

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2007

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

**Associate Supervisors Present:** David Irons, Max Prinsen

**Guests Present:** Sara Hemphill, Stu Trefry, Brad Gaolach, Ashley Bouck, Alan Quinn

**Staff Present:** Geoff Reed, Brandy Reed, Jessica Paige

**NRCS Staff Present:** None

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

The agenda was reviewed and introductions were made. The chair added several items to the existing agenda.

Minutes from the January 8, 2007 board meeting were reviewed.

**Wallace Moved, Knutsen Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the January 8, 2007 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as read.**

S. Trefry presented the new supervisor certificates to Bill Knutsen and Bob Vos.

The non competitive grant applications were reviewed. B. Reed presented the City of Algona's grant application for an acquisition project. The application has a do-pass recommendation from the sub committee. Lindemulder asked about the districts policy on acquisitions, which is still in the policy committee.

**Knutsen Moved, Wallace Seconded Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the City of Algona non-competitive grant application for \$12,000 from 1994-2006 Assessments for the City of Acquisition of King County Parcel 362104-9002 Project.**

The Green Duwamish / CPS Watershed Forum grant applications were presented. The City of Renton Upper Springbrook Creek restoration project was considered. The subcommittee has offered a do pass recommendation. Alan Quinn passed out some photos and a vicinity map showing the project location, boundary and easement. Vos asked about the cost breakdowns on the project. Prinsen asked about salmonid usage and what the goal of the project is. Lindemulder asked again about the high cost of their project. Discussion ensued.

**Knutsen Moved, Wallace Seconded, Passed U a motion to approve the Green-Duwamish-CPS Watershed Forum non-competitive grant application for \$50,000 from 2006 Assessments for the City of Renton Upper Springbrook Creek Restoration Project.**

The Seattle Aquarium Society's WRIA 9 Beach Naturalist project was presented. The project involves volunteers educating the public and has been funded before on a variety of local beaches. It comes with do-pass recommendation from the sub-committee.

**Lindemulder Moved, Knutsen Seconded, Passed U a motion to approve the Green-Duwamish-CPS Watershed Forum non-competitive grant application for \$16,700 from 2006 Assessments for the Seattle Aquarium Society 2007 WRIA 9 Beach Naturalist Program.**

The revisions and agreements amendments were presented.

The Ribary Creek project from the City of North Bend is asking for scope of work and budget changes. It comes with a do pass recommendation. B. Reed has worked with North Bend to clarify the request for additional funds to her satisfaction. Knutsen said they have been doing a good job on the creek.

**Wallace Moved, Knutsen Seconded, Passed U a motion to amend the North Bend Ribary Creek Restoration Project grant agreement, revising the scope of work and budget as submitted**

The City of Seattle's Duwamish Chinook Salmon Distribution and Habitat Productivity Study is requesting a budget amendment. They are seeking to return some unspent funds.

**Knutsen Moved, Wallace Seconded, Passed U a motion to amend the Seattle Duwamish Chinook Salmon Distribution and Habitat Productivity Study grant agreement, revising the budget as submitted.**

The City of Issaquah's Habitat Restoration Program is requesting a scope of work and budget and change. B. Reed outlined the reason for the change and comes with a do pass recommendation from the subcommittee.

**Lindemulder Moved, Knutsen Seconded Passed U a motion to amend the Issaquah Habitat Restoration Program grant agreement, revising the scope of work and budget as submitted.**

The Baseline Research Needs Project grant agreement from King County is requesting a budget amendment. The project is under budget and they want to return funds.

**Knutsen Moved, Wallace Seconded, Passed U a motion to amend the King County Baseline Research Needs grant agreement, revising the budget as submitted.**

The King County WRIA 9 Strategic Assessment Tasks Focused on Current and Historic Habitat Conditions Water Quantity assessment and hatchery-wild fish interactions project is seeking a budget amendment. The project is under budget and complete and they are seeking to return funds.

