

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2006

1 **Supervisors Present:** Matt Livengood, Chair, Scott Wallace, Vice Chair, Richard Gelb,
2 Sec/Treas, Auditor, Bobbi Lindemulder, Member, Bill Knutsen, Member.

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** Max Prinsen

4 **Guests Present:** Sara Hemphill, Sustainable Solutions, Bob Voss, Citizen.

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

6 **NRCS Staff Present:** None

7 The meeting was called to order at 6 PM by Matt Livengood, Board Chair.

8 The agenda was reviewed and additions were made to the Other Business section. These items
9 were information about the outstanding ALEA and Conservation Futures grants, and approval of
10 a Department of Ecology grant.

11 Introductions were made around the room.

12 **Livengood Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to accept the**
13 **April 10, 2006 Regular Session meeting minutes as read.**

14 B. Reed was presented with her 10-year service award.

15 B. Reed said there was 1 Non-Competitive grant application to review and 3 amendment
16 requests. She said that June and July would be busy processing months as the Forums would
17 start submitting their applications.

18 **City of Clyde Hill Grant Application Packet:**

19 **Wallace Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the City**
20 **of Clyde Hill non-competitive grant application for \$1,300 from 2005 - 2006 Assessments**
21 **for the City of Clyde Hill 2006 Arbor Day Celebration.**

22 **Revisions/Agreement Amendments:**

23 The board took no action on the City of Auburn Olson Creek project.

24 The board requested the City of Duvall Coe Clemmons Creek revision be resubmitted as a new
25 grant application. The board recommended agreeing with the amendment, returning the unspent
26 grant funds along with the resubmitted application.

27 **Knudsen Moved, Wallace Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to amend the**
28 **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Puget Sound Ecosystem Restoration Project PII**
29 **grant agreement, revising the budget as submitted.**

30 The board requested a report on the Ecosystem Restoration Project.

31 B. Reed said there was nothing ready to approve at tonight's meeting for the non-competitive
32 grant program application packet, and she suggested that the packet be reviewed at a subsequent
33 meeting. R. Gelb mentioned that the comments received on changes to the packet were good and
34 needed to be integrated into the packet.

35 B. Reed introduced the issue of how to handle the transition to the proposed new application
36 packet for the WRIA forums as the timing of the introduction was not meshing well with the
37 timeline for the WRIAs to complete their applications. Discussion ensued and no firm decision
38 was made.

39 B. Reed discussed with the board options for bringing on a grant administrator, a budgeted
40 position. Currently the position is open due to fact that there is no space in the office to house
41 another staff member and due to uncertainty about whether the District will have an assessment
42 next year (no assessment means no non-competitive grant program). It was decided to try to find
43 someone who could work part time in this position for the near future.

44 M. Hamilton Lucas presented the list of checks for April 2006. The board had some questions
45 that were answered to their satisfaction. R. Gelb reviewed the Visa bill which was \$ 2,955.93.
46 The deposits were reviewed as well.

47 **Lindemulder Moved, Wallace Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to approve checks**
48 **numbered 9178 thru 9262 in the amount of \$ 379,382.73 for April 2006 expenses.**

49 The balance sheet was distributed and reviewed. The restricted and unrestricted balances were
50 pointed out. The budget tracking report was then distributed and reviewed. Interest rates have
51 risen which will improve our balances. M. Hamilton Lucas reviewed the notes detailing
52 significant differences between budgeted and actual expense items. 82% of the budget remains
53 with 67% of the year remaining. Wallace asked about advertising costs.

54 **Wallace Moved, Lindemulder Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to accept the April**
55 **2006 Finance Report.**

56 There was a short break from 7:00 to 7:10.

57 Results of the recently held public hearings were discussed. M. Livengood wanted to have a
58 subcommittee summarize the oral and written comments. Discussion ensued as to how best to
59 accomplish this.

60 Discussion then turned to the time schedule for producing the assessment proposal and the
61 subsequent public hearings on that proposal. Also discussed was the impact of the recent AGO
62 opinion on the way the budget would be presented in the proposal. Discussion then turned to
63 how best to promote the public hearings on the proposal. B. Reed said the time schedule would
64 be tight. The proposal must be finished by the first week of June and public comment completed
65 by the end of June.

66 **Knudsen Moved, Wallace Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to approve increasing**
67 **the number of regular board meetings from one to two a month, held on the second and**
68 **fourth Mondays at 6 PM during the months of May, June and July of 2006.**

69 At the meeting on May 22nd a decision will be made about the current proposal of 3 public
70 hearings and their locations. The hearings are formal and will need to be recorded. Discussion
71 ensued about digital tape recorders.

