

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

SPECIAL MEETING

April 26, 2010

APPROVED

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

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** Max Prinsen

4 **Staff Present:** Sara Hemphill, Susan Wermus (Clerk), Brandy Reed

5 **Guests Present:** Dennis Canty, Evergreen Funding Consultants, Brian O'Malley, Evergreen
6 Funding Consultants, Krystyna Wolniakowski, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

7 Chair Knutsen called the meeting to order at 6:010 pm. A quorum was present.

8 Introductions were made and the agenda was reviewed.

9 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Community Salmon Fund

10 Canty, O'Malley, and Wolniakowski provided the board with their presentation regarding the
11 opportunity to partner with the District on the Community Salmon Fund projects. Canty
12 explained that NFWF has had a long standing small grants program relationship with King
13 County. This year King County intended to continue the relationship but were unable the
14 program after the projects had already been vetted and approved by NFWF. King County is
15 involved with an expensive lawsuit.

16 NFWF is hoping that KCD will agree to a partnership with NFWF starting this year with funding
17 the currently approved projects. NFWF would like to continue a partnership with KCD into
18 future years where the KCD board would have more direct decision authority of which projects
19 to fund. The KCD mission is in line with NFWF's mission focusing on completing conservation
20 projects through partnerships with communities and organizations.

21 NFWF is a national nonprofit created 25 years ago focusing on leveraging funding with local
22 organizations. 90% of projects are completed on private property. Since 1984, NFWF has
23 leveraged more than \$1 billion nationally and \$108 million in Washington State. In Washington
24 State, NFWF has partnered with the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SFRB), King County,
25 Pierce County, and the Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC). Sixty one
26 projects have been completed in partnership with King County since the partnership began in
27 2001. Krystyna highlighted several specific projects.

28 To fund the top approved projects for 2010, NFWF would need KCD to provide \$119,893 in
29 matching funds (\$23,979 of the \$119,893 would be allotted for administrative needs).

*“Promoting sustainable uses of natural resources
through responsible stewardship”*

30 At this time, the board asked questions. Questions related to contractor costs, maintenance
31 plans, technical reviewers, project focus, funding, project locations, and implementation.

32 Canty explained that his group is familiar with spotting outliers when it comes to contractor and
33 project costs. The technical reviewers catch expenses that look too high or too low. The
34 technical review team is typically comprised of 5 – 8 people and is unpaid. Currently NFWF
35 projects do not regularly have a maintenance component but NFWF is working on “part II”
36 funding opportunities for already completed projects. NFWF is willing to include such a
37 component from the outset if a KCD-NFWF partnership occurs. NFWF is looking for a
38 balanced middle ground in its projects between benefits to communities and benefits to
39 salmonids, given their mission. NFWF’s annual funding is lost without funding and project
40 partnerships. NFWF would like to respect the grantees that have already been approved but are
41 willing to reprioritize the “Round 13” projects to gain a KCD partnership.

42 Knutsen recessed the meeting for a break at 7:40 pm and reconvened the meeting at 7:53 pm.

43 The board thanked Canty, O’Malley, and Wolniakowski for attending and presenting as their
44 presentation was complete at this point and they were readying to depart.

45 The board discussed the presentation and the possibility of a NFWF partnership. Hemphill
46 emphasized that the partnership would have a tie to the local landowner and the local economy.
47 Board discussion related to possible administrative impact to the District and what pool of
48 money the District would pull from if the board agreed to the partnership. The board discussed
49 the District’s restricted and unrestricted accounts.

50 **Vos Moved; Drew Seconded, Motion to enter into a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation**
51 **partnership at a financial level of \$60,000. (motion tabled)**

52 Knutsen adjourned the meeting at 9:40 pm.

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Authorized Signature

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