**Knutsen Moved, Vos Seconded, Passed U a motion to amend the King County WRIA 9 Strategic Assessment Tasks Focused on Current and Historic Habitat Conditions, Water Quantity Assessment and Hatchery-Wild Fish Interactions Project grant agreement, revising the budget as submitted.**

B. Reed distributed a revised City of Redmond Salmon Friendly Water Conservation Demonstration Garden project proposal. This application was originally submitted 11, 23, and 2004 and was not approved by the Board. A revised application was submitted August 9, 2006 and was not awarded. A second revision was submitted January 25, 2007 and is before the Board tonight. The grant subcommittee has been working with the City additional revisions to the January 25, 2007 version of the application and has determined it is necessary to bring the item forward for discussion. Livengood briefed the board on the concern that it is a construction and public education project that does not provide detailed deliverables for the education component of the scope of work. Knutsen viewed the site and describes it as a first class City Hall beautification project. Knutsen has concerns with the lack of specific education deliverables and is concerned about not receiving sufficient answers to his questions. Wallace stated he is familiar with the project, is satisfied with the project application, believes a lot of education will take place on the site eventually, and thinks timely award of the grant is an issue for the City. Discussion ensued on involving Lake WA Tech College for construction to boost the educational component. The Board tasked the subcommittee with negotiating additional revisions to the application

**Knutsen Moved, Wallace Seconded; Passed a motion to approve the City of Redmond grant application for \$139,000 from 1998 – 2006 Assessments for the City of Redmond Salmon Friendly Water Conservation Demonstration Garden Project, contingent upon revising the scope of work to include specific deliverables for the restoration education training to be provided by the Lake Washington Technical College.**

J. Paige gave a brief update on the status of processing agreements for the WRIA 8 Watershed Forum grant applications awarded on 9/11/06. Paige requested the minutes reflect that the grant award for the Cold Creek Aquifer Study should be \$51,706 instead of the previously awarded amount of \$52,000. She has been working with B. Reed and the sub-committee to get the grant agreement executed.

B. Reed distributed a revised version of the grant application that the sub-committee would like to use for the Member Jurisdictions and WRIA Forum grant applications. The revised version will be used going forward.

Discussion ensued on Opportunity Fund proposal and the difference between existing WRIA 8 and 9 “opportunity funds” and the current proposal for a KCD-WRIA 7 Watershed Forum Opportunity Fund. Livengood clarified that he wants to get WRIA 8 and 9 to run a program similar to the project soon to be implemented by KCD and the WRIA 7 Forum. Staff and the subcommittee will continue working on this project.

Since Hamilton Lucas is on vacation, B. Reed presented the finance report for January. The total monthly expenses were \$156,147.75 for check numbers 9724 – 9830. Some questions ensued on

a few of the expenses which were detailed. The budget tracking report and balance sheet will be presented next month.

**Wallace Moved, Knutsen Seconded, Passed a motion to accept the checks for January in the amount of \$156,147.75**

The subcommittee reports were presented. The grant subcommittee reported on progress with the WRIA 7 Opportunity Fund to promote small landowner incentive projects. WRIA 9 is reportedly not too hot on the idea. B. Reed distributed a proposal for the full board to consider which outlined how the project would work using matching funds. Knutsen spelled out his rationale and summarized the research he has done to recommend the maximum grant award criteria and is looking forward to having something forwarded to WRIA 7 for implementation. Vos distributed some of his thoughts in writing that he had prepared on the Opportunity Fund proposal and briefed the board on his concerns. Discussion ensued as to the best way to achieve the goal of the Opportunity Fund with all 3 WRIA Forums and stay true to the terms of the KCD-KC ILA with emphasis on funding landowner incentives with the WRIA Forum allocation of the KCD special assessment. It was agreed to keep working with WRIA 8 and 9 on this project.

**Knutsen Moved, Wallace Seconded, Passed a motion to approve the KCD – WRIA 7 Watershed Forum Opportunity Fund proposal as amended.**

A 5 minute break was held.

S. Hemphill presented the report for the outreach subcommittee. The applications for the advisory committee have been prepared and outreach is occurring to stakeholders. The Board will review and decide on the applicants for the advisory committee at the March meeting. The deadline is February 23<sup>rd</sup> for applications to be returned to the district.

