

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2006

1 **Supervisors Present:** Matt Livengood, Chair, Scott Wallace, Vice-chair. Bill Knutsen, Secretary/
2 Auditor, Bobbi Lindemulder, Member, Bob Vos, Member

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** Tony Zraggen

4 **Guests Present:** Linda Hansen, Alex Murillo, Sara Hemphill, Erik Steffens

5 Arriving at 7:00 PM Jean Garber, Mike Huddleston, Kurt Triplett, Eric Frimodt

6 **Staff Present:** Geoff Reed, Brandy Reed

7 **NRCS Staff Present:** None

8 Chairman Livengood called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

9 Introductions were made and there were no changes to the published agenda.

10 The September meetings minutes were unavailable and will be presented at the October 23 board
11 meeting.

12 B. Reed presented the Green Duwamish / Central Puget Sound grant applications. The City of
13 Kent - Lake Meridian outlet project was withdrawn by the applicant due to the District
14 maintenance requirements that they felt they could not meet. Livengood asked Hansen for more
15 information and she detailed why the maintenance requirements on this project could not be met.
16 Discussion ensued with A. Murillo on other aspects of the projects and some suggestions were
17 offered by board members.

18 The Riverview Park Restoration Project from the city of Kent was reviewed. The subcommittee
19 recommends a do-pass for the project. Knutsen asked about the salmon recovery funding and
20 where they plan to move all the material they are excavating, Murillo passed out site plans and
21 explained the project in more detail and their plan for utilizing the spoils. Further discussion
22 ensued on various aspects of the project.

23 **Knutsen Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the**
24 **Green-Duwamish-CPS Watershed Forum non-competitive grant application for \$40,000**
25 **from 2005 Assessments for the City of Kent Riverview Park Restoration Project.**

26 The Normandy Park Near-shore Acquisition project was presented as applied for by the Cascade
27 Land Conservancy. The proposed project is a land acquisition of 3.3 acres of shoreline bluff. The
28 project carries a do-pass recommendation from the subcommittee. E Steffens spoke to the
29 project and said the conservation easement would be permanent, showed some pictures of the
30 property and reported on landowner negotiations.

Lindemulder Moved, Knutsen Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the Green-Duwamish-CPS Watershed Forum non-competitive grant application for \$15,000 from 2005 Assessments for the Cascade Land Conservancy Normandy Park Nearshore Acquisition Project.

The grant revisions and agreement amendments were presented.

The Black River watershed project budget revision was reviewed. It carries a do-pass recommendation from the subcommittee.

Wallace Moved, Knutsen Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to amend the Black River Watershed Alliance Black River Channel Native Plant Restoration Project PI & PII grant agreement, revising the budget as submitted.

The city of Redmond, Sammamish valley purchase project requests that the project be canceled and the funds returned. The request has a do-pass recommendation from the sub committee.

Lindemulder Moved, Wallace Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to amend the City of Redmond Sammamish Valley Floor Open Space Purchase – Redmond Site 74 Project grant agreement, canceling the project and approving return of the grant funds in the amount of \$150,000.

The Big Spring Creek project amendment was reviewed. It would cancel the project and fund a new acquisition project. The subcommittee recommends that the project be canceled, the funds returned and a new application be submitted. Hansen spoke to the project and to the reasons for the change in direction and was directed to work with B. Reed on submitting a new application.

The WRIA 9 request to extend the completion date for their project was reviewed.

Knutsen Moved, Wallace Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to amend the King County WRIA 9 Strategic Assessment Tasks Focused on Current & Historic Habitat Conditions, Water Quantity Assessment, and Hatchery/Wild Fish Interactions grant agreement, extending the project completion date to January 31, 2006.

The King County Stewardship project and the Washington Trout project are related and were taken up together. The Stewardship grant is requesting to move money to the WA Trout grant based on who did the required tasks. Livengood asked about whether WA Trout had been paid by King County. The Stewardship grant will be amended to have additional funds to WA Trout and so the WA Trout will not have to be amended. Hansen will work with B. Reed on revising the Stewardship grant to achieve this.

