

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting

September 20,2013

FINAL

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

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** None

4 **Staff Present:** Sara Hemphill, Ava Souza - Clerk, Brandy Reed, Josh Monaghan, Sarah Huillet,
5 Deirdre Grace, Jessica Saavedra by phone

6 **Guests Present:** Eric Frimodt, John Taylor

7 Chair Knutsen called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon

8 Introductions were made and the agenda was reviewed and the Executive Session was cancelled.

9 **McKague Moved; Ledbetter Seconded Passed unanimously a motion to approve the**
10 **agenda (5ayes, 0 nays)**

11 PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: None

12 NEW BUSINESS:

13 Budget:

14 Ledbetter commented that we should leave things as is for 2014 and not make a request. Prinsen
15 commented that the public will see a \$2.64 change on their tax bill and if the rate payers see a
16 change from around \$2.50-\$8.0, that it might create some discord. Prinsen would like to honor
17 the letter we wrote to Suburban cities and not ask for more. Conversation about the refunded
18 monies and when the KCD will refund ensued. McKague commented that what was stated in the
19 letter needs to be honored and any action around the lawsuit needs to be very transparent. Nelson
20 commented that any decision that gets made needs to be run through the Conservation panel.
21 Ledbetter commented that he does agree the timing is right KCD may look underhanded and that
22 he would like to make a motion to stay with the \$5 as agreed. Nelson commented that he
23 believes there is a crack in the window and that we may have the opportunity to capitalize on the
24 momentum going on to continue to foster good working relationships with folks. McKague
25 agreed there is some momentum and the county council is going in the right direction but we
26 need to think about the public and now is not the time, she does feel comfortable going in this
27 direction for 2014. Ledbetter stated he would like put off the refund for another year and would
28 like to modify his motion request.

Knutsen would like to have two motions and called for vote, Knutsen stated he is a man of his word and that we agreed to keep things the same for 2014 and if we received more we would gladly accept it but he would like to honor the letter.

Frimodt commented that the process of refunding has not been discussed with the County yet and the additional year is helpful in the that sense that we have the time to work closely with King county to come up with a process together.

Ledbetter Moved; McKague Seconded Passed unanimously a maintain the \$5 for now (3ayes, 2 nays)

Ledbetter Moved; McKague Seconded Passed a motion to not pay the refund in 2014, (4 ayes 1 nay)

Member Jurisdiction Grants Subcommittee Program to Date

Knutsen commented that Hemphill had a conversation with DiJulio and that some of these notions need to be dispelled. Ledbetter requested that Frimodt create white paper as well as a presentation.

Prinsen commented that there was a discussion from the grant meeting that made him realize maybe we are coming at this the wrong way , maybe we should have an ILA with each city or adopt more defined measures that would be contract with each city. He stated he recognized that it may be a challenge to get 37 cities under contract but it would benefit both parties. Frimodt commented that a defined policy or grant policy committee and more internal polices we have internally the County can tie this to their own polices would be beneficial.

Hemphill commented that due to our process it has caused us to miss the synergy of working with the cities. Ledbetter commented that one of his goals is to simplify the grant process and would like to be part of the committee.

Saavedra gave a recap of the meeting at King County; it was more a meeting to talk about the process and how to improve it and not about money to cities. Saavedra stated she would get a draft of the application ready in the meantime she needs the Board's ok on a more refined criteria to finish the revised grant application. Eric said he has reviewed the application and it looks good.

Ledbetter commented we are not ready to move forward on a grant application change its going to take a few months to work out the details, he stated he is not ready. Knutsen commented that he will need to go to the County Council, McKague stated she understands but this is for us the KCD and internal.

John Taylor commented that the intent was not this document should be the grant application it would be a shorter briefer ore succinct document. He stated that Seattle would love to have an

ILA you would not have a grant program anymore that you would agree that certain things that were agreed on and that would be it.

Ledbetter comment there is a perception that the grant program is onerous, he stated its not but that is the perception.

Hemphill handed out a checklist for prioritizing for the Board. Ledbetter commented he would be ready to talk about this at the next meeting. Saavedra asked was it possible to have feedback before then, Ledbetter stated he is not in a hurry, he stated that we are not ready for this, he feels pressured and he does not like it, he understands it, but it would be better discussed at the next BOS meeting. Prinsen commented that he thinks we need to figure out how an application can get you to the basic criteria and the current document seems confusing. He feels the current document needs to be simplified.

Ledbetter Moved; Nelson Seconded Passed unanimously a motion to look and study the questions criteria list and the interim staff will work to flush out the questions and come back at the next BOS meeting to discuss (5aves, 0 nays)

Ledbetter commented the he appreciated Bill running a very efficient meeting and wants to thank him for that.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

Knusten adjourned the meeting at p.m.1:05

William M. Knusten

11-12-2013

Authorized Signature

Date

Summary of Motions

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