

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

REGULAR MEETING

October 11, 2010

APPROVED

Supervisors Present: Bill Knutsen, Board of Supervisors Chair, Bob Vos, Board of Supervisors Vice-Chair, Scott Wallace, Supervisor, Max Prinsen, Board of Supervisors Auditor, Preston Drew, Supervisor

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

Staff Present: Sara Hemphill, Brandy Reed, Susan Wermus (Clerk), Marla Hamilton-Lucas, Marcie Myers, Jessica Saavedra

Guests Present: John Bodin, Election Trust, Karen Bergeron, WRIA 9, Joe Miles, Kevin Zobrist, WSU Extension, Mary Jorgenson, WRIA 8, Jeanette McKague, KCD Advisory Committee Chair

Chair Knutsen called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. A quorum was present.

Introductions were made and the agenda was reviewed.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Wallace Moved; Prinsen Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the consent agenda. (5 ayes, 0 nays) [Board Minutes 09-13-10, Member Jurisdiction and WRIA Forum Grants AI 10-150 – AI 10-159, KCD LIP Applications AI 10-141 – AI 10-148, Resolution 10-006: WSCC Cost-Share Policy AI 10-140, and AI 10-139: ratification of King Conservation District Checks 13305 - 13335 in totaling \$159,898.37.]

Drew spoke with Kevin Zobrist regarding the WRIA 8 Forest Stewardship grant. Drew voted against this grant before but now he has changed his mind. Drew hopes that in future grant applications, forestry business practices will be more thoroughly included and explained. Drew reported that he attended a recent forest stewardship class where he thought the state entomologist's presentation was very well done.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

*"Promoting sustainable uses of natural resources
through responsible stewardship"*

29 KCD LIP: Linder, HUA [AI 10-149]

30 The Linder Heavy Use Area (HUA) or confinement area Landowner Incentive Program
31 application was brought before the board for consideration because it is an atypical confinement
32 area configuration. Linder is applying for \$3,500 to implement a “paddock paradise”
33 confinement area. A “paddock paradise” confinement area is characterized by a figure eight trail
34 shape with feeding stations along the trail. The concept emphasizes natural movement of horses
35 along the continuous trail. Board questions and concerns related to appropriate soil type, proper
36 cleaning according to code, and placement of the confinement area in an existing forested area.
37 The soil is well drained and maintenance would not be paid for by KCD.

38 **Wallace Moved; Drew Seconded, Passed a motion to approve the King Conservation**
39 **District Landowner Incentive Program cost-share application for \$3,500 from the 2010**
40 **budget for contract number 2010-29 (Linder, B). (5 ayes) [AI 10-149]**

41 PRESENTATIONS:

42 2011 Supervisor Election Proposal

43 John Bodin, Election Trust, presented the board with a proposed plan for the 2011 supervisor
44 election. Bodin provided the board with a brief background on Election Trust and its
45 relationship with the District over the last several years. Bodin proposed four strategically
46 chosen polling locations in King County and an online / mail in voter option that employs
47 contemporary technology and security provided by the company Scytl. Bodin based the 2011
48 proposal on mutual perceptions of feedback from prior years’ elections. He has been working
49 with the State of Washington to approve utilization of “remote election options” such as this
50 online / mail in technology-based option. With the online / mail in option, some of the cost is
51 shifted to the voter: printing the ballot and affidavit, supplying envelopes, and paying for
52 postage. The expectation is that the online voter will include the affidavit with the ballot. The
53 online option provides more flexibility for the voter. Election Trust will build and host the
54 platform on their website and will work with King CD on a voter education campaign ahead of
55 the election. Board questions related to the costs of polling locations, voter availability to
56 disabled citizens, the online ballot option process overall, fairness of offering two types of voting
57 options, as well as the overall cost of the proposed plan as it compares to prior years.

58 MJ&WRIA: Amendment – City of Redmond, Lower Bear Creek Restoration [AI 10-160]

59 The amendment request is for \$140,000 in additional funds due to cost overruns as a result of an
60 archaeological find at the project site. Jorgenson explained that the find has set back the project
61 by one year. The archaeological find became public last month. The City of Redmond is
62 seeking additional funds from several entities. The amendment request was reduced from
63 \$200,000 to \$140,000. Jorgenson shared pictures of the project site as well as maps indicating
64 the planned creek channel adjustments. They anticipate moving 10,000 cubic yards of soil. This
65 is a high priority project. Board questions related to costs, funding, and project specific
66 technical details. Drew added that the \$21 cost per cubic yard is likely an accurate estimation

given the meandering design for the new creek channel and he asked that the board recall that the board recently approved a project with the same per cubic yard cost for simple soil removal.

