

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

REGULAR MEETING

July 12, 2010

APPROVED

1 **Supervisors Present:** Bill Knutsen, Board of Supervisors Chair, Bob Vos, Board of Supervisors
2 Vice-Chair, Scott Wallace, Supervisor, Preston Drew, Supervisor, Max Prinsen, Board of
3 Supervisors Treasurer

4 **Associate Supervisors Present:** The District currently has no Associate Supervisors serving on
5 the board.

6 **Staff Present:** Sara Hemphill, Susan Wermus (Clerk), Jessica Saavedra, Jason Chambers, Marla
7 Hamilton-Lucas, Marcie Myers, Jessica Paige

8 **Guests Present:** Kim Sklaroff, Versaire Group, Scott Goss, Versaire Group, Kevin Zobrist,
9 WSU Extension, Bill Peloza, Councilmember City of Auburn, Jennifer Shih, City of Auburn,
10 Ryan Larson, City of Tukwila, Greg Rabourn, King County, Mary Maier, King County, Karen
11 Bergeron, WRIA 9, David Hill, Mayor City of Algona

12 Chair Knutsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum was present.

13 Introductions were made and the agenda was reviewed. Hemphill requested that AI 10-083 be
14 discussed earlier in the meeting and Knutsen placed this topic on the agenda directly before
15 Public Comment. Vos requested that an additional topic be added to New Business: Drainage
16 Issues.

17 **Drew Moved; Vos Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the meeting agenda.**
18 **(5 ayes, 0 nays)**

19 CONSENT AGENDA:

20 Drew requested that the following items be pulled off the consent agenda for additional
21 discussion: AI 10-070, AI 10-071, AI 10-073, AI 10-074, AI 10-075, AI 10-076, AI 10-077, AI
22 10-080, AI 10-081, and the Board Minutes from 6-14-10.

23 **Vos Moved; Drew Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the consent agenda.**
24 **(5 ayes, 0 nays) [AI 10-072, AI 10-078, AI 10-079, AI 10-082, and AI 10-069: ratification of**
25 **King Conservation District Checks 13092 - 13127 in totaling \$519,562.47.]**

26 **WSU Funding Request for 2010 Western Washington Forest Owners Field Day [AI 10-083]**

27 Kevin Zobrist, WSU Extension, provided the board with an overview of the event and the related
28 funding request. The 2010 Western Washington Forest Owners Field Day will be held in King
29 County this year for the first time. Approximately 500 – 700 landowners participate. WSU is
30 inviting King CD to be a sponsor / partner for the event. King CD is already committed to be an

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

31 exhibitor. WSU previously requested a King CD grant for the event at \$5,000 and it was
32 awarded \$4,000. Tonight's request is for the remaining \$1,000. Zobrist added that ¾ of
33 attendees implement new practices within one year of the event.

34 **Drew Moved; Vos Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve funding support of**
35 **\$1,000 for the 2010 Western Washington Forest Owners Field Day on July 31st, hosted by**
36 **Washington State University Extension and the Washington State Department of Natural**
37 **Resources. (5 ayes, 0 nays) [AI 10-083]**

38 PUBLIC COMMENT:

39 Bill Pelozza, Councilmember City of Auburn, provided public comment regarding the grant
40 application for the White River Valley Museum and Mary Olson Farm Environmental
41 Restoration [AI 10-078]. The City of Auburn has restored the property's barn and farmhouse on
42 the 68 acre property. School children from the area have been attending tours of the farmland
43 and learning about farm life. The grant application for approximately \$30,000 would be used for
44 the project's phase III in which the city plans to implement 700 hedgerow plantings, fencing to
45 protect the creek, and educational programs. Pelozza thanked the board.

46 Jennifer Shih, City of Auburn, stated that she is available for any questions the board may have
47 regarding the grant application for the Fenster Levee Setback and Floodplain Restoration Phase
48 II project [AI 10-077].

49 PRESENTATIONS:

50 David Hill, Mayor of the City of Algona, provided the board with a presentation regarding the
51 current efforts for the City of Algona Wetland Preserve and Educational Trail. Hill provided the
52 board with an overview of the park and its related restoration projects. The park boundaries
53 include 20 acres of pristine wetlands and the park is located in the urbanized Green / White
54 River Valley. The park land hosts the majority of typical wetland plants and is in need of
55 restoration. The City of Algona plans to submit a grant application to King CD for restoration
56 and education funding support. The City of Algona plans to utilize the park for educational
57 opportunities for regional children and school systems. Phase I is the subject of tonight's
58 presentation and includes an elevated boardwalk, educational exhibits along the boardwalk, low
59 impact development using pervious surfaces, and restoration of the northeast corner. The total
60 project will cost \$464,000 and the cost of the boardwalk is \$183,000. Hill thanked the board for
61 their time and attention.

