

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

September 10th, 2018

1 **Supervisors Present:** Dick Ryon – Chair, Burr Mosby – Vice Chair (via phone), Bill Knutsen –
2 Auditor, Jim Haack

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** Nancy Tosta (via phone)

4 **Guests Present:** Alison Halpern, Eric Frimodt

5 **Staff Present:** Bea Covington, Brandy Reed, Josh Monaghan, Emily Carlson

6 **Preliminary Matters:**

7 Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm by Dick Ryon. All attendees introduced themselves.

8 **Knutsen moved; Haack seconded passed unanimously a motion to approve the agenda (4**
9 **eyes, 0 nays)**

10 **Consent Agenda:**

11 a) Board Minutes: 08.13.18

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13 b) KCD LIP Applications:

14 1) AI 18-064: LIP App Booth Garden Apartments: Aquatic Area Enhancement

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16 c) Member Jurisdiction Grant Applications: None.

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18 **Haack moved, Mosby seconded passed unanimously a motion to approve the consent agenda**
19 **(4 eyes, 0 nays)**

20 **Public Comment:** Opened at 5:10. Closed at 5:12pm

21 **Pulled Consent Agenda Items:** None.

22 **Finance:**

23 1) AI 18-065: A motion to approve check numbers 20909 through 21019 for a total of
24 \$434,624.27; Non-payroll EFT's totaling \$654.66; Bank Fees of \$33.00; and August 2018
25 payroll for \$216,229.98 – Covington

26 Covington distributed the check register to those assembled on behalf of Souza. All checks have
27 been signed by the Board Chair and the Treasurer.

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32 Update – KCD New Office Relocation Budget

33 Covington provided an update on the move project. KCD has a few items still outstanding for
34 purchase but the move budget is anticipated to absorb these costs. Expenses are on track and the
35 budget should be met but not exceeded.

36 The Board commended Souza and her Operations team for their hard work on the move project.
37 A question was raised about the move out process. The walk through was performed with the land
38 lords and KCD is completely out of the Grady location.

39 2019 Budget Development Planning Schedule

40 Covington provided an update to the Board on the 2019 operating budget development. The
41 planning process is going well and budget development is on track for a timely presentation to the
42 Board.

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44 **Unfinished Business:**

45 Bonami Status Update – Reed

46 Reed provided an update on the pilot Bonami Bridge project. KCD is in the process of determining
47 what portion of the awards to the project can be released to the managers of the estate. The funding
48 from NRCS has already been accessed by the landowner.

49 The project is anticipated to close at the end of the year. The total project cost (across all funding
50 sources and all phases of the project) is anticipated to be over \$600,000 but that cost includes non-
51 reimbursable expenses that are not eligible for KCD funding. KCD will be reviewing the submitted
52 receipts to determine eligibility for each item.

53 AI 18-066: A Motion to Close Out Burien Greenhouse Project - Tosta

54 Tosta provided an update on the Burien Greenhouse Project. KCD had supported a partnership
55 with the City of Burien to secure a \$100,000 grant from the Conservation Futures program to
56 explore options to keep the space in agriculture or as a greenhouse. The funds were encumbered,
57 contingent on securing a match. To date no action has been taken on the project, no funds have
58 been expended and no matching funds have been secured. In the interim, the space has been leased
59 and is currently being occupied by a commercial greenhouse operation.

60 The land is still under agricultural use, which was the goal of the project. It is recommended that
61 KCD support the return of the funds to the Conservation Futures program and the close out of the
62 project. KCD should have no further attachments to the property when this is concluded.

63 Covington will follow up with the City Manager of Burien to support the close out of the grant.

64 The Board took no action regarding AI 18-066.

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66 **New Business:**

67 ADAP Project Update - Stockton

68 Monaghan provided an update on the 2019 ADAP projects. Stockton is currently in the field
69 performing this work. There are two more projects scheduled for this season and then project
70 implementation season will be complete.

71 The King County Flood Control District has historically funded this work with KCD through
72 their competitive grant program. The Flood Control District has funded KCD's 2020 project
73 implementation but provided half of the funding requested. The Flood Control District expressed
74 interest in working with KCD to secure a more secure method of funding.

75 Orca Response/PSCD Update - Reed

76 Reed provided an update on the PSCD Caucus and the response to the orca crisis which has gained
77 media attention. The Caucus submitted five near-term action items for the 2019 action agenda and
78 all have been accepted by Puget Sound Partnership.

79 KCD staff has continued to engage with the public around Orca recovery. KCD will have an Orca
80 Recovery action each week via KCD's social media posts; this will show the connection between
81 KCD's work and Orca recovery.

