

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

REGULAR MEETING

November 14, 2011

APPROVED

1 **Supervisors Present:** Bill Knutsen - Chair, Jeanette McKague, Max Prinsen, and Eric Nelson

2 **Associate Supervisors Present:** None currently on the board.

3 **Staff Present:** Sara Hemphill- Executive Director, Ava Souza - Clerk, Brandy Reed, Josh
4 Monaghan, Jessica Saavedra, Jessica Paige, Jacobus Saperstein, Adam Jackson, Lou Beck

5 **Guests Present:** See attached list

6 Chair Knutsen called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

7 Introductions were made and the agenda was reviewed, no changes were made to the agenda.

8 **Prinsen Moved; Nelson Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the meeting**
9 **agenda. (4 ayes, 0 nays)**

10 CONSENT AGENDA:

11 **Nelson Moved; McKague Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the consent**
12 **agenda. (4 ayes, 0 nays) [AI 11-135] Check register and October 2011 meeting minutes.**

13 PRESENTATIONS:

14 Brandy Reed and Lou Beck presented on the King Conservation District Alluvial Fan Initiative
15 and associated Albro property stream enhancement project. The first segment of the presentation
16 provided an overview of District aquatic area enhancement services and the role of the *BASE*
17 *Alluvial Fan Initiative* in serving landowners who are experiencing resource management
18 challenges associated with aggrading streams on alluvial fans. The second segment of the
19 presentation provided a report on the Albro property stream enhancement project, illustrating the
20 cost effective activities performed, and recommending additional work to identify greater
21 efficiencies and more sustainable practices associated with managing the affects of aggrading
22 streams on alluvial fans.

23 Josh Monaghan presented on the economic importance of preserving farmland in King County,
24 he shared examples of increased voluntary stewardship and successes in farmland preservation.
25 He highlighted the increasing, and very high costs of local farmland, and pointed to the urgent
26 need to support working farmers, farm succession, and the next generation of farmers.

27 Knutsen thanked Reed, Beck and Monaghan and remarked that the presentations were
28 informative and that much of his family owns land in areas such as Carnation and Bothell and

29 that the King Conservation District deserves a lot of credit for finding ways to keep land
30 productive. He then asked for Public Comment.

31 PUBLIC COMMENT: None Given

32 Knutsen called for a break at 6:25 pm and reconvened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

33 RECOGNITION AND AWARDS:

34 Dr. Murphy was awarded with the WACD award and publicly thanked Adam, Jacobus and Lou
35 for all their help. Cory Huskinson was awarded the Wildlife Steward of the Year, he publicly
36 thanked the Salmon Safe Crew and Kathy Lambert. Alayne Bickle was awarded the Service
37 Rock award and was absent as she moved to Idaho. Meghan McPhaden was awarded the Service
38 Rock award and publicly thanked Josh for the opportunity and the enthusiasm of the KCD, she
39 went on to thank Bill for taking her out on site visits. Afia Menke was awarded the Conservation
40 Landowner Rock award and publicly thanked the KCD and a presentation showcasing all of
41 work the KCD helped her accomplish. Tom and Mary Bryan were awarded the Conservation
42 Landowner Rock award, Tom publicly thanked Jason Mirro for his farm planning efforts,
43 information and education, he also stated that Jacobus did an outstanding job. He then went on to
44 thank the KCD and stated how grateful he was for all that he was able to accomplish with the
45 help of the KCD. The Washington Native Plant Society was awarded the Best Partnering
46 Organization award and Seattle Parks was given the Local Government Conservation Rock
47 award.

48 Hemphill then commented that this is her second year as Executive Director for the KCD and
49 that she is getting old enough to retire, however she has no intention to do so, as she truly enjoys
50 working with the KCD staff. Hemphill stated that an event like this is stunning and really shows
51 what the KCD is all about. Hemphill went on to say that, the presentations given by Brandy,
52 Lou and Josh were excellent

53 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

54 2012 Workplan and Budget- Hemphill

55 Hemphill stated that one of things that will be different in 2012, is the KCD plans to put forth
56 more effort and focus on Outreach and Administration, by looking at ways to better support staff
57 to do more work in the ground. The work plan shows history ties to budgets and also contains the
58 strategic five year plan. Conservations are required by state law to listen to constituents in society
59 and be flexible. Ten years ago farmers markets weren't as compelling. KCD can adjust its
60 programs to meet these needs. The materials provided today are for Board action, we want to
61 present the budget to the Advisory Committee the budget presented today shows that we are just
62 balanced. The KCD is also working towards finding ways gain additional funding.

63 Prinsen commented, we appreciate your hard work and creation of preparing two budgets,
64 however we have seen declining revenue coming in at the KCD, and 463K sounds like a fund
65 balance. Whereas showing the shortfall of 137K makes more sense. Personally I am in favor of
66 not showing a balanced budget and that we figure out ways to gain additional funding.

67 Nelson commented he was not comfortable working on a budget with a negative balance and
68 would prefer to show a balanced budget and look for funding opportunities or working with the
69 Advisory Committee to get more dollars. He went on to say that this needs to be reviewed again
70 in about 6 months and we may need to look at staff cuts.

71 **Prinsen Moved; Nelson Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve October 10th**
72 **Operations Budget agenda. (4 ayes, 0 nays)**

73 **Prinsen Moved; Nelson Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve work plan as**
74 **proposed. (4 ayes, 0 nays).**

75 NEW BUSINESS:

76 2012 Opportunity Fund- Reed

77 Reed provided agenda brief AI 11-134 a program that has been in place since 2007 which will
78 offer technical and financial resources to support implementation of natural resource
79 improvement actions and conservation practices by landowners, organizations agencies, and
80 member jurisdictions.

81 **Nelson Moved; McKague Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the 2012**
82 **Opportunity Fund [AI 11-134] (4 ayes, 0 nays).**

83 Knutsen reminded everyone the election was coming up and that candidates must have their
84 applications in by January 15, 2012

85 Knutsen adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

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88 William M. Knutsen 1-23 2012

89 Authorized Signature

Date

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Summary of Motions

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