62 PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

63 **Wild Fish Conservancy Investigation of Low DO in Cherry Creek Floodplain [AI 10-070]**

64 Drew asked the question of why a request for dissolved oxygen testing has been made when
65 studies have already been completed. Vos was concerned that Wild Fish was not considering
66 other factors.

67 **Prinsen Moved; Wallace Seconded, Passed a motion to approve the Snoqualmie Watershed**
68 **Forum grant application for \$50,000 from 2010 Assessment Funds for the Wild Fish**
69 **Conservancy Investigation of Low Dissolved Oxygen in Cherry Creek Floodplain project.**
70 **(3 ayes, 1 nay – Drew, 1 abstain - Vos) [AI 10-070]**

71 Wild Fish Conservancy Stillwater Wildlife Area Floodplain Restoration – Construction Phase
72 Project [AI 10-071]

73 Drew is concerned about construction projects in the Snoqualmie Valley that would negatively
74 impact landowners especially related to flooding threats. Currently there are great landowner
75 concerns regarding the dropping of Snoqualmie Falls and the NRCS project potentially creating
76 a natural dam during flood events. Drew explained that no NEPA or SEPA evaluations have
77 been done for the NRCS project. Drew also has concerns about the costs for Wild Fish
78 Conservancy's proposed project.

79 **Prinsen Moved; Wallace Seconded, Passed a motion to approve the Snoqualmie Watershed**
80 **Forum grant application for \$50,000 from 2010 Assessment Funds for the Wild Fish**
81 **Conservancy Stillwater Wildlife Area Floodplain Restoration-Construction Phase project.**
82 **(3 ayes, 2 nays – Drew and Vos) [AI 10-071]**

83 King County Neill Point Habitat Restoration [AI 10-073]

84 The project is planned to cover one half acre of land and Drew is concerned about the high cost
85 for restoring such a small area. The project costs include planning, monitoring, and
86 maintenance. The project entails restoration on steep slopes where hand work will be employed
87 and the invasive plant populations involved have long been established. A Washington
88 Conservation Corps crew will be utilized for the restoration work. A large portion of the project
89 cost is in caring for the project over three years post project completion.

90 **Drew Moved; Vos Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the Green-**
91 **Duwamish-CPS Watershed Forum grant application for \$39,980 from 2010 Assessments**
92 **for the King County Neill Point Habitat Restoration project. (5 ayes) [AI 10-073]**

93 Stilly-Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force Riparian Restoration at Stillwater Wildlife
94 Area 2010 [AI 10-074]

95 The planting area includes three acres of land. Drew believes the planting costs are too high.

96 **Drew Moved; Vos Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the Snoqualmie**
97 **Watershed Forum grant application for \$50,000 from 2010 Assessments for the Stilly-**
98 **Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force Riparian Restoration at Stillwater Wildlife**
99 **Area 2010. (5 ayes) [AI 10-074]**

100 City of Tukwila Duwamish Gardens Estuarine Restoration 2010 Project [AI 10-075]

101 Drew asked questions regarding the project's design and permitting status. Ryan Larson with
102 the City of Tukwila answered that the project's design is at the 70% phase. The total
103 construction cost is \$1.8 million and the contractor will haul out materials. Drew was concerned
104 about the costs of \$18 per yard to move soil. Larson assured the board that the project will go
105 out to bid and that they want to be prepared for the possible costs although they will opt for the
106 most cost effective bid. The project costs were based upon numbers from King County. Drew
107 suggested that the city should drop the contractor bonding fees so they can utilize lower cost
108 contractors.

109 **Vos Moved; Prinsen Seconded, Passed a motion to approve the Member Jurisdiction and**
110 **Green-Duwamish-CPS Forum grant application for \$52,929.43 from 2010 WRIA 9**
111 **Watershed funds (\$50,000) and 2004 Tukwila Member Jurisdiction Funds (\$2,929.34) for**
112 **the City of Tukwila Duwamish Gardens Estuarine Restoration 2010 project. (4 ayes, 1 nay**
113 **- Drew) [AI 10-075]**

114 Washington State University for the Snoqualmie Forest Stewardship Program [AI 10-076]

115 Drew has cost effectiveness concerns and continued concerns about the use of tax payer funds.
116 He is in the process of developing a program for King CD to implement a forestry program that
117 involves an aspect of utilizing business to financially support the overall program. Prinsen
118 added that we must keep moving forward as Drew's forestry plan develops. Vos agreed while
119 showing appreciation for Drew's tax payer concerns.

