

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2008

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

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** None

4 **Guests Present:** Sara Hemphill, District Consultant, Karen Bergeron, WRIA9, Jeff Possinger,
5 Citizen at Large, Janice Matheson, Seattle Aquarium, Kathy Lambert, King County Council

6 **Staff Present:** Geoff Reed, Jessica Saavedra, Marla Hamilton Lucas

7 **NRCS Staff Present:** None

8 Chairman Livengood called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

9 The agenda was reviewed and introductions were made. It was decided to let Ms. Lambert make
10 her presentation after the approval of the minutes.

11 Minutes from the January 14, 2008 Board of Supervisors meeting were read.

12 **Wallace Moved, Knutsen Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the February**
13 **11, 2008 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as read.**

14 There was no public comment.

15 Lambert told the Board that the “critter pads” (elevated areas for livestock during floods) issue
16 was moving forward at the county level due to the farmers educating the county staff on the need
17 for the pads during flooding events. She said that the county is beginning to realize that buffers
18 need to be maintained rather than “no touch” so as to keep them from becoming filled with
19 blackberries. She thought that required buffers were too big now. The county will again deal
20 with shoreline issues in 2009. She expressed concern about county leadership attempting to
21 create an environmental utopia and deal with global warming without taking into account the
22 effects on landowners and farmers. She asked the District for assistance on the comp plan
23 revision. Vos requested help with the District’s alluvial fan project. Discussion ensued about the
24 difference between a rural affairs director and a rural ombudsman and who they report to, the
25 legislative or executive branch of county government. There was a customer service survey for
26 DDES just completed that left out the eastern part of the county. According to the survey, the
27 best part of county government was the library, which is not part of King County government.
28 She encouraged people to look at the King Stat information to see which county departments are
29 doing a good job. She wanted to get King County to join “mybuildingpermit.com” to streamline
30 the permit process. She had not heard when the refunds of DDES fees would be distributed.

31 There was a discussion on LID partnership. Jean White of WRIA 8 had approached Knutsen
32 about an EPA grant application. Discussion ensued about the District's involvement in this issue.

33 Saavedra asked for feedback on the summary reports she had created for the non-competitive
34 grant program.

35 **City of Seattle/Lake Washington-Cedar-Sammamish Watershed Forum (WRIA 8)**
36 **Combined Grant Application Packet:**

37 **Knutsen Moved, Wallace Seconded; Passed a motion to approve the revised City of**
38 **Seattle/Lake Washington-Cedar-Sammamish Watershed Forum combined grant**
39 **application for \$238,900 (of which \$186,600 is from 2006 Assessments allocated to WRIA 8**
40 **and \$52,300 is from 2004-2005 Assessments allocated to the City of Seattle) for the *Salmon***
41 ***Bay Natural Area Restoration Phase II Project* replacing the previously awarded application**
42 **approved 9/11/06.**

43 **City of Seattle Grant Application Packet:**

44 **Wallace Moved, Knutsen Seconded; Passed a motion to approve the City of Seattle, Seattle**
45 **Public Utilities Member Jurisdiction grant application for \$100,000 from 2005 and 2007**
46 **Assessments for the *City of Seattle, Seattle Public Utilities Salmon Bay Natural Area***
47 ***Restoration Phase II Monitoring Project.***

48 **Green-Duwamish-CPS Watershed Forum (WRIA 9) Grant Application Packet:**

49 **Lindemulder Moved, Knutsen Seconded; Passed a motion to approve the Green-**
50 **Duwamish-CPS Watershed Forum grant application for \$50,000 from Returned Funds**
51 **and 2006 Assessments for the *King County WRIA 9 Habitat Restoration Stewardship 2008***
52 ***Project.***

53 **Lindemulder Moved, Vos Seconded; Passed a motion to approve the *Green-Duwamish-***
54 ***CPS Watershed Forum* grant application for \$17,000 from 2006 Assessments for the *Seattle***
55 ***Aquarium Society Beach Naturalist Program (WRIA 9) 2008.***

56 **Member Jurisdiction and WRIA Forum Grant Items to be Reflected in the Minutes:**

57 Grant Subcommittee amended the *Lake Marcel Community Club Control of Noxious Weeds in*
58 *Lake Marcel Project* grant agreement, extending the project completion date to October 31,
59 2008.

60 Grant Subcommittee amended the *King County Lower Newaukum Creek Restoration Project*
61 grant agreement, extending the project completion date to December 31, 2008.

62 Grant Subcommittee amended the *King County Snoqualmie Juvenile Fish Surveys* grant
63 agreement, extending the project completion date to July 2009.

64 Grant Subcommittee closed-out the *King County Agriculture Program 2006* grant agreement,
65 documenting scope of work completed and grant funds expended as approved.

