

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

February 11, 2013

FINAL

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

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** None

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

6 **Guests Present:** Mark Musick, Deirdre Grace, Victoria Anderson, Hope Gibson, Bill Peloza,
7 Joanna Richey

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

9 Introductions were made and the agenda was reviewed,

10 Nelson asked that Conservation Incentives and 3- D report were placed under New Business,

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16 PUBLIC COMMENT: Bill Peloza thanked the KCD for the opportunity at the Farmers market.
17 Four years ago the KCD was the first seed money received for projects. Peloza commented that
18 they now have another outlet in south King County to sell produce and an increased customer
19 base by 20% last year with KCD grant money for promotional activities. Peloza commented that
20 this 20k will help immensely commented that he appreciated this body for supporting our local
21 farmers.

22 PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

23 PRESENTATIONS:

24 **AI 13-010 Member Jurisdiction Grant Application - City of Kent Green Kent Partnership Year 4**

25 Victoria Andrews gave a presentation on the City of Kent Green Partnership programs, she
26 talked about Eagle Scouts and several volunteer groups such as Earth Corps who committed to
27 planting, grubbing and good stewardship projects. Andrews thanked the KCD for all of its
28 support.

29 **Nelson Moved; Ledbetter Seconded Passed unanimously a motion to approve Application -**
30 **City of Kent Green Kent Partnership Year 4 (5 ayes, 0 nays)**

31 REGULARLY SCHEDULED ITEMS:

32 Finance Report:

33 Huillet gave a report on the balance sheet and funds as well as the profit and loss report as well
34 as the check register and then a review of all the reports in the packet.

35 Huillet then covered the below items in request for a motion from the Board. We had 1.231
36 million and 369 thou

37 **Prinsen Moved; Nelson Seconded Passed unanimously a motion to establish a reserve**
38 **account for the PTO accrual of \$77, 752 with the caveat we re- assess on a quarterly basis (**
39 **5 ayes, 0 nays).**

40 Huillet stated that KCD had \$1.231 million in reserve and that adding \$369K would bring the
41 account to \$1.6 million and 8 months of reserves.

42 **Nelson Moved; Prinsen, Seconded Passed unanimously a motion to approve 8 months of**
43 **operating reserves for a total of \$1.6 million (5 ayes, 0 nays)**

44 Implementation and Education:

45 Reed then covered Victor Woodward and proposals on wetland mitigation banks and CREP
46 buffers in association with land rental payments. The Board then commented they would like to
47 be involved in this meeting. The Board agreed to get all comments to Brandy by March 1, 2013.

48 Nelson commented that he would like see that if we have voluntary stewardship they need to
49 follow NRCS standards. Conservation incentives are important and should the Board have
50 commentary he would be happy to take those comments to the next meeting.

51 **Nelson Moved; Prinsen Seconded Passed unanimously a motion that the KCD write a letter**
52 **to state NRCS conversion expressing concern over lack of participation. (5 ayes, 0 nays)**

53 Reed reported that the PSCD Caucus ILA is still being passed around for signature and that the
54 PSCD is getting a new Executive Director.

55 Monaghan reported on regional projects such as a Dairy planner certification and that the
56 Commission is interested in this pilot certification project. Monaghan handed out a document on
57 the Twilight tour.

58 Monaghan gave an update on permits and reported that Erin as been working on a design for
59 manure bins with engineering. That will cost the district \$600 per review.

60 Monaghan reported on Clams and Cows and gave a brief on the project and buffer practices and
61 marketing and business tools and tourism with the Chamber of Commerce.

62 Monaghan reported that Erin will be going on vacation and will be working on translating fact
63 sheets into Spanish. Also new employee Karen Hills has proven to be very team orientated and
64 working great in team dynamics. Finally he reported on last years planting project and there will
65 be a planting project this year at Rainier Beach

66 Grants

67 Nelson commented that there will be a great big project coming up. Saavedra passed out a list of
68 grants that were awarded last year and will be giving a presentation at the next BOS meeting.

69 Outreach

70 Grace commented on the task force and a RFQ for submission as well as development of an
71 outreach calendar with events to raise our profile and services provided, to maximize what we
72 offer to folks.

