washington-Sammamish Watershed Forum Grant Application Packet:

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Gelb Moved, Livengood Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the Cedar-Lake Washington-Sammamish Watershed Forum non-competitive grant application for \$114,848 from 2005 Assessments for the King County DNRP 2006 Lake Washington Basin Chinook Surveys Project.

The Board requested changes to the Cedar-Lake Washington-Sammamish Watershed Forum non-competitive grant application for \$110,000 from 2005 – 2006 Assessments for the King County DNRP Issaquah Creek Protection Fund following a discussion about this grant application. The applicant agreed to provide the specific parcels of land that would be acquired using these requested funds

Gelb Moved, Livengood Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the Cedar-Lake Washington-Sammamish Watershed Forum non-competitive grant application for \$32,750 from 2005 Assessments for the King County WLRD Salmon Watcher Program.

Revisions/Agreement Amendments:

Livengood Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to amend the King County WLRD Issaquah Creek Aquatic and Riparian Restoration Project grant agreement, extending the project completion date to April 30, 2007.

Wallace Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to amend the King County WLRD 2005 Lake Washington System Restoration Project – General Investigation Study, PI Projects Federal Authorization Request grant agreement, extending the project completion date to December 31, 2006.

Gelb Moved, Wallace Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to amend the King County DNRP Cold Creek Aquifer Study – Groundwater – Surface Water Interactions Project grant agreement, extending the project completion date to December 31, 2007.

Livengood Moved, Wallace Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to amend the City of Seattle WRIA 9 Marine Nearshore Inventory Project grant agreement, extending the project completion date to August 31, 2006.

Wallace Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to amend the King County DNRP Lower Tolt River Floodplain Reconnection Design and Permit Project grant agreement, extending the project completion date to June 1, 2007 and revising the budget as submitted.

B. Reed requested them board postpone action on the *King County WLRD Washington Trout Stream Typing Project* grant agreement revision request as the package was not complete at this time. The board tabled action on the revision request until a later date.

Gelb Moved, Wallace, passed Unanimously a motion to amend the King County WLRD Inventory of Currently Productive Fish Habitat in WRIA 9 Project grant agreement, canceling the project and approving return of the grant funds in the amount of \$35,000.

Livengood Moved, Wallace Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to amend the King County WLRD Nearshore Boar Tours Project grant agreement, extending the project completion date to December 31, 2004 and revising the budget as submitted.

Noncompetitive Grant Items to be Reflected in the Minutes:

B. Reed requested the minutes reflect that she approved an amendment to the *King County WLRD Historic Conditions Assessment According to Viable Salmon Population (VSP) Parameters Project* grant agreement, extending the project completion date to November 30, 2005.

B. Reed requested the minutes reflect that she approved an amendment to the *King County WLRD Green River Natural Area Restoration Stewardship Project* grant agreement, extending the project completion date to December 31, 2006.

The Board noted that it appears that projects that used to be called surveys are now being called monitoring and need to be reviewed carefully to determine what the projects are actually accomplishing.

The Board discussed ongoing issues regarding the assessment. The District will attend and present at the Senate Agriculture Committee along with King County on Thursday February 16th. Strategy for the presentation was discussed. Colvin shared some thoughts on the Senators mindset. As the original bill that proposed returning the assessment limit to \$5 has died, the session would not be a formal public hearing, but a work session instead.

96 Discussion then turned to the Attorney General Opinion process.

97 Gaolach made a presentation about the Harvest Festival which needs money to continue
98 operating in 2006 and asked the District to consider being a major sponsor of the Festival.

99 **Lindemulder Moved, Wallace Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to approve a**
100 **\$20,000 sponsorship for the 2006 Harvest Festival. The amount had already been included**
101 **in the 2006 District operating budget.**

102 A short break was taken at 8:42pm.

103 B. Reed distributed revision to the noncompetitive grant funding criteria prepared by the
104 Noncompetitive Grants Subcommittee. Gelb gave an overview. The goal is to make applicants
105 detail how the project will improve natural resources. Livengood said the application form would
106 be updated, and wanted to finalize it by e-mail so as to distribute it to grant applicants soon.

107 Prinsen asked if consideration had been given to a formal scoring process. Lindemulder said she
108 would supply a matrix that is used in her cost share program. Discussion occurred on the idea of
109 having an outside technical review committee for projects, but it was decided to drop this idea
110 for now.

111 Clare Flannagan gave the NRCS report. She gave details on the EQIP program. There is a new
112 engineer in the Puyallup office.

113 Discussion returned to the 2006 special assessment authorization process. B. Reed reported on
114 the AGO request and the issue of resubmitting District Counsel's original questions
115 independently to the AG. She gave reasons for deciding to submit the original questions now.
116 Discussion ensued. The Board authorized District Legal Counsel to work with the Legislative
117 Outreach Subcommittee to submit additional questions to the AG. Wallace said he would call
118 the District's counsel. Prinsen directed Wallace, B.Reed and G.Reed to work with Legal Council
119 on the questions for an AGO request.

120 Special Benefit Analyses were discussed next. A discussion ensued about the possibility of the
121 District undertaking its own special benefit analysis in addition to holding public hearings as part
122 of the assessment approval process. Gelb asked staff to find out what a special benefit analysis is
123 and gather information. Wallace proposed having four public hearings on the District's 2007
124 Assessment proposal.

125 Hamilton Lucas presented the Finance report. The budget tracking report through the end of
126 2005 was distributed for Board review. The balance sheet and budget tracking report for January
127 2005 were reviewed by the Board.

128 **Wallace Moved, Livengood Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to approve checks**
129 **numbered 8996 thru 9052 for January expenses.**

Wallace Moved, Livengood Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to accept the January Finance Report.

Lindemulder told the Board about her trip to the NACD meeting in Houston. Carpool arrangements were made for the work session in Olympia on Thursday. G. Reed discussed plans for KCD to host the WCC meeting on March 15th and 16th. The Board expressed interest in paying for staff to attend the dinner.

Livengood Moved, Wallace Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the use of \$600 budgeted for KCD staff who wished to attend the WCC dinner on March 15.

G. Reed reported that King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn would participate in a field trip with District staff on February 22.

Prinsen is completing the paperwork for the WCC appointed KCD Board position. Gelb thought the appointed and elected positions should be rotated so everyone would have to go through the public election process at some point. It was decided to do this at some point in the future. Wallace talked about strategy for board appointments. Prinsen asked for the recommendation of the Board for his reappointment.

On the Natural Resources Inventory Monitoring Project, it was decided to have B. Reed create an RFP using a previous proposal and have Gelb make any revisions necessary. Board will approve hiring of consultant after process is completed.

Discussion ensued regarding finalizing the contract details with Hemphill.

There being no more business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 pm.

Authorized Signature

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Summary of Motions

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