66 Grant Subcommittee closed-out the *Seattle Aquarium Society Beach Naturalist Program 2007*
67 (*WRIA 9*) grant agreement, documenting scope of work completed and grant funds expended as
68 approved.

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71 approved.

72 Grant Subcommittee closed-out the *City of Kent, Parks, Green River Trailhead Improvement*
73 *Project* grant agreement, documenting scope of work completed and grant funds expended as
74 approved.

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76 *Project at Boeing Rock Project* grant agreement, documenting scope of work completed and
77 grant funds expended as approved.

78 Grant Subcommittee closed-out the *King County Bear Creek Chinook Spawner Surveys Project*
79 grant agreement, documenting scope of work completed and grant funds expended as approved.

80 Hamilton Lucas presented the Finance Report beginning with the list of checks for January.

81 **Lindemulder Moved, Knutsen Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve checks**
82 **# 10680-10731 in the amount of \$ 484,680.15.**

83 Due to such a light January check run the remainder of the financial report will be presented next
84 month. A December 2007 revised balance sheet and income statement were distributed and
85 reviewed.

86 **Knutsen Moved, Wallace Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to accept the amended**
87 **December 2007 finance report as presented.**

88 Subcommittee reports:

89 Nothing new from the Grants subcommittee.

90 Hemphill presented her report on the activities of the Outreach committee.

91 The Issues committee has not met but Vos mentioned that he is anxious to have District staff talk
92 about the proposed basic farm plan. This farm plan would meet the requirements for discounted
93 permit fees at DDES.

94 The Policy committee has not met.

95 The main issue for the Strategic Initiatives committee is the Landowner Incentive Program, and
96 it will be the main task for the year for this group.

97 As the 2008 budget has been finalized, there have been no budget committee meetings as of late.

98 G. Reed gave an update on the District Board of Supervisors Election. The information has been
99 put on the website and will be put on King County's website as well. Only Vos is on the ballot.
100 G. Reed and the consultants have been keeping tabs on various information sources and it
101 appears that there are no other candidates interested in running for the position.

102 A break was taken at 7:55.

103 The District reorganization was discussed. The business plan has not yet been reviewed.
104 Consultant Wendy Barry will return on February 22. Recruiting for the District Executive has
105 been slow so far according to Avery and Associates. One issue may be that the salary has not
106 been set. Information about comparable salaries was distributed for review.

107 There are two finalists for the Public Information Officer position. Knutsen will participate in the
108 final interviews. The volunteer coordinator finalists will be brought in to work at a volunteer
109 event.

110 Washington State Senator Ken Jacobsen has been encouraging the District to make the Veterans
111 Conservation Corps coordinator a staff position rather than an independent contractor position.
112 G. Reed is looking for funding sources as working with this program would give the District
113 some good PR. Discussion ensued about the King County veteran's levy. Livengood asked for a
114 proposal to go to the county to use some of the veterans levy funding. Knutsen stated that there
115 needs to be full time professional staff doing maintenance on restoration projects.

116 Discussion ensued about replacing the District Engineer, who resigned last month to take another
117 position.

118 Other Business:

119 Attendees at the Suburban Cities Association dinner reported that the association is looking to
120 improve their image.

121 Knutsen said he was pleased with the staff reports. Vos stated that he liked Josh Monaghan's
122 heads up information.

123 Hemphill will be attending the staff meeting tomorrow.

124 Property tax bills are being mailed on February 14. The fact sheet on the assessment will be
125 completed shortly.

126 There being no more business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.

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Summary of Motions

Wallace Moved, Knutsen Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the February 11, 2008 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as read.

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Wallace Moved, Knutsen Seconded; Passed a motion to approve the City of Seattle, Seattle Public Utilities Member Jurisdiction grant application for \$100,000 from 2005 and 2007 Assessments for the *City of Seattle, Seattle Public Utilities Salmon Bay Natural Area Restoration Phase II Monitoring Project*.

Green-Duwamish-CPS Watershed Forum (WRIA 9) Grant Application Packet:

Lindemulder Moved, Knutsen Seconded; Passed a motion to approve the Green-Duwamish-CPS Watershed Forum grant application for \$50,000 from Returned Funds and 2006 Assessments for the *King County WRIA 9 Habitat Restoration Stewardship 2008 Project*.

Lindemulder Moved, Vos Seconded; Passed a motion to approve the Green-Duwamish-CPS Watershed Forum grant application for \$17,000 from 2006 Assessments for the *Seattle Aquarium Society Beach Naturalist Program (WRIA 9) 2008*.

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158 **Knutsen Moved, Wallace Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to accept the amended**
159 **December 2007 finance report as presented.**