

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

REGULAR MEETING

May 29, 2012

FINAL

1 **Supervisors Present:** Bill Knutsen-Chair, Jeanette McKague –Vice Chair, Max Prinsen – Auditor
2 Eric Nelson, & Kit Ledbetter

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** Kit Ledbetter (During the meeting sworn to supervisor)

4 **Staff Present:** Sara Hemphill, Ava Souza - Clerk, Brandy Reed, Jessica Saavedra,

5 **Guests Present:** Stu Trefry, WSCC

6 Chair Knutsen called the meeting to order at 6:00

7 Introductions were made and the agenda was reviewed.

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

10 CONSENT AGENDA: To amend the minutes to remove Drew from the minutes.

11 **Prinsen Moved; Nelson Seconded Passed unanimously a motion to approve the consent**
12 **agenda and the minutes be amended to remove Drew's name (4ayes, 0 nays)**

13 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

14 NEW BUSINESS:

15 **Executive Session – Legal /Hammond Case**

16 Executive Session Hammond Legal matter 6:00- 6:15, session was then extended 6 more minutes
17 and ended at 6:21.

18 As the board meeting attendees stepped back in the room it was announced that Frimodt
19 presented a 2.4 million dollar settlement amount, split 80/20 between the KCD and Pierce CDs.

20 **Prinsen Moved; McKague Seconded Passed unanimously a motion to approve the**
21 **settlement as recommended by Eric Frimodt. (4ayes, 0 nays)**

22 **Stu Trefry- Swearing in new supervisor**

23 Stu Trefry swore in Christopher Kit Ledbetter to the formal role of supervisor.

24 **Stu Trefry- Commission Business Discussion**

25 Stu Trefry said he was here to let us know what the Commission has been up to, Knutsen has
26 been appointed for another 3 years and Kit has been approved as Supervisor. He said he will be
27 contacting Ledbetter for an orientation. Trefry stated that from the agenda it appears that the
28 King CD is on track for BARS and budget reporting. He then updated the Board on
29 Commission issues.

30 AI 12-032 WACD FY-13-15 Biennium Funding Request – B. Reed

31 . Reed presented the King CD FY 13-15 Biennium Funding Request for Category 1 and
32 Category 2 Implementation projects. This request along with similar requests submitted by other
33 Washington State conservation districts will be compiled as part of the WSCC biennium budget
34 request. The Category 1 funding request is capped at \$25,000 and the Category 2 funding
35 request is capped at \$155,917 for each fiscal year in this biennium. Currently and in the past the
36 District has used this funding to support its aquatic area enhancement programs, including the
37 marine shoreline assistance program. Reed requested Board approval tonight so that she can
38 submit the documents to the Commission by the June 1st deadline. Trefry stated this is one of the
39 best completed documents that he has seen so far, and only requested minor edits.

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41 Nelson Moved; McKague Seconded a motion to approve AI 12-032 WACD FY13-15
42 Biennium Funding Request (5 ayes, 0 nays).

43 PRESENTATIONS: None

44 Reed reported that the Commission requests conservation districts submit their Livestock
45 Technical and Livestock Cost-share funding requests using the same FY13-15 Biennium
46 Funding Request forms. Reed reported she will provide this documentation for Board review
47 and approval at the June 18th board meeting, and that the purpose for this discussion was to put
48 the Board on notice.

49 REGULARLY SCHEDULED ITEMS: None

50 Board Supervisor Report

51 Nelson commented that he has been working on Salmon enhancement projects with AFT where
52 he's put together a partnership on a fast track and he noted that the KCD helped put some
53 numbers together for the grant. The effort involves 8 projects and 7 different landowners.
54 Nelson expressed appreciation to Sara, Brandy Josh and Lou for their help in getting this done.

