

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

REGULAR MEETING& PUBLIC HEARING: RATES AND CHARGES

07.23.12

FINAL

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

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:**

4 **Staff Present:** Sara Hemphill, Ava Souza - Clerk, Brandy Reed, Josh Monaghan, Jessica
5 Saavedra, Lou Beck

6 **Guests Present:** Elizabeth Walker, Mark Musick, Eric Frimodt, John Ghilarduci, Joann Richey,
7 Cheryl Angle, Kathy Minsch, Bill Peloza, Stacey Rush, Jean White, Ken Deering

8 Chair Bill Knutsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

9 Introductions were made and the agenda was reviewed.

10 **Nelson Moved; Prinsen Seconded Passed unanimously a motion to accept the agenda.(5**
11 **ayes, 0 nays)**

12 CONSENT AGENDA:

13 **McKague Moved; Prinsen Seconded Passed unanimously a motion to approve the consent**
14 **agenda. (5ayes, 0 nays)**

15 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

16 REGULARLY SCHEDULED ITEMS:

17 Executive Director Report: Hemphill

18 Hemphill commented that on the 31st of July all proposals will be due. This round of presentation
19 to the county has been the most robust and would not have happened without the suburban cities
20 and King County. As of this afternoon the KCD received the final proposal draft from FCS and
21 the information will be received tonight. I appreciate everyone's flexibility to attend tonight.
22 Eric Frimodt commented that there is a big distinction between an assessment and rates and
23 charges. Frimodt then explained the differences and stated this was not related to the public
24 hearing upcoming on the agenda.

25 PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES SYSTEM 6:15 p.m.

26 John Ghilarduci from FCS group then gave a presentation on the Rates and Charges system. The
27 Bill ESHB267 is what will allow for an alternate to the assessment approach Ghilarduci
28 explained in detail how the system would work. Starting with the general approach and then how

29 the rate calculation per parcel was assigned. Indirect service costs were reviewed as well as
30 allocations to direct benefits. Results of this study were shown in residential, commercial,
31 agricultural, public, undeveloped, open space and forested lands. The presentation closed at 6:38
32 p.m.

33 At 6:38pm Hemphill asked if anyone had questions. Knutsen asked about how the assigned
34 partial shares were split out. Ghilarduci answered how the costs were broken out. No other
35 questions were asked.

36 At 6:40pm public testimony on Rates and Charges was opened by Chair Bill Knutsen.

37 Stacey Rush- Joan McBride the mayor of Kirkland asked me to attend to let you know that
38 Salmon Conservation is a top priority. If the flood district will not support this initiative the city of
39 Kirkland would like the KCD to make these a top priority.

40 Cheryl Angle- I am speaking as a landowner and a citizen I would like the KCD to move forward
41 with the full \$10. I feel it is important to take advantage of these funds as those dollars assist us
42 in our programs.

43 Bill Peloza- Salmon Habitat WRIA 9 would like to support KCD in its goals and mission. We
44 would like to help in any way that we can. We submitted our official support letter today to the
45 KCD. We are focusing on the two guiding principles and have enjoyed KCD funding in the past.

46 Joanna Richey- I am speaking on behalf of the Executive branch we appreciate the KCD and
47 would like to support you and your work going forward. We would like to see an increase in
48 your support to local food systems, 4-H youth and local farmers and collaboration with cities.
49 We do not think this is a time to focus on new programs. We support the submittal of a couple
50 different options and other alternatives such as a high level of work. We appreciate the work you
51 are doing on rates and charges and feel it is a very robust program. We would urge that you
52 submit two different programs of work, one with WRIA grants and one without and feel that
53 would leave you a little room for growth.

54 The Public Hearing on Rates and Charges was then closed at 6:52 pm and a break was called.

55 The Board meeting was reconvened at 7:08 pm

56 Executive Session: Potential Litigation ensued at 7:09 pm and ended at 7:22 pm and the meeting
57 was called back to order.

58 Review and Discuss 2013 Draft Budget / Work Plan & Funding Priorities – Monaghan &
59 Hemphill

60 Monaghan then went over the KCD priorities as well as natural resource priorities and evaluating
61 all the programs in our strategic plan. Monaghan then went over the handouts and the verbiage as

62 well as the ranking system on the priorities listed from the public hearing and stakeholder
63 process, recently held by the KCD Advisory Committee. Monaghan then asked the Board to rank
64 the sheets created by the KCD. The Board then went through their ranking systems while
65 Monaghan created an excel spreadsheet to track the results. Monaghan then reviewed the
66 priorities as a whole. Conversation between the Board and staff ensued about the priorities as
67 Monaghan explained that this will assist staff in its budget preparation. Monaghan then passed
68 out a draft budget based on the prior priorities if we were able to do all the things the KCD had
69 on its wish list. The Board then went over the budget and talked about the programs and WRIA
70 and opportunities in the budget. Bill Pelosa then commented that he feels fish and land go hand
71 in hand, and that they are turning the culture around on the WRIA. Monaghan closed by stating
72 in this whole process we focused on natural resource priorities as we prepare the budget on
73 spending our program dollars.

74 Brandy then asked the Board to help allocate what will be in the budget and at what funding
75 level. A budget was passed out for review. Conversation with the Board and staff ensued on the
76 programs and costs involved. Detailed review of all programs was gone through piece by piece
77 so that staff would have direction from the Board.

78 **Ledbetter Moved; Prinsen Seconded a motion to only provide one budget to the County (5**
79 **aves, 0 nays)**

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81 **Report / Discuss Next Steps for Resolutions / Timeline and Program of Work**

82 Hemphill then spoke about next steps and all deliverables due by this next Wednesday. The
83 Board asked that staff email out all steps as they happen over the next few days. By Friday a
84 final draft should be complete and resolutions will be prepared for a 3rd board meeting on
85 **Monday night the 30th.**

86 **Nelson Moved, Prinsen Seconded to have a special Board Meeting on Monday night to**
87 **discuss next steps and resolutions with a proposed budget on July 30th at the KCD office at**
88 **6:00 p.m. (5 ayes, 0 nays)**

89 Knutsen then adjourned the meeting 10:01p.m.

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91 William M. Knutsen

8-13-2012

92 Authorized Signature

Date

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Summary of Motions

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