The current legislative session is the second priority for the outreach sub-committee. A meeting with WRIA 7 and KCD and the respective legislators will be held on February 27<sup>th</sup>. A legislative day for WACD is also to be held March 20th.

Lindemulder presented the report for the issues sub-committee. She felt the meeting with King county WLRD and the river safety council went well and was informative. She briefed the board on the issues that were discussed in the meeting in regards to installing LWD in recreational rivers. Vos gave his comments on the meeting and expressed it was good start and thought that we should pursue seeking opinions from Eastside Fire-Rescue. Future topics were discussed for the committee to tackle including alluvial fan management and the districts involvement in assisting with the sighting of recreational horse riding arenas.

The policy subcommittee discussed their proposed activities. Vos related that they were beginning to work on reviewing current district policies, but have not gotten to far as yet.

The strategic initiatives sub-committee discussed their proposed 2007 priorities. B. Reed reported that they have been working to flush out specific strategic initiative spending items for the 2007

work plan and budget. Items were identified as high, medium and low priorities based on their “ready to go” status. Staff will spend the next 6 months on developing proposals for the medium priorities so they can be included in the 2008 work plan and budget. Prinsen asked about the marine shoreline initiative with bluff property owners. Vos asked about the immigrant farming liaison project and felt that they needed assistance after the recent flooding events. Brad Gaoloch spoke to the efforts WSU Extension is undertaking and hopes to assist the Hmong farming community. Discussion ensued on the recommendations from the sub-committee on what programs to fund and be included in the budget and work plan for 2007.

A handout was distributed on the conservation partnership program with King County where the district contributes funds to two grant programs in 2007 similar to 2006 – Wild Places in City Spaces and the Natural Resources Stewardship Network.

The revised 2007 work plan and budget was presented for final adoption, which includes the strategic initiatives. Some new items were added since the draft 2007 work plan and budget was reviewed and passed in December. Discussion ensued on various budget items. The Immigrant Farmer Liaison and Farm to School project were allocated funds as reflected in the budget.

**Lindemulder Moved, Knutsen Seconded, Passed a motion to approve the final draft of the 2007 Work Plan and Budget as amended.**

Lindemulder presented the NACD meeting report held in L.A. in February. She reported it was a good meeting as usual with a lot of relevant information for the district.

Hemphill briefed the board on some activities in Olympia surrounding current bills of interest.

Wallace asked about the progress of the assessment rule being developed by the WSCC.

G. Reed gave the Feb 13th election update. The 7 polling locations have been listed on the district website, county website and considerable publicity has been achieved through press releases. Two candidates are on the ballot – Associate Supervisor Prinsen and District Chair Livengood for elected position # 1.

A memo was presented regarding the Foster CREP project that the district is trying to implement. This project requires an off site livestock watering facility that the USDA CREP program will not finance due to the need to make a portable watering facility as opposed to fixed watering facility. District staff requests the Board endorse the utilization of KCD grant funds previously awarded to King County to cost share on the portable watering facility for this CREP project.

**Wallace Moved, Lindemulder Seconded, Passed a motion to authorize utilization of District grant funds previously awarded to King County for cost share on Snoqualmie Valley agricultural practices to be applied to the Foster CREP project for a portable watering facility.**

Chair Livengood said that the KCD has been asked to sit on the WRIA 8 salmon recovery council as a voting member and to sit on the WRIA 9 steering committee.

Knutsen asked to be on WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council, formerly the WRIA 8 Watershed Forum, with Irons as a backup. Prinsen asked to be on WRAI 9 Steering Committee with Livengood as backup.

**Wallace Moved, Lindemulder Seconded, Passed a motion to appoint Knutsen to sit on the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council (Irons as alternate) and Prinsen to sit on the WRIA 9 Steering Committee (Livengood as alternate).**

There being no more business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10pm.

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#### Summary of Motions

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205 ***Research Needs* grant agreement, revising the budget as submitted.**

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