120 **Prinsen Moved; Wallace Seconded, Passed a motion to approve the Snoqualmie Forum**
121 **grant application for \$18,283 from 2010 Assessments for the Washington State University**
122 **Snoqualmie Forest Stewardship Program. (4 ayes, 1 nay - Drew) [AI 10-076]**

123 City of Auburn Fenster Levee Setback and Floodplain Restoration Phase II 2010 Project [AI 10-
124 077]

125 Jennifer Shih, City of Auburn, gave the board an overview of the project. The project involves
126 complete a two mile corridor of restoration and setting back a levee 880 feet. The grant
127 application funding would allow the city to complete the design, currently at 60%, and
128 construction.

129 **Drew Moved; Prinsen Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the Green-**
130 **Duwamish-CPS Watershed Forum grant application for \$200,000 from 2010 Assessments**
131 **for the City of Auburn Fenster Levee Setback and Floodplain Restoration Phase II 2010**
132 **Project. (5 ayes) [AI 10-077]**

133 King County Riparian Restoration for Patterson Creek and Raging River Phase 2 Project [AI 10-
134 080]

135 Drew explained that he has seen the project area and doesn't see why the project is necessary.
136 Mary Maier, King County, provided the board with an overview of the project including photos.

137 She explained that some project areas are devoid of vegetation, cattle are grazing directly up to
138 the stream, and the invasive plant Reed Canary grass has established itself successfully and
139 needs to be removed since it provides no useful nutrients or habitat. King County has reached
140 out to the landowners and farm and forest stewardship plans are in development. Threatened
141 fish are present. The plan for the Reed Canary grass is to cut it back and cover the area with
142 fabric for a couple of years.

143 **Vos Moved; Drew Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the Snoqualmie**
144 **Forum grant application for \$60,000 from 2010 Assessments for the King County Riparian**
145 **Restoration for Patterson Creek and Raging River Phase 2 Project. (5 ayes) [AI 10-080]**

146 King County Monitoring the Effectiveness of Snoqualmie and Tolt River Restoration Phase 2
147 Project [AI 10-081]

148 Saavedra explained that the grant funds awarded in 2009 did not cover all necessary components
149 of the overall project and that the expectation in 2009 was to apply for additional funding in
150 2010. The amendment entails an additional \$14,000 for the project's phase II monitoring efforts.

151 **Prinsen Moved; Vos Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the amendment**
152 **request for the King County Monitoring the Effectiveness of Snoqualmie and Tolt River**
153 **Restoration Phase 2 Project grant agreement, revising the completion date to March 31,**
154 **2012, and requesting \$14,000 in additional grant funds from Snoqualmie Forum 2010**
155 **Assessments. (5 ayes) [AI 10-081]**

156 Knutsen recessed the meeting for a break at 7:11 pm and reconvened the meeting at 7:25 pm.

157 Board Minutes of 06-14-10

158 Drew requested that he be recused from the legal matters discussions in Executive Sessions.

159 PRESENTATIONS continued:

160 Myers provided the board with a composting and recycling presentation. Myers participated in
161 King County's master recycler and composter training and she is sharing the information she
162 learned with the board and staff. She stated that 25% of the local landfill is food waste and
163 compostables and she reviewed what is compostable and recyclable and what is not.

164 REGULARLY SCHEDULED ITEMS:

165 Finance Manager Report – Marla Hamilton-Lucas, District staff

166 Hamilton-Lucas provided the board with Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet reports. The 2011
167 budget development process will start tomorrow with the Program Leads. This fall the
168 Administration and Budget Subcommittee will be active on this topic. Additional assessment
169 funds will be collected next in October. Interest income is low. An engineer has not yet been

170 hired. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation funding has been placed under Special
171 Initiatives and was not budgeted for. Hamilton-Lucas will conduct an analysis of current
172 contractors in the near future.

173 There was no Implementation Lead Report.

174 Public Information Officer Report – Jason Chambers, District staff

175 The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 15th and the meeting
176 agenda topics will include the recent outreach efforts to the Metropolitan King County Council
177 and subcommittee reports. The recent outreach efforts included a letter in June to MKCC to
178 retain the special assessment plus the recently distributed council district fact sheets of King
179 CD's projects and funding to each council district in King County. Paige compiled the fact
180 sheets and she explained that each fact sheet highlighted King CD funded projects as well as
181 funding amounts for each King County council district. Hemphill added that many staff
182 members were involved in the effort and this is the first that we have focused on each district.
183 The Advisory Committee provided excellent input and feedback during the process. After
184 distribution, it came to our attention that there was a discrepancy in district 5 and it has been
185 rectified.

