

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

May 29, 2014

FINAL

1 **Supervisors Present:** Max Prinsen, Dick Ryon, Bill Knutsen, Kit Ledbetter

2 **Associate Supervisors Present:**

3 **Staff Present:** Sara Hemphill, Jessica Saavedra, Deirdre Grace, Brandy Reed, Josh Monaghan

4 **Guests Present:** Shawn Bunney, Mark Musick

5 Chair Knutsen called the meeting to order at 5:18 pm

6 Knutsen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Reed requested to discuss
7 the policy development committee assigning another Board member because they would like to
8 meet in June. The item was added under new business.

9 Hemphill wants to discuss FCS contracts and a sponsorship opportunity. Those items were added
10 to agenda.

11 **Prinsen moved, Ledbetter seconded passing unanimously a motion to approve the agenda**
12 **as revised (4ayes, 0 nays).**

13 NEW BUSINESS

14 Reed explained that action items AI-14-031,032,033 related to marine shoreline landowner
15 workshops. Greenbelt Consulting would be a two year contract for this and next year, to provide
16 site visits and technical assistance as needed. Potential marine shoreline projects have funding set
17 aside from WRIA 9 forum for the Shared Endeavor Project related to marine shoreline
18 landowner projects. These contracts make consultants available to assist with this program. The
19 contract stipulates that as expenses incur, capacity to spend up to a limit. Work is in the budget
20 Prinsen moved 031-32-33 accepted moved by **Prinsen moved, seconded by Ryon passing**
21 **unanimously a motion to approve action item numbers 14-031, 14-032, 14-033 regarding**
22 **consultant and technical agreements (4ayes, 0 nays).**

23 Office Space Lease Update provided by Max Prinsen, Oaksdale Property answered a lot of
24 questions, will need to pay for electricity which we don't now, Prinsen reviewed components of
25 new space. Meeting spaces were discussed. When sign letter of intent, need to specify that
26 meeting space needs to be accommodated, including making the large room available as needed,
27 Knutsen not opposed to building a larger conference room. Based on given all items concerned
28 with, should go ahead and proceed with LLI with exception that there is potential to expand to
29 meet our needs. Ledbetter asked what the square footage cost is. \$20.75 responded Prinsen.
30 Initial space is 5,929 square feet. A hiccup is existing lease is up, owner indicated a month to

month at same rate, however they may require us to pay fee at 150% of current lease as in the agreement, however this has not been confirmed by owner.

Prinsen moved, Ryon seconded. passed a motion to approve the signing of a letter of intent with (assigning action item number AI 14-034) the Andover company to sign a lease for the Oaksdale property (1 abstained, 3 ayes)

Best Available Science and Policy Development committee was discussed. Currently Knutsen and MckAgue serve on the committee, need a second board member to serve as MckAgue is no longer on the board. Reed described committee work would be primarily the LIP, maybe grant policy. Need help guiding decisions on policies the program, would like to get started in June. Prinsen said he would participate on the committee.

Next item of business is contract with FCS. Hemphill said it's the same contract with same amount of funding as last year. Biggest change is in staffing at FCS, everything else is the same. Need to get moving on this, it's a month late. The item is in the budget. Prinsen asked for a goal that a standardized formula be provided to District so we don't have to rework it every time, or if Council asks for a different value. Distribution of benefit to different types of property is a formula. Monaghan said that challenge is services proportioned to land types, the adjustment to the formula doesn't take much time. Prinsen asked more questions about what if programs offered changes parcels benefitted. Monaghan said biggest time suck was changing KCD budget not updating the model/formula. FCS created that for KCD and makes it cheaper if the budget changes. Prinsen was satisfied with this approach. **Prinsen moved Ryon seconded passed unanimously a motion to approve Sara Hemphill to sign the FCS group contract proposal. (4ayes, 0 nays)**

Hemphill discussed a new partnership with a Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance Group, Cynthia Crass, they have an auction event at Jubilee Farm looking for sponsors for the auction event. Prinsen asked about the sponsorship levels. Hemphill handed out a document about the Alliance's objectives for the event. Knutsen provided some context related to the property that is to be acquired with funds from the auction event. Prinsen suggested \$500 sponsorship as per the document. **Prinsen moved, Ryon seconded passed unanimously a motion to approve the District to provide a \$500 sponsorship for the Fourth Annual "Taste of the Valley" Dinner and Auction July 26, 2014 event. (4ayes, 0 nays)**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Knutsen discussed the proceedings of the Advisory Committee meeting yesterday. Motion was made to recommend the full budget proposal and work to get feedback from various constituents. Shawn Bunney provided additional details regarding the Advisory Committee meeting. Hemphill and Grace provided additional updates related to the meeting. Reed said that the scoping document will be revised with a more robust treatment of the problem and need and a more

comprehensive treatment of the outcome statements in each section. Knutsen suggested some ways to make the scoping document even stronger.

Hemphill said that a report is due to the County Council in June about the Conservation District Elections as per the Task Force. KCD needs to respond to the State Conservation Commission about their proposed changes regarding District elections by July 7th. Hemphill handed out Pierce CD's response regarding elections and requested a letter from King CD regarding the same issue. Hemphill recommends a similar letter with comments. Knutsen responded that six year supervisor terms seems long, Ledbetter agreed. Hemphill will come up with something for the June Board meeting. Knutsen said that the Pierce letter is basically good for a template and make recommendations relevant to King. Prinsen requested that a recommendation for an alternative to removal of owner operator component of the letter instead of just remove, maybe add a suggestion for the alternative that we want the constituents we work with to be represented on the Board.

Grace provided an update on the KUOW radio spots that will start on Monday for all of June and July, then September and October underwriting the midday program the record, highlighting member jurisdiction projects, with emphasis on South King County and smaller jurisdictions. Touching on issues related to forest, food, water quality. Prinsen suggested publishing the scheduling of the radio spots.

Hemphill discussed the outreach initiative Better Ground brand being utilized by Snohomish, Pierce and now King CDs. The program is headquartered in Snohomish County. Executive Directors determined that CDs could join the initiative, because it works for all CDs. Hemphill handed out a briefing document on the plan to move forward. Hemphill presented the proposal for Districts to enroll in the campaign. Prinsen brought up the fact that not all Districts can afford to enroll in such a program. Knutsen suggested that those that can participate should step up to promote District work. Prinsen suggested raising a certain amount for Districts to participate to be a more inclusive initiative. Hemphill said that this is a topic for the Northwest Area Caucus meeting. Hemphill said that Marti is open to other Districts joining but they are moving forward regardless. Reed explained that we are trying to come up with a system to use this as a brand. The question about who uses the website is to be determined. If we use the website we'd support it financially. This proposal configuration allows us to utilize the brand. Grace stated that it's a powerful brand and we want as many District to buy in because that will make it a stronger brand and a strong voice for conservation districts. Hemphill's recommendation is to write a check for \$10,000 so that the campaign projects the quality of what King Wants. **Prinsen moved, Ryon seconded a motion passed unanimously to contribute \$10,000 to Snohomish Conservation District to participate in the Better Ground campaign in two payments, \$5,000 this year and \$5,000 in next year's budget.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

105 William M. Vontz 07-14-2014

106 Authorized Signature Date

107 **Summary of Motions**

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