82 The PSCD Caucus is currently writing a letter to decision makers about what actions should be
83 taken to assist with orca recovery. The letter will invite further conversation about current and
84 future work.

85 Orca Day will be an event where all 12 Puget Sound Conservation Districts will be implementing
86 volunteerism-based events to improve water quality and provide some media friendly
87 opportunities. PSCD Caucus is also looking for ways to incorporate orca recovery information on
88 the website.

89 WSCC Update – Alison Halpern, Puget Sound Regional Manager

90 Halpern introduced herself as the regional manager for the WSCC in the Puget Sound area; she is
91 replacing Shanna Joy, who is now the South Central Area Regional Manager.

92 Wanting to add her comments on the Orca discussion, she informed the Board that the WSCC also
93 has Orca-focused outreach that highlights the impacts of toxins, habitat, and declining salmon
94 populations. The WSCC goal is to illustrate how CDs provide Orca-friendly environmental
95 recovery. Pierce CD will take lead on Orca Day and highlight a bulkhead removal.

96 A question was raised about marine mammal predation. The Orca Task force has a prey task force
97 that analyzes this issue. Hatchery fish, wild fish, and other factors all impact orca recovery. The
98 point was made that there is no “silver bullet” for this issue, but action is imperative.

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100 Better Ground Update - Grace

101 The Better Ground campaign will be conducted throughout the Puget Sound. The PSCD caucus
102 will help spread some of this branding across the Puget sound area and large events are planned
103 for February.

104 Regional Food System Sub-Committee Recommendations – Covington

105 The working group for RFSGP has met and reviewed the 28 proposals submitted. The review
106 process is ongoing and all of the items are being reviewed and moving forward. Grants will be
107 shared at the Advisory Committee next week. These will all be presented to the Board for final
108 approval after staff have reviewed the recommended proposals for completeness and compliance
109 with the components of the program (e.g. letters of commitment, memorandum of understanding
110 between partners and landowners etc.).

111 Policy Committee – Covington/Reed/Monaghan

112 Monaghan provided an update on this item. KCD has not had a policy sub-committee meeting for
113 several months. However, this committee can be useful for providing feedback on proposed policy
114 changes made by staff and board members.

115 A question was raised of who should sit on the policy committee. This committee is normally
116 comprised of Board members and staff. The solution was suggested that the committee could take
117 the form of a policy task force with rotating members whose expertise pertains to the topic at hand.
118 The chair requested a formal proposal for the sub-committee.

119 Alison Halpern requested to make a comment on the WSCC update. The board accepted this
120 proposal.

121 WSCC Update – Halpern

122 Halpern provided an update on Commission activities. The commission submitted its eight budget
123 decision packages. The request is for over \$48 million dollars from the legislature and governor’s
124 office. The commission needs help demonstrating need and the backlog of projects and has
125 requested CDs to provide examples where necessary.

126 There will be a webinar on elections on October 10th from 10am to 12pm; this will include
127 refreshers on announcing of appointments, posting dates on multiple pages of websites, and issue
128 advisories. For example: how does the WA voters act apply to CD elections? The commission's
129 webpage on elections are being revamped.

130 **Knutsen moved; Haack seconded, passed unanimously a motion hold the executive session**
131 **at 6:10pm (4 ayes, 0 nays).**

132 **Executive Session related to actual litigation 6:10 – 6:30 pm**

133 The people in the executive session were: Dick Ryon, Burr Mosby (via phone), Bill Knutsen, Jim
134 Haack, Bea Covington, Eric Frimodt, and Brandy Reed.

135 The executive session was extended for 10 minutes until 6:40pm.

136 The executive session was extended for 15 minutes until 6:55 pm.

137 The executive session was extended for 5 minutes until 7:00pm

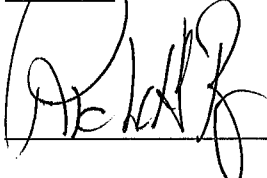
138 The executive session was extended for 5 minutes until 7:05pm

139 The executive session concluded with no action taken and no announcement made. The board
140 meeting was called into regular session at 7:05pm by Chair Dick Ryon.

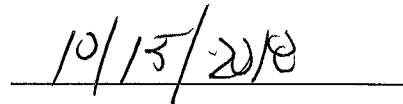
141 **Haack moved; Knutsen seconded unanimously passed a motion to adjourn the meeting at**
142 **7:15 pm**

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145 Authorized Signature



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Summary of Motions

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