73 Mark Musick commented on the plant sale and promotion of the sale as well as Envirothon work
74 with Paul Borne. The Board then talked about schools with education programs.

75 Lou Beck then reported on the alluvial fan issue, he has a meeting scheduled with Larry which is
76 moving forward.

77 Building and Land Site Report

78 Ledbetter recommended putting together a needs assessment report which will cost about \$7000.
79 Ledbetter commented that there might be a few proposals that will be presented and reviewed
80 with staff. Hemphill commented about the City of Kirkland and a possibility of KCD taking over
81 the lake in exchange for a building space. Hemphill commented that this is great way to partner
82 with cities.

83 Board Chair Report

84 Knutsen reported on forestry and the Tulalip tribe and the amount of carbon. Knutsen also
85 commented on Tote Hill and was invited to go to City of Seattle to testify on the South lake
86 Union Development. Knutsen also commented on his meeting with Larry Phillips and that
87 meeting went well.

88 Knutsen called for a break at 7:54 and reconvened at 8:05

89 Executive Director Report

90 Hemphill reported on the task force and facilitator issue and what type of persons will make up
91 the task force.

92 Richey gave a brief on the MOU from King County she discussed all of the points in the MOU.
93 Richey commented that the elected will be the group that will ultimately make the decisions.
94 Conversation then ensued about candidates for the election and the Conservation panel.

95 Knutsen commented that on the list of objectives the CD should have some voice about what is
96 considered the objectives. Knutsen would like more definition on the report and that the bright
97 lines about who does what should be more of a partnership.

98 Ledbetter commented that the work plan defined in the document seems to be quite monumental
99 and he is unsure we would get through it all and the goal seems to be a bit unclear.

100 Nelson mirrored Ledbetter's comments and stated that the goal is not clear. Nelson commented
101 that the document looks like a service agreement and that he agrees also that the objectives do
102 not seem clear. Ledbetter commented that he understands what the KCD's goals are which is that
103 the KCD would like more money to provide a broader range of services and that KCD asked for
104 the money but what is the King Counties goal seems to be unclear

105 Nelson commented that there such a breath of work the KCD could be doing with the dollars and
106 if they had the opportunity to run with these programs for the next year or two and it would
107 show the value to rural King County.

108 McKague commented that there is a unique ability to work with rural landowners on a variety
109 of programs and education opportunities and being a good partner with the landowners on the
110 ground work and building good relationships is important

111 Ledbetter commented that the additional money would help with on the ground work which is
112 what the cities need and it would be great if we could simplify and identify our goals.

113 Richey than reviewed the list of what she heard as the 4 key items from the Board meeting
114 tonight and that she would take back to the Council and Executive. Conversation about the key
115 item ensued.

116 Hemphill then commented on the upcoming WACD days on March 27th and 28th. Knutsen
117 commented that Vogel called him to ask that Hemphill to escort him on legislative days .

118 Hemphill then covered her Executive Director report which included staff presentations and the
119 2012 audit as well as federal parcel execution.

120 Knutsen then commented on the snow valley tilth and water rights. He also mentioned the 3
121 Directors meeting is this month on the 21st and 22nd.

122 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

123 NEW BUSINESS:

124 Election and Building Info

125 Souza gave a report on the status of the election and that Nick Fletcher building broker is
126 interested in meeting with the KCD. Ledbetter expressed interest in this meeting and Souza
127 confirmed she would arrange the meeting.

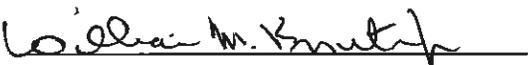
128 Knutsen then commented about the Admin & Budget subcommittee meeting stating that it needs
129 to be more regularly and at a certain time such as Friday at 7 am.

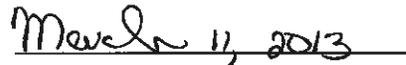
130 Executive Session started at 9: 27p.m. and ended at 10:02 p.m.

131 Knutsen adjourned the meeting at 10:03p.m.

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135 Authorized Signature

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