Drew Moved; Prinsen Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the grant amendment request for the City of Redmond Lower Bear Creek Restoration grant agreement, revising the scope of work and budget as detailed, extending the completion date to December 2012, and requesting additional grant funds in the amount of \$140,000 from WRIA 8 2010 Collections. (5 ayes, 0 nays) [AI 10-160]

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Hamilton Lucas will provide the Finance Manager's report as part of the 2011 Budget discussion under Unfinished Business.

Reed did not have an Implementation Lead report.

There were no Subcommittee reports.

Reed added in response to a Supervisor question that we will not be hiring an engineer in 2010 after all. King CD will stay with its current contract situation with URS and its contract situation for the area engineer through 2010. The intention is to hire a permanent fulltime engineer for King CD in 2011.

Knutsen provided the Board Chair report. He reported that ADAP completed three projects this year. Steve Evans is leaving the Lower Green and will be replaced. Knutsen spent a day touring various King CD project sites recently. Knutsen recently met with Kathy Lambert. And, he is working on setting an appointment with Julia Patterson.

Vos reported that the ADAP coordination position held by Elizabeth Welden is being eliminated and that landowners are concerned about permitting coordination as a result. He also reported that DDES staff is being reduced by 50%.

Wallace did not have a report.

Drew suggested that a forestry thinning project location in the Snoqualmie Valley be considered for future project tours.

Prinsen reported he attended the American Society of Foresters meeting and suggested utilizing interns for projects.

Hemphill provided the Executive Director's report. The current interface with King County is positive after a quiet summer. The interface with the Suburban Cities Association is also continuing to improve as Advisory Committee members have conversations with SCA members. The Advisory Committee Subcommittees are meeting and making progress on their objectives. The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 28th where the

approved draft 2011 King CD budget will be presented. Hemphill met with NFWF representatives as well as Knutsen and Reed to discuss project details for 2011. The compensation plan review process with the Versaire Group is making progress now that the draft 2011 budget has been approved. Hemphill reported that she is looking into utilization of AmeriCorps interns in 2011 for discreet projects. The Board of Supervisors Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 8th at the Tukwila Community Center.

Vos requested that the board discuss the addition of policy to one of the current board subcommittees sometime in the future.

Knutsen called for a break at 7:46 pm and reconvened the meeting at 7:56 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2011 Budget [AI 10-161]

Hamilton Lucas provided the board with the regular Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet reports and stated that we are on budget for 75% of the year being complete. Hamilton Lucas provided the board with proposed 2011 budget amounts as compared to 2010 budget amounts. Board questions related to the BASE program, CAFO, proposed budget difference of \$596,000, matching funds with NFWF, NFWF partnership project details, and the amount of unrestricted reserves currently available.

Prinsen Moved; Wallace Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the proposed 2011 budget as presented. (3 ayes, 1 nay = Drew, 1 abstain = Vos) [AI 10-161]

NEW BUSINESS:

Rock Awards: Staff Recommendations [AI 10-162]

The board discussed the staff recommendations for the 2010 King CD Rock Awards. By consensus, the board approved the following Rock Award decisions: Service Award to Bill Peloza, Conservation Landowner Award to Art Groeneweg, Best Partnering Organization Award to Cascade Harvest Coalition, and Local Government Conservation Award to the City of Kent. The board also approved a new recognition category of Conservation Leader to be awarded to Kathy Lambert.

Executive Session

Executive Session began at 9:24 pm and focused on legal matters (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)) and personnel matters (RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)). Executive Session ended at 10:16 pm. There was no action after Executive Session.

Knutsen adjourned the meeting at 10:17 pm.

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Authorized Signature

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Summary of Motions

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

141 **Wallace Moved; Prinsen Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the consent**
142 **agenda. (5 ayes, 0 nays) [Board Minutes 09-13-10, Member Jurisdiction and WRIA Forum**
143 **Grants AI 10-150 – AI 10-159, KCD LIP Applications AI 10-141 – AI 10-148, Resolution**
144 **10-006: WSCC Cost-Share Policy AI 10-140, and AI 10-139: ratification of King**
145 **Conservation District Checks 13305 - 13335 in totaling \$159,898.37.]**

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148 **budget for contract number 2010-29 (Linder, B). (5 ayes) [AI 10-149]**

149 **Drew Moved; Prinsen Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the grant**
150 **amendment request for the City of Redmond Lower Bear Creek Restoration grant**
151 **agreement, revising the scope of work and budget as detailed, extending the completion**
152 **date to December 2012, and requesting additional grant funds in the amount of \$140,000**
153 **from WRIA 8 2010 Collections. (5 ayes, 0 nays) [AI 10-160]**

154 **Prinsen Moved; Wallace Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the proposed**
155 **2011 budget as presented. (3 ayes, 1 nay = Drew, 1 abstain = Vos) [AI 10-161]**