Chair Livengood moved up an agenda item to accommodate some guests from King County who were present to discuss the 2007 assessment proposal. Hemphill summarized where the District is in discussing the assessment proposal with member cities, King County and other interested parties. A 5-3-2 assessment budget was discussed as it has been brought up as an alternative to

the original proposal by many of the stakeholders. There currently seems to be a significant commitment to reaching a consensus on the 2007 assessment from the District's outreach efforts. The Interlocal Agreement and the need for an expanded advisory committee was generally agreed upon. Livengood reported that he had met with Executive Sims and Council Chair Phillips. He believes there are several issues outstanding and hoped we could work on issues such as the WRIA allocation, length of time of the assessment and the details contained in the ILA. Frimodt asked the county staff about the draft ILA he had prepared and which was submitted to the county along with the assessment transmittal package. Wallace expressed his observation that the District and the County have come a long way since last year in understanding the issues that surround the assessment. He inquired about when the county would have a public hearing. Vos expressed the need and importance for good communication between all parties on the issues. He is very much in favor of the proposed Conservation Partnership component and said it was a high priority in his mind. Discussion ensued on this topic. Triplett from Sims' office briefed the Board on the Executive's position concerning the assessment proposal. He asked for the Board to commit to a 5-3-2 budget and to finish the ILA as time is running short. The Executive believes that it would be a good compromise and offers a balanced conservation program. Huddleston spoke to the ILA and reiterated that all the documents have been received by the county. Discussion ensued on the ILA details, the public hearing and related topics surrounding the assessment. Triplett again asked for a decision to be made tonight on moving forward with a 5-3-2. Discussion ensued on the request and each board member weighed in with opinions on whether to make a decision immediately. Staff was then directed to work on the details of the ILA with the county representatives. A break was taken for 10 minutes. The meeting resumed at 8:50 PM. Discussion resumed around the assessment and it was decided not to take any further decisive action tonight, but discussed offering a position paper to the county in order to indicate some willingness to make progress and work in good faith to resolve the outstanding assessment issues. Unanimous consensus was reached to modify the WRIA allocation back to the current 40%, 40%, 20% split between the 3 WRIs and allow for the flexibility in the city allocations that currently exists. Staff was directed to prepare a position paper expressing the Board's willingness to consider a 5-3-2 allocation as long as the ILA was satisfactory to them and a conservation partnership program can be implemented in partnership with the WRIA funds.

Since Hamilton Lucas was not present due to illness, B. Reed presented the finance report for September. The total monthly expenses were \$459,657.79.

Knutsen moved and Wallace Seconded Passed U a motion to accept checks #'s 9506 -9560 in the amount \$459,657.79

The deposits for the month totaled \$285,646.487

The budget racking report was distributed and reviewed. The report reflected the revisions from the original 2006 annual budget. 52 % of the overall annual budget remains with 25% of the year remaining.

Wallace Moved, Lindemulder Seconded Passed U a motion to accept the September finance report.

G. Reed reported that the State auditor is scheduled to audit the District for 2005 in a few weeks.

The Northwest area meeting will be on Oct 25th at Pierce CD. Knutsen, Wallace B. Reed and G. Reed will attend along with Hemphill.

The Suburban Cities Association meeting will be on the 11th where they will discuss the assessment proposal. Hemphill, Wallace and G. Reed will attend.

Wallace distributed a proposal to hire the Bartlett group to conduct public outreach and assist the District with its efforts.

Wallace moved Vos Seconded Passed U a motion to hire the Bartlett Group for 3 months as detailed in the written proposal.

Discussion ensued on some future agenda items.

There being no more business before the board the meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Authorized Signature

Date

Summary of Motions

Green-Duwamish-CPS Watershed Forum Grant Application Packet:

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Revisions/Agreement Amendments:

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136 ***Valley Floor Open Space Purchase – Redmond Site 74 Project* grant agreement, canceling**
137 **the project and approving return of the grant funds in the amount of \$150,000.**
- 138 **Knutsen Moved, Wallace Seconded; Passed a motion to amend the *King County WRIA 9***
139 ***Strategic Assessment Tasks Focused on Current & Historic Habitat Conditions, Water***
140 ***Quantity Assessment, and Hatchery/Wild Fish Interactions* grant agreement, extending the**
141 **project completion date to January 31, 2006.**
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