

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting

Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2019

12:00 PM – 12:45 PM

1 **Supervisors Present:** Dick Ryon-Chair, Jim Haack-Supervisor (Via Zoom), Kirstin Haugen-  
2 Supervisor (Via Zoom)

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** None.

4 **Guests Present:** None.

5 **Staff Present:** Bea Covington, Travis Codde Milligan, Josh Monaghan, Brandy Reed (via Zoom),  
6 Liz Stockton, Carrie King

7 **Preliminary Matters:**

8 Chairman Dick Ryon called meeting to order at 12:02 PM. All attendees introduced themselves.  
9 Ryon asked for additions or corrections to the current agenda.

10 **Ryon moved; Haugen seconded passed a motion to approve the agenda (3 ayes, 0 nays)**

11 **Consent Agenda:** None.

12 **Public Comments:** None.

13 **New Business:**

- 14 1) ADAP Projects for Review and Approval – Stockton  
15 a) AI 19-053: Snoqualmie Springs Farm Drainage Maintenance  
16 b) AI 19-054: Erickson- Brown- Salvo-Thai  
17 2) AI 19-055: Shore Friendly Grant Award – Reed

18 AI 19-053: Snoqualmie Springs Farm Drainage Maintenance

19 Stockton explained that the work plan for Snoqualmie Springs Farm Drainage Maintenance will  
20 help one landowner bring back 20 acres of prime farmland for two resident farmers that produce  
21 corn silage and hops. The total ditch maintenance is 1,350 linear feet. Phase 1 was completed in  
22 2017. Completing this project this summer will allow the farmers to plant during the fall. The  
23 lowest bid was for \$54,500 from Southworth & Sons. We have worked with Southworth & Sons  
24 previously and they have done a good job. It is important to include that \$24,500 of grant funding  
25 through Ducks Unlimited needs to be used soon. KCD cost-share will be brought to \$30,000.

26 Ryon asked if there are any questions. No questions.

27 **Haack moved; Haugen passed unanimously to approve AI 19-053: a motion to approve and**  
28 **sign contract with the lowest responsible bidder (3 ayes, 0 nays)**

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30 AI 19-054 Erickson- Brown- Salvo-Thai

31 Stockton states that KCD is working with 3 land owners to bring back 37 acres of farmland in  
32 Snoqualmie Valley. The 3 farmers produce vegetables, forage and flower crops. Ditch  
33 maintenance will total 2,100 linear feet. Actively working with multiple partners including the  
34 Tulalip tribe to relocate beavers, 4 have been relocated so far. Dredging the agricultural ditch will  
35 be Phase 1. The next phase for 2020 will replace a crossing flooded from beaver activity. NRCS  
36 will help fund the new farm crossing and the WDFW will aid in long-term monitoring of fish  
37 presence. There is a short window of time to complete dredging. Planning and permits are in place.  
38 This project will reunite a non-English speaking farmer with 17 acres of farmland that has been  
39 inaccessible for multiple years.

40 Ryon stated Thai was not sure of his legal rights regarding beaver removal until collaboration with  
41 KCD and is very much in favor of moving forward with this project.

42 Stockton proceeds, the lowest bid was submitted by Southworth & Sons for \$45,470. 1 farmer will  
43 be applying for \$7,420 of LIP funding to cover the cost of one culvert replacement. KCD's total  
44 cost share will be \$38,050.

45 Haack congratulates Stockton on the work she is doing. Haugen concurs.

46 **Haack moved; Haugen seconded passed unanimously to approve AI 19-054: a motion to**  
47 **approve and sign a contract with the lowest responsible bidder (3 ayes, 0 nays)**

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49 AI 19-055: Shore Friendly Grant Award

50 Reed presented details associated with the Shore Friendly King County (SFKC) grant award – a  
51 grant awarded to the District through the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife ESRP. The  
52 District previously submitted a proposal to the Shore Friendly Grant Program in 2014 which was  
53 not awarded. The current proposal has been awarded \$150,000 for 2 years beginning State Fiscal  
54 Year 2020. The grant will support an interagency collaboration focused on identifying and  
55 prioritizing King County marine shoreline parcels with bulkhead and working with the landowners  
56 of the prioritized parcels to plan and implement bulkhead removal projects. This grant is aligned  
57 with District strategic priorities and program scopes of work that are supported with District rates  
58 and charges collections and WSCC Master Grant Program funding.

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60 The SFKC grant provides supplemental funding to work with landowners on planning and  
61 implementing marine shoreline restoration projects. Grant funds will be used to support District  
62 staff performing this work as well as interagency partners, including King County DNRP WLRD,  
63 the WRIA 9 Ecosystem Forum and Mid Puget Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group. Grant funds  
64 will also be used to support interagency collaboration on identifying and prioritizing parcels and  
65 developing and launching the Shore Friendly Ambassadors program. There is no legal obligation  
66 to approve the SFKC grant.

67 The SFKC grant will provide that complements the District's marine shoreline program which has  
68 been in place since 1997. The Districts program has provided technical assistance to marine  
69 shoreline landowners since 1997 and education services since 2006. Since inception of the  
70 education program, the District has served over 575 land owners, where approximately 450 have  
71 requested technical assistance and approximately 30% of these have received technical assistance.  
72 The portion of the technical assistance pipeline that helps landowners plan project for permitting  
73 and implementation will be augmented by the SFKC grant.

74 Reed briefed the Board on grant related budget line items, timeline and deliverables. Deliverables  
75 will be funded with a combination of grant funding and match from the interagency partners.  
76 Match sources include funding from all partners who are leveraging existing marine shoreline  
77 landowners assistance programs.

78 Ryon asked if there are similar contracts in progress.

79 Reed stated there are similarities with a portion of work the District does with partners, but this is  
80 different because funding will be available to inter-agency partnership as well.

81 Ryon asked if landowners who do not want to participate will be respected.

82 Reed confirmed that the KCD model of working with willing landowners will continue.  
83 Landowners who wish to not participate will be respected. Reed continued with examples of how  
84 different land types come with different risks as well as different solutions. It is important for  
85 landowners in the low to moderate categories for risk explore options for their properties. Although  
86 high risk parcels are not being considered at this time, technical support through KCD will still be  
87 available.

88 Haack asked what happens to the funding after the 2-year period.

89 Reed stated a grant extension is possible.

90 Haugen thanked Reed for her response and explanation. Haugen stated that she appreciates that  
91 Reed pointed out the importance of KCD maintaining current rate. This project would be great to  
92 highlight when going before Council for rate renewal.

93 Covington added that Doug Osterman has been reaching out to WIRA 9 Forum members to garner  
94 support for the KCD rate renewal and is highlighting this collaboration as an example of the types  
95 of partnerships that KCD facilitates

96 Haugen moved; Haack seconded; passed unanimously a motion to approve AI 19-055: a  
97 motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign agreement with the Washington  
98 Recreation and Conservation Office for the Shore Friendly King County Grant (3 ayes, 0  
99 nays)

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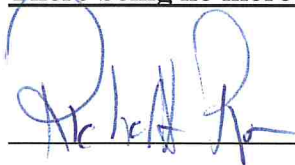
101 Unfinished Business: None.

102 Haack moved; Haugen seconded passed a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 PM (3  
103 ayes, 0 nays)

104 There being no more business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

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107 Authorized Signature

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#### Summary of Motions

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