

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

ANNUAL MEETING

November 8, 2010

APPROVED

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

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

5 **Staff Present:** Sara Hemphill, Brandy Reed, Susan Wermus (Clerk), Marla Hamilton-Lucas,
6 Marcie Myers, Jessica Saavedra, Josh Monaghan, Matt Dunnahoe

7 **Guests Present:** John Bodin, Election Trust, Jeanette McKague, KCD Advisory Committee
8 Chair, David Irons, citizen, Kathy Minsch, City of Seattle, Kathy Lambert, King County
9 Council, Randall Parsons, Normandy Park, Mary Rose Wallace, citizen, Michael Sladek,
10 Impression Media Group, Dennis Higgins, City of Kent, Steve Ohlenkamp, citizen, Barry
11 Bartlett, The Bartlett Group

12 Chair Knutsen called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. A quorum was present. A social
13 gathering was held for one hour prior to the business meeting.

14 Introductions were made and the agenda was reviewed.

15 **Prinsen Moved; Wallace Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the meeting**
16 **agenda. (4 ayes, 0 nays)**

17 PRESENTATIONS:

18 2011 Rock Awards

19 Knutsen presented the 2011 King CD Rock Awards and made brief complementary comments
20 about each award and each award recipient. Dennis Higgins, City of Kent, was presented the
21 Rock Award for *Local Government Conservation*. Higgins thanked the board for the recognition
22 and for support of conservation projects in the City of Kent. Joyce Peloza received the *Service*
23 *Award* on behalf of her husband, Bill Peloza, City of Auburn. Mrs. Peloza thanked the board for
24 the recognition and for their support of conservation efforts as well. Art Groeneweg was
25 awarded the *Conservation Landowner Award* and Cascade Harvest Coalition was awarded the
26 *Best Partnering Organization Award* but both were unable to be in attendance.

27 Conservation Lead Award

28 Knutsen awarded Metropolitan King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert with the first King
29 CD Conservation Leader Award. He provided the audience with glowing compliments for

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

30 Lamberts unwavering support for agricultural and conservation efforts in King County. Lambert
31 thanked the board.

32 Scott Wallace Retirement and Special Recognition

33 Knutsen and Hemphill provided the audience with historical background regarding the lifelong
34 commitment that longtime King CD Supervisor Scott Wallace has given to the District and to
35 agricultural and conservation efforts in King County. Wallace was presented with several
36 recognition awards. Many other audience members made glowing comments regarding
37 Wallace's invaluable contributions: Reed, Ohlenkamp, Bartlett, Irons, Prinsen, and Vos.
38 Wallace thanked the board, staff, audience members, and others for all their hard work and
39 dedication to the citizens of King County and conservation efforts therein.

40 Knutsen called for a break at 7:44 pm and reconvened the meeting at 8:02 pm.

41 CONSENT AGENDA:

42 Prinsen requested that Reed make comment regarding AI 10-176 regarding King CD
43 Opportunity Fund Program Funding Criteria. Knutsen requested that AI 10-169 regarding LIP
44 Policy be discussed.

45 **Vos Moved; Wallace Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the consent**
46 **agenda. (4 ayes, 0 nays) [Board Minutes 10-11-10, Member Jurisdiction and WRIA Forum**
47 **Grants AI 10-164 – AI 10-165, KCD LIP Applications AI 10-166 – AI 10-168 and AI 10-170**
48 **– AI 10-173, and AI 10-163: ratification of King Conservation District Checks 13336 -**
49 **13378 in totaling \$167,492.04.]**

50 PUBLIC COMMENT:

51 None

52 PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

53 King CD Opportunity Fund Program Funding Criteria [AI 10-176]

54 Reed explained that the document she provided the board details the Opportunity Fund's partner
55 relationship, match ratio, eligibility requirements, priority geographic areas and timelines. The
56 documents are a result of the agreement between the King CD Board's Grants Subcommittee and
57 the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum. The action at hand relates to the Snoqualmie Watershed
58 Forum's request to remove the Opportunity Fund's tiebreaker policy from the criteria of public
59 versus private landownership to a tiebreaker policy based on habitat criteria. Supervisor
60 comments communicated that the board will retain the tiebreaker policy as it is currently stated.

61 **Prinsen Moved; Wallace Seconded, Passed a motion to retain the current Opportunity**
62 **Fund tiebreaker criteria. (4 ayes) [AI 10-176]**

63 REGULARLY SCHEDULED ITEMS:

64 Deferred for Annual Meeting.

65 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

66 2011 Budget Ratification [AI 10-174]

67 Hemphill communicated to the board the Advisory Committee's recommendations regarding a
68 balanced budget presentation and inclusion of complete alternate funding details to the King
69 County Council. Supervisor comments related to challenging ourselves, planning for growth and
70 greater community outreach, and concerns of spending down the unrestricted reserve account
71 during difficult economic times.

72 **Prinsen Moved; Wallace Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to ratify the 2011 King**
73 **Conservation District Budget. (4 ayes, 0 nays) [AI 10-174]**

74 2011 Supervisor Election [AI 10-175]

75 Hemphill provided the board with an overview of the current proposal from Election Trust.
76 Bodin connected to the meeting via telephone. Supervisor questions, concerns and comments
77 related to clumsiness of printable ballot process, computer savviness of rural residents, online
78 voting security, polling locations for electronic voting, prior and current use of online voting
79 software, and voter verification processes and security.

80 Lambert added comments related to federally utilized electronic voting processes and her
81 experience of finding rural residents to be highly computer literate. She stressed the need for
82 voting process education for voters.

83 Knutsen asked Bodin to revise the proposal to reflect the online voting option along with the
84 King CD Renton office as a polling location.

85 At this time, Knutsen asked Lambert to share any comments she may have regarding the 2011
86 King County budget. Lambert commented that the budgetary process with the Executive's
87 Office has been very transparent. She expressed concern for swim fee funding criteria, the
88 buyouts of fire districts, and the apparent lack of partnership of the Regional Food Policy
89 Council with King CD, WSU and other agriculturally oriented stakeholders. She communicated
90 that ADAP will have increased funding and that WRIA 7 may or may not be changed to fall
91 completely under Snohomish CD's jurisdiction.

92 NEW BUSINESS:

93 LIP Policy [AI 10-169]

94 Reed explained that the LIP Policy action being proposed is to retain all unallocated and
95 budgeted funds plus all released and encumbered funds for award in the following year.
96 Currently there is less than \$10,000 remaining for the year. Board questions and comments
97 related to the current policy's set up as encouraging the use of funds, possible precedent setting
98 for other programs, and funding as the discretion of the board annually. Knutsen requested that
99 this item be tabled for a future meeting.

100 Knutsen adjourned the meeting at 9:43 pm.

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Authorized Signature

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Summary of Motions

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