186 Administration and Budget Subcommittee Report – Sara Hemphill, Interim Executive Director

187 The Administration and Budget Subcommittee met June 30th and hopes to meet in the next week
188 to ten days.

189 Grants Subcommittee Report – Jessica Saavedra, District staff

190 Saavedra reported that she and District staff member Brandy Reed met with Native Plant Society
191 representatives regarding the Forest Stewards Program as a positive model for other cities. The
192 Native Plant Society is interested in meeting with city representatives. The plan is to use
193 jurisdictional funding to support this effort.

194 Strategic Planning and Stakeholder Relations Subcommittee Report – Sara Hemphill, Interim
195 Executive Director

196 Report information from this board subcommittee was covered under Jason Chambers' staff
197 report.

198 Program Development, Science, and Engineering Subcommittee Report – Bob Vos, Board Vice-
199 Chair

200 Vos reported that the subcommittee met on July 2nd to discuss King CD's response to King
201 County's new Agricultural Drainage Assistance Program (ADAP) process. The following King
202 CD representatives met: Vos, Hemphill, Mirro, Monaghan, and Knutsen. Hemphill will prepare
203 the next draft iteration of the King CD response. Regarding the Lower Green issue, water

204 quality monitoring has been eliminated. Hemphill added that District staff member, Matt
205 Dunnahoe, and a King County representative, Klaus Richter, are successfully working together
206 on water quality monitoring efforts. Knutsen added that it is uncertain yet who will write the
207 2010 water quality monitoring report. Drew added that the forestry program he is developing
208 could include an aspect of spotting all kinds of conservation opportunities and getting more
209 landowners connected to the LIP program.

210 Board Chair Report – Bill Knutsen, Board Chair

211 Knutsen stated that he has reported on current items throughout tonight's meeting.

212 Supervisor Reports

213 Vos, Drew, and Prinsen did not have items to report. Wallace reported that he attended Don
214 Fiene's gathering of King CD and WRIA 8 representatives on July 10th.

215 Executive Director Report – Sara Hemphill, Interim Executive Director

216 Hemphill reported no change on current legal matters regarding King CD, King County, and
217 Mason County. King CD discussions with King County have quieted down due to the recent
218 lawsuit but King CD preparations for the 2011 Program of Work and Budget have begun
219 regardless. The Advisory Committee will meet this Thursday July 15th. The National Fish and
220 Wildlife Foundation contract has been executed. Work with the Versaire Group on the District's
221 compensation plan review will begin this week. Applications for the engineer position have
222 reached critical mass.

223 PUBLIC HEARINGS:

224 None scheduled.

225 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

226 WSU Funding of "Cultivating Community Food Security: Recent Research in Urban / Rural
227 Food Systems" [AI 10-084]

228 Hemphill explained that typically WSU has hosted the yearly Harvest Celebration. This year
229 they decided to support the University of Washington's project of "Cultivating Community Food
230 Security: Recent Research in Urban / Rural Food Systems." King CD has been invited to be a
231 sponsor for the event. Hemphill recommends that we accept the invitation because of the
232 importance of the rural / urban interface of working lands in King County. Vos has concerns
233 that the proposal has a lack of clear objectives and includes several terms that are utilized widely
234 today. He hopes that WSU will integrate clear action items for the event and that an action will
235 result from the event that can applied on-the-ground.

236 **Vos Moved; Drew Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve funding support of**
237 **\$25,000 for the WSU/UW Urban Ag Summit on December 4-5, 2010 at the UW Center for**
238 **Urban Agriculture. (5 ayes, 0 nays) [AI 10-084]**

239 NEW BUSINESS:

240 Drainage Issues – Bo Vos, Board Vice-Chair

241 Vos reported that Snoqualmie Valley landowners are concerned about drainage matters and
242 possible negative impacts from the NRCS planting project. Landowners report that they do not
243 have the necessary funding to pay for drainage needs and they are concerned that the NRCS
244 planting project will complicate conditions in the event of a flood. Knutsen reported that he is
245 planning to develop two resolutions around these two topics and he will solicit the full board and
246 the Snohomish Conservation District for their support. Vos suggested that pilot programs be
247 developed to address drainage issues and that BASE program funding should be used to support
248 these pilot programs.

249 Executive Session – Bill Knutsen, Board Chair

250 Knutsen called the Executive Session to order at 9:05 pm. The Executive Session topic was
251 legal matters. Drew recused himself from the discussion. Executive Session ended at 9:25 pm.

252 Knutsen adjourned the meeting at 9:26 pm.

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256 Authorized Signature

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Summary of Motions

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