

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2016

1 **Supervisors Present:** Dick Ryon – Chair, Bill Knutsen – Vice Chair, Max Prinsen – Auditor, Jim
2 Haack, Jason Salvo

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:**

4 **Guests Present:** Shawn Bunney, Joe Miles, Walter Bonomi, Monty Edwards

5 **Staff Present:** Ava Souza – Clerk, Brandy Reed, Josh Monaghan, Deirdre Grace, Jay Mirro,
6 Debbie Meisinger, Rachel Konrady, Shanna Hobbs

7 **NRCS Staff Present:** Clare Flanagan

8 Chairman Ryon called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Introductions were made and the agenda
9 was amended to add an executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

10 **Knutsen moved; Salvo seconded passed unanimously a motion to approve the amended**
11 **agenda (5 ayes, 0 nays)**

12 Ryon read through the consent agenda action items and numbers.

13 **Knutsen moved; Haack seconded passed unanimously a motion to approve the consent**
14 **agenda (5 ayes, 0 nays)**

15 **Public Comment:**

16 Bonomi-Walter Bonomi

17 Knutsen introduced Walter Bonomi, stating that Bonomi entered into an agreement with King
18 County with a farmland preservation easement on his property, which included the construction
19 of a bridge to restore the creek. Knutsen then explained that Bonomi, NRCS staff, and KCD staff
20 have been working for several years, with funding help from NRCS, WSCC, and the National
21 Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), and that KCD began to design bridges across the creek,
22 but the contractor determined the layout would not work.

23 Bonomi then described how the bridge still needs a design, and there is a shortfall of \$110,000.
24 Monty Edwards then spoke, stating he has been working with Bonomi, and obtained three bids,
25 but due to the parameters of the design the bids were over \$500,000. Mirro then described an
26 alternative of installing a pier and split bridge over the creek. Prinsen asked the cost for this, and
27 Flanagan replied that it would cost \$320,000 and the design was outsourced to another company.
28 Reed stated she is working with NFWF to recover the cost because there is a grant for \$30,000,
29 but it will not be given until construction takes place, and she is working to get an amendment.
30 Flanagan then described how she has been able to get a waiver for the project every year since

2012 because of its complexity, and the next time it comes up in an audit it will be out of compliance. There was then a discussion on who the shortfall will go to. Reed stated it is a tight timeline because the Commission funding will evaporate on 6/30/2017, which means construction must begin this summer. Flanagan stated that the contract will be reexamined within the next couple weeks. Salvo then asked what would happen if the project started over. Reed replied that all the money will disappear on 6/30/2017, and if the project cannot be done, the money will go to another conservation district. Flanagan commented that Bonomi can reapply, but it will be ranked low. Reed stated that to support the redesign would cost \$110,000, but it does not make sense for Bonomi to stay in queue if there is not funding.

Knutsen then moved to have a motion to approve \$110,000 to be allocated from the restricted operating fund of 1.4 million dollars over a two year time span to cover the Bonomi project and also garner grants to cover the engineering projects related to Bonomi to offset the \$110,000. There was then further discussion on the budget, timeline, and project schedule. Reed stated that if the Board agreed to do a special session and the landowners can put forward a tangible schedule for managing the project from start to finish, she could work the schedule with critical points and budget junctures, and determine how it will impact the 5 year plan. Knutsen withdrew the motion, and requested to have a special session scheduled to continue the discussion.

Unfinished Business:

Update Potential Investments Hammond Settlement Fund – Reed, Monaghan, Bunney

Bunney then spoke on the settlement of a class action lawsuit in 2012 in which King and Pierce Conservation Districts were directed to set aside the sum of 2.4 million dollars to divide proportionally. Bunney stated he has worked with staff to put together a framework for an alternative pathway for KCD to return the 1.4 million dollars. Monaghan, Reed, and Bunney then discussed different options for funding in the areas of agricultural drainage, Farm, Fish, Flood, and forest health management, such as Firewise. Bunney stated this is also a good touchstone for talking to legislatures.

Break

At 6:50pm Chairman Ryon called for a break. The meeting reconvened at 7:10pm.

New Business:

AI 16-015 LIP APP: Presthaya Boussemha: Aquatic Area Enhancement – Konrady/Meisinger

AI 16-016 LIP APP: Presthaya Boussemha: Buffer Fencing – Konrady/Meisinger

Konrady introduced Debbie Meisinger and then spoke on two specific applications, explaining how there are not clear guidelines for landowners who have inherited mitigation requirements. Konrady stated that the reason for the discussion is because the property was leaned in code violation, but she is asking for an exception because this particular landowner is well along in the process for a buffer and aquatic area enhancement, and is in the planned projects for the year.

67 **Knutsen moved; Salvo seconded passed unanimously a motion to approve AI 16-015 LIP**
68 **APP: Presthaya Boussemha: Aquatic Area Enhancement (5 ayes, 0 nays)**

69 **Knutsen moved; Salvo seconded passed unanimously a motion to approve AI 16-016 LIP**
70 **APP: Presthaya Boussemha: Buffer (5 ayes, 0 nays)**

71 **Presentations:**

72 501 Commons, Bruce Lachney 6:50-7:20

73 Bruce Lachney then gave a presentation on hiring an executive director.

74 **Executive Session:**

75 Real Estate Transaction: Reed, Bunney

76 Ryon called for Executive Session at 7:39pm for 25 minutes. The executive session closed at
77 8:03pm after discussing a property issue. No decisions or announcements were made.

78 Personnel Matter

79 At 8:03pm Ryon called for Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. The executive session
80 closed at 8:16pm. No decisions or announcements were made.

81 **Unfinished Business:**

82 Annual Work Plan Draft AI 16-017 – Grace

83 Grace then spoke on the Annual Work Plan, stating that staff put in new content before bringing it
84 to the Board and Advisory Committee, and they are hoping to get input, and want to explain any
85 discrepancies in the budget to actual. There was then a discussion on the budgets of different
86 program groups, and Reed asked if any of the Board could come to the Advisory Committee
87 meeting on Wednesday 3/16, and Prinsen agreed to attend.

88 There was then a discussion on the annual meeting date, with the possibility of hosting it in
89 February 2017.

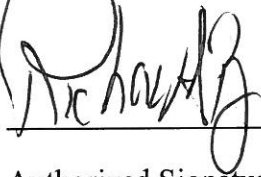
90 **Finance:**

91 AI 16-014 A motion to approve check numbers 18127 through 18241 for a total of \$344,327.48
92 non-payroll EFT's totaling \$32,876.65 and February 2016 payroll for \$160,910.16 – Souza

93 The Board reviewed the finance portion of the packet. No questions were asked.

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There being no more business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.



Authorized Signature

4/11/2016

Date

Summary of Motions

Knutsen moved; Salvo seconded passed unanimously a motion to approve the amended agenda (5 ayes, 0 nays)

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