

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2009

Supervisors Present: Bill Knutsen, Chair, Bob Vos, Vice Chair, Scott Wallace, Member, Bobbi Lindemulder, Member, David Irons, Member, Preston Drew, Supervisor-Elect

Associate Supervisors Present: None

Staff Present: Jeffrey Possinger, Susan Wermus, Jessica Saavedra

Guests Present: Sara Hemphill, Sustainable Solutions, Stu Trefry, WSCC, Dave Batker and Briana Lovell, Earth Economics, Barry Bartlett, Bartlett Group, Jeannette KcKague

Chair Knutsen called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

Introductions were made and the agenda was reviewed. Chair Knutsen asked that the swearing in of supervisors be moved up in the agenda as well as service recognition for Bobbi Lindemulder. Vos asked that a discussion of email for district purposes be added to the agenda.

Wallace Moved; Vos Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the meeting agenda. (5 ayes, 0 nays)

Stu Trefry from the Washington State Conservation Commission delivered the oath of office to recently elected Board Supervisor Preston Drew and to newly reappointed Board Supervisor Bill Knutsen.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Vos Moved, Wallace Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the consent agenda. (5 ayes, 0 nays)

PRESENTATIONS:

David Batker with Earth Economics provided a presentation on their proposed grant amendment to adjust the scope of work and financial level of funding. Mr. Batker graciously thanked the board for the current KCD funding. The board was provided with the WRIA 9 Funding Mechanism Report ahead of the presentation. Batker explained this report is the result of discussions with stakeholders and witting down the potential funding mechanisms. WRIA 8 and 9 could join together in the proposed funding mechanism. Now is the time to move into the implementation stage. Batker believes that the KCD special benefit analysis is a role model for

30 others and sets an example for other WRIAs. The board asked questions and Batker provided
31 responses.

32 Stu Trefry with the Washington State Conservation Commission provided the board with an
33 update from the Commission. The legislature has approved the budget and a couple weeks ago
34 representatives from the state conservation districts gathered in Ellensburg to provide the
35 Commission with feedback on how best to divide the funding given that this is the first time that
36 the funding has not been restricted. The group created 10 guiding principles for the Commission
37 to take into consideration. The Commission Board will meet on June 12th to take action on the
38 division of funding. Only one grant will be awarded to each district instead of multiple awards
39 as in past years. The board asked questions and Trefry provided responses.

40 Bobbi Lindemulder was recognized for her years of service to the King Conservation District
41 Board of Supervisors. She was presented with a plaque and gracious words of thanks from Bill
42 Knutsen, Jeffrey Possinger, the entire KCD Board, and others.

43 Chair Knutsen recessed the meeting at 7:15 pm.

44 Chair Knutsen reconvened the meeting at 7:25 pm.

45 REGULARLY SCHEDULED ITEMS:

46 Knutsen, Vos, Wallace, Drew, and Irons did not have reports.

47 Possinger provided the Executive Director Report. Staff presentations detailing district
48 programs will be included in agendas for upcoming board meetings as well as presentations from
49 outside speakers regarding areas of interest from the board. In the coming months, the board
50 will be more involved with stakeholder relations. A more comprehensive document of key
51 stakeholders is in process and will be provided to the board once it is complete. Permits for a
52 KCD illuminated sign on the exterior of the new office building were approved and signs are in
53 production. The Good Governance grant is in process. Public hearings are continuing and the
54 blogs are lighting up with comments and discussion.

55 The Program Development, Science, and Engineering Board Subcommittee will not meet on
56 5/28.

57 Hemphill informed the board that 3 of the 5 scheduled public hearings have been held and all 3
58 have been very productive. The tone of the meetings has been adequately professional but still
59 open and friendly. It has been clear that KCD is sincerely looking for public input. Hemphill
60 paraphrased some of the public questions and comments. Special thanks go to district staff Jason
61 Chambers and Matt Dunnahoe for their support to the public hearings.

62 Bartlett informed the board that Kurt Triplett is the Interim County Executive. Bartlett,
63 Ohlenkamp, Possinger, Chambers, and Hemphill are meeting every Tuesday regarding moving
64 the assessment process ahead. On Monday, the Bartlett Group will provide media training for

Possinger, Chambers, and Knutsen. The Bartlett Group is continuing to work on proactive media relations opportunities.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The board's focus shifted to the assessment. Possinger stressed to the board that the current priority is to lay out the draft framework for post completion of the public hearings. The board discussion centered on deadlines and how best to receive Advisory Committee feedback over the next couple months. The need became apparent for special board meetings on the assessment topic in the near future.

The board's focus turned to the BASE Initiative. Possinger had nothing new to report. He is still waiting to hear from Ed Zapel with a technical progress update.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board discussed the legal and public document request parameters of personal versus KCD email use for district business. Irons reiterated the 3 options that KCD attorney Eric Frimodt laid out: 1) use KCD email, 2) use personal email and keep a separate folder for district business, or 3) copy every email from a personal email address to a KCD email address. Option # 1 has the least amount of personal risk.

The board and Possinger exchanged feedback on what went well and what could use improvement regarding tonight's meeting, as is the new regular process.

Irons Moved, Wallace Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to adjourn the meeting. (5 ayes, 0 nays)

Chair Knutsen adjourned the meeting at 9:26 pm.

Authorized Signature

Date

Summary of Motions

94 **Wallace Moved; Vos Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the meeting**
95 **agenda. (5 ayes, 0 nays)**

96 **Vos Moved, Wallace Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the consent**
97 **agenda. (5 ayes, 0 nays)**

98 **Irons Moved, Wallace Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to adjourn the meeting. (5**
99 **ayes, 0 nays)**

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