72 M. Livengood wanted a subcommittee to draw up a plan for promoting the public hearings.
73 Wallace mentioned a contact he has in the public relations field that he would talk to. B. Reed
74 asked him if he wanted to work on the promotion subcommittee. The subcommittee will have to
75 have a plan by May 22nd. A preliminary budget amount was discussed. At this time it was
76 decided to form 2 subcommittees, public outreach and special assessment proposal. G. Reed and
77 B. Lindemulder said they would work with outreach. The budget subcommittee will include M.
78 Prinsen, R. Gelb and B. Knudsen. B. Reed said she would work with them as well. They will
79 come up with a set of alternatives.

80 B. Reed wanted the promotion subcommittee to determine who would work what public
81 hearings. Gelb said he would do Seattle/Shoreline, B. Lindemulder would do Issaquah, and M.
82 Livengood would do the south end. The other two board members have limited availability
83 during June.

84 Gelb asked for discussion on strategic initiatives.

85 G. Reed distributed District Counsel's analysis of the recent AGO opinion. In general, the
86 Counsel was very pleased at the outcome. Discussion ensued.

87 Bob Voss distributed his application for Associate Supervisor. He made a short statement.

88 **Wallace Moved, Knudsen Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to nominate Bob Voss**
89 **as an Associate Supervisor of the King Conservation District.**

90 B. Lindemulder attended a Citizens Alliance for Property Rights meeting and was surprised by
91 the number of attendees.

92 G. Reed said the District was well represented at the Mid-Sound Fisheries award dinner,
93 although the District did not win an award.

94 M. Prinsen made a presentation to the board about the Shadow Lake Bog land purchase and
95 associated ALEA and Conservation Futures grants and said that due to changes in how the
96 program works; the board must approve an amendment to the ALEA grant contract naming the
97 King County Conservation Futures program as a co-signer on the grant agreement. This would
98 hopefully expedite the payment of the grant funds to the District.

99 **Gelb Moved, Knudsen Seconded, Passed a motion to approve King County Conservation**
100 **Futures to be a co-applicant on the ALEA grant application previously submitted by King**
101 **Conservation District. The King Conservation District Board of Supervisors Chair is**
102 **authorized to sign the agreement amendment for the District when it is delivered to the**
103 **District.**

104 R. Gelb distributed the Request for Proposal for the NRIM project. It will be distributed to a
105 range of non profit and public agencies. M. Prinsen made a couple of suggestions. Discussion
106 ensued.

107 S. Wallace updated the group on the Puget Sound Partnership and Task Force. Getting the
108 funding will be a big hurdle. B. Lindemulder said there was a wetland mitigation meeting about
109 mitigation banks.

110 The Conservation Partnership Grant Program and associated KCD-KC grant program
111 partnership was discussed. B. Reed wanted to have a concrete proposal at the June 12 board
112 meeting. R. Gelb proposed trying to handle by e-mail in the meantime. Same with the strategic
113 initiative list as well. B. Knutsen and M. Prinsen volunteered to work with B. Reed on the
114 development of a recommendation.

115 G. Reed discussed the Issaquah Creek TMDL grant with Washington State Department of
116 Ecology. It is for \$ 199,000 with a 25% match. He needs authorization from the board to sign the
117 contract.

118 **Knudsen Moved, Gelb Seconded, Passed a motion to authorize G. Reed to sign grant**
119 **contract with Washington State Department of Ecology for \$199,000 TMDL grant.**

120 B. Reed said that due to issues with the management of the Tukwila Backyard Wildlife festival
121 this year, the District would not be supporting the festival as it has in the past. The District will
122 have a booth at the fair, however.

123 R. Gelb asked for a report on S. Hemphill's activities during the month. She discussed her
124 contacts with legislators and their staffs. She is working on a comprehensive outreach packet.
125 Discussion ensued between the two regarding the goal of the outreach packet. Wallace said that
126 the legislators now know who we are. R. Gelb wants S. Hemphill to prepare a plan of her future
127 activities. M. Livengood said he would forward Sara's report to R. Gelb.

128 There was a discussion about farm plans being requested through the Washington State Public
129 Records Act on Camano Island.

130 There being no more business before the board, M. Livengood adjourned the meeting at 9:25
131 PM.

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133 Authorized Signature Date

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135 **Summary of Motions**

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