

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2009

Supervisors Present: Bill Knutsen, Chair, Bob Vos, Vice Chair, Scott Wallace, Supervisor, Preston Drew, Supervisor

Associate Supervisors Present: None

Staff Present: Jeffrey Possinger, Susan Wermus, Jessica Saavedra, Marla Hamilton-Lucas, Brandy Reed, Jason Chambers, Marcie Myers

Guests Present: Sara Hemphill, Sustainable Solutions, Barry Bartlett, Bartlett Group, Jeannette KcKague, citizen, Kristi McClelland, King County DNRP, Kathy Weber, District Attorney, and Steve Ohlenkamp

Chair Knutsen called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

Introductions were made and the agenda was reviewed. All unfinished business items were stricken from the agenda. Discussion of Assessment Strategy and the Strategic Plan will fall under the new business item AI 09-087, Adoption of a Draft System of Assessments. There have been no new developments with the BASE Initiative. Weber requested that the Executive Session topic of Executive Director Compensation be renamed to Executive Director Performance.

Wallace Moved, Drew Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the meeting agenda. (3 ayes, 0 nays)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Wallace Moved, Drew Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the consent agenda. (3 ayes, 0 nays)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board, Possinger, and District Attorney Kathy Weber entered into Executive Session at 6:08 pm. The topic of Executive Session was Executive Director Performance. Executive Session ended at 6:33 pm.

PRESENTATIONS:

Kristi McClelland provided the board with an overview presentation of the King County Forestry Program and specifically the Patterson and Raging Rivers project. She handed out several brochures and informational materials. DNRP is focusing mostly on riparian lands for this project, but uplands will also be included. The Patterson and Raging Rivers were chosen due to their importance to salmon recovery. Outreach efforts will ramp up in September. Stewardship Partners is working with DNRP on rain garden outreach efforts. DNRP will offer a multi-week course on forest stewardship in the fall. McClelland pointed out KCD funding they have received as well as working with Marcie Myers for KCD LIP funding. The board asked questions and McClelland provided responses.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Possinger provided the Executive Director Report. The public hearings are complete. A draft proposed System of Assessments will go out in the near future for public comment. June 30th is the next proposed Advisory Committee meeting. Possinger and Knutsen met with Bob Burns and Mark Isaacson of King County to discuss the future of agricultural service programs for 2010 and beyond. Kristi McClelland was invited to speak to the board tonight in response to the board's request for presentations and continuing information on conservation programming in the county.

Knutsen reported that he has attended several fundraising events for candidates.

Wallace and Drew did not have reports.

The Administration and Budget Subcommittee and the Program Development, Science, and Engineering Subcommittee did not have reports.

Saavedra handed out a list documenting recently canceled grants.

Member Jurisdiction & WRIA Forum Grants that were awarded and cancelled by the grantee:

The City of Kent Riparian Restoration Project at the Confluence of Green River and Mill Creek has been cancelled by the grantee; grant funds have not been released.

Grant Subcommittee approved an amendment in November 2006 to the City of Carnation Tolt River Acquisition Project grant agreement revising the budget as detailed, decreasing the scope of work, and returning funds in the amount of \$131,810.00.

The King County Inventory of Currently Productive Fish Habitat in WRIA 9 project was amended in March of 2006 to cancel the project and return funds.

The Strategic Planning and Stakeholder Relations Subcommittee met last week and discussed the recent assessment efforts as well as the related timeline for the next several months. A list of electeds will be circulated to the board along with FAQs for feedback.

Hamilton-Lucas provided the Finance Report. She handed out financial reporting documentation and explained why certain budget line items are under or over budget. Next month the District will start paying monthly rent.

Reed provided the board with an update on the upland wildlife habitat management practice. She handed out a summary of the LIP program and gave an overview of the program before focusing on the upland wildlife habitat management practice specifically. Currently, KCD is working with two landowners who are interested in submitting LIP grant applications for funding of the upland wildlife habitat management practice on their properties. Cohabitats, a private consulting company, would create the management plans and bring forth the applications. The board asked questions and Reed provided responses.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Originally scheduled unfinished business items were stricken from the meeting agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board focus turned to AI 09-085, a LIP grant application for Pepper Schwartz for a waste storage facility. Myers provided the board with an overview of the grant application. The application is for over \$10,000 hence why it is included under new business and not on the consent agenda. The property boards 37 horses and covers almost 77 acres of land. The suggested best management practice for a manure bin will include a concrete pad with eco blocks. The total reimbursable amount is \$18,480.