55 Reed commented on the Landowner Incentive funding program. Subsequent to the Carey ruling
56 by the Supreme Court, the District notified 2012 Landowner Incentive Program cost-share
57 awardees that those awards would be held until the dispensation of the 2012 special assessment
58 funding was resolved Reed inquired whether the Board felt the District was in a position to

59 make available to amounts awarded. Reed indicated that it would be ideal to contact these cost-
60 share recipients in June. The amount of the cost-share awards is approximately \$36,000. Nelson
61 offered that we should honor these cost-share awards either now or before June, since we have
62 already released other committed funding associated with the Member Jurisdiction Grant
63 Program. Prinsen commented that LIP funding affects our budget in a different way, and that he
64 preferred we notify the landowners that 2012 cost-share awards won't be contracted before
65 September. McKague indicated she would like to see a report from the staff and budget
66 information to make sure we have all the information and to give direction at the June 18
67 meeting.
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69 UNFINIISHED BUSINESS:

70 Negotiation with the county 2012

71 Hemphill commented that she has been working with County staff the 2012 ILA amendment
72 and has reached a meeting of the minds. Knutsen commented that the Executive has stated that
73 there will be an increase in taxes. Hemphill then noted that she and Jessica Saavedra have had
74 productive meetings with several cities to report on the current funding status and to learn what
75 the cities' needs are. Hemphill reported that education is a big piece, as was storm water,
76 NPDS, tier 3 and tier 4 WRIA projects

77 Resolution 12-005 Annual work plan and 5 Year Strategic Plan-

78 Hemphill reviewed the two documents with the Board seeking Board approval so they can be
79 transmitted to the Commission. There was no discussion beyond Reed's comment that this is
80 based on the original version of 2012 budget the Board approved in October, 2011.

81 **Nelson Moved; Prinsen Seconded a motion to approve Resolution 12-005 Annual work**
82 **plan and 5 Year Strategic Plan (5aves, 0 nays).**

83 Budget Direction

84 Reed commented that the forest commission has done a good job but they have little to no
85 funding they can attached to their recommendations and if the District is interested in supporting
86 forestry we could build this work into our work plan and budget through various existing
87 programs and possibly new program areas

88 Knutsen commented that he is looking to build a budget for the former WRIA money that is
89 meaningful. Knutsen emphasized that as we move into the new system and partnership situation
90 we need to take time and be clear about not only upon what we plan to use the rates and charges
91 funding, but also how, e.g. what granting/funding processes we will use. He directed staff to look
92 to new-to-King CD opportunities such as the forest commission needs which might be a

93 component as funding as forestry is being cut at many levels. Prinsen commented that there are
94 a lot of really good programs that have been adopted but for which there is no longer funding
95 available. He suggested that staff should look into these programs, as they have already been
96 vetted and the groundwork has already been started. Nelson suggested that Reed and Knutsen
97 meet with former supervisor Drew to see as a forester what does he recommend. Hemphill noted
98 that the County is understaffed and is challenged with meeting its obligations for handling
99 forest maintenance and possibly that is something to be researched .

100 Knutson commented that we should continue to work on program such as the Shared Endeavor
101 and Opportunity Fund and key initiatives. Reed refreshed the topic with a briefing on these
102 programs. She noted that the District had previously prioritized working with the Watershed
103 Forums through the development of the Opportunity Fund, Shared Endeavor and Green
104 Shorelines programs to incent them to fund programs and projects that engaged private
105 landowners. Then WRIA 9 indicated it loved the KCD Marine Shoreline Assistance program
106 and were keen to see KCD continue to work on this and similar programs in partnership with the
107 WRIAs. Knutson stated he would like to see work going forward on tier 2 tributaries.

108 Nelson commented we have discussed a lot of opportunities and we need to have a very robust
109 budget that shows what resources we plan to use and how we plan to use them. McKague
110 commented about the PSP there is a lot of opportunity there and we need to identify the most
111 important places to hit first maybe areas that cover multiple issues. Nelson commented that since
112 he has been at AFT and he's been looking at a lot of these grants and opportunities where we
113 can form partnerships with other entities to do some work and have a pot of money where we can
114 do the 1 to 1 match.

115 Hemphill reported that a staff member raised the question at the last staff meeting as to when
116 the Board would be ready to lift the latest 21% budget cut. There was Board consensus that we
117 need to wait until we post the information about the lawsuit and see how things stand with the
118 settlement before we take any action on the 21% budget cut.

119 Knutsen adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

120 William M. Knutsen 7-09-2012

121 Authorized Signature Date

122 **Summary of Motions**

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