Drew Moved, Wallace Seconded, motion to approve the King Conservation District Landowner Incentive Program cost-share application for \$18,480.00 from the 2009 budget for the Pepper Schwartz, Waste Storage Facility BMP. (contract number 2009-14 (Schwartz, P)). [AI 09-085] (3 ayes, 0 nays)

The next item on the agenda was AI 09-086, a MJ&WRIA grant application from the City of Bellevue for pollutant spill response stations. The application requests \$30,000 in funding and the Grants Subcommittee has reviewed it. The board has concerns regarding spill kit locations and response timing given those locations. The board hopes that fire and parks departments will help with coordination.

Wallace Moved, Drew Seconded, motion to approve the City of Bellevue Member Jurisdiction grant application for \$30,000 from 2009 Assessments for the City Bellevue, Utilities Pollutant Spill Response Stations Project. [AI 09-086] (3 ayes, 0 nays)

Chair Knutsen recessed the meeting at 7:39 pm and reconvened the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Board discussion turned to an annual meeting and the election of board officers. Possinger provided the board with a brief history of previous KCD annual meetings and officer elections processes. His recommendation is to hold the annual meeting as part of a regularly scheduled board meeting. The annual meeting would be held at an off-site location where more attendees could be accommodated. The annual meeting would be in November. Public input on the proposed 2010 work plan and budget would be solicited. Big picture presentations would be given on where KCD is heading and what KCD has accomplished. The District Rock Awards would be awarded. Board officers would be elected. And, perhaps there would be a small reception afterward. Possinger then recommended that we hold an open house in September. This event would be a more social summer picnic type event where board, staff, cooperators, and others would be invited to our office space to see the new space and meet and mingle with staff and board. Board discussion ensued. The board believes that officer elections should be held separately from the annual meeting. The board asked that a detailed proposal be brought forward.

Board focus turned to AI 09-087, adoption of the proposed 2010-2014 Proposed Assessment Appropriation Plan. Possinger provided the board with a proposed draft which included an overview of the organization, the KCD mission, vision and values, an executive summary, KCD strategic goals, three priority areas for funding, projected revenue, appropriations and accountability, as well as 2010 projected KCD programs. The draft includes a proposal of reconfiguring the structure of the Advisory Committee where all members would be selected by the board and an application process would be utilized. Two members would attend board meetings and act as liaisons between the two bodies. Possinger requested feedback from the board. The group edited the document during the meeting. Board discussion ensued. Vos joined this discussion at 8:21 pm via phone.

Wallace Moved, Drew Seconded, motion to approve the draft 2010-2014 Proposed Assessment Appropriation Plan as amended. [AI 09-087] (2 ayes, 1 nay)

Chair Knutsen adjourned the meeting at 11:05 pm.

Authorized Signature

Date

Summary of Motions

Wallace Moved; Drew Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the meeting agenda. (3 ayes, 0 nays)

131 **Wallace Moved, Drew Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the consent**
132 **agenda. (3 ayes, 0 nays)**

133 **Drew Moved, Wallace Seconded, motion to approve the King Conservation District**
134 **Landowner Incentive Program cost-share application for \$18,480.00 from the 2009 budget**
135 **for the *Pepper Schwartz, Waste Storage Facility BMP*. (contract number 2009-14 (Schwartz,**
136 **P)). [AI 09-085] (3 ayes, 0 nays)**

137 **Wallace Moved, Drew Seconded, motion to approve the City of Bellevue Member**
138 **Jurisdiction grant application for \$30,000 from 2009 Assessments for the City Bellevue,**
139 **Utilities Pollutant Spill Response Stations Project. [AI 09-086] (3 ayes, 0 nays)**

140 **Wallace Moved, Drew Seconded, motion to approve the draft 2010-2014 Proposed**
141 **Assessment Appropriation Plan. [AI 09-087] (2 ayes, 1 nay)**

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