

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes

9/28/2020

1 **Supervisors Present:** Burr Mosby –Chair; Kirstin Haugen – Vice Chair; Bill Knusten – Auditor;
2 Jim Haack – Supervisor; Chris Porter - Supervisor

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** None

4 **Guests Present:** Rebecca Lavigne – KCD Interim Executive Director; Jean Fike – SCC; Alan
5 Chapman – Whatcom CD; Eric Frimodt – Inslee Best

6 **Staff Present:** Ava Souza, Josh Monaghan, Brandy Reed, Deirdre Grace, Lindsey Davidson, Liz
7 Clark, Alex Martinsons, Carrie King, Ellen Arnstein, Kedija Awole, Mark Dostal, Nikki Wolf,
8 Megan Melick, Jessica Saavedra

9 **Preliminary Matters:**

10 Chairman Mosby called meeting to order at 4:29 pm. All attendees introduced themselves. Mosby
11 asked for additions or corrections to the current agenda.

12 Mosby gave a formal apology for his comments from the last meeting.

13 Haugen requested Executive session be moved to 5:30pm when KCD legal can join the
14 teleconference.

15 **Porter moved; Haugen seconded passed unanimously a motion to approve the agenda (5**
16 **aves, 0 nays)**

17 **Public Comment:** None

18 **New Business:**

19 b) Update – 2020 Regional Food System Competitive Grant Process

20 Monaghan detailed the 2020 competitive grant process for the Regional Food System Program and
21 reviewed the Farmland Access Initiative that was passed by the Board at the last meeting. The
22 Board asked Monaghan questions about the grant process including equity and the application and
23 reporting process. The Board decided to make a motion at the next meeting.

24 c) AI 20-067 WACD Area Meeting Resolution – Diversity and Equity

25 The Board explained the resolution is about inclusion, diversity, and equity in conservation work.
26 Commitments outlined in the resolution include servicing underrepresented communities, board
27 trainings around diversity, and having a dedicated equity officer at the Commission to addresses
28 issues as they arise.

29 **Haugen moved; Porter seconded passed unanimously AI 20-067 a motion to sponsor the**
30 **Diversity and Equity Resolution at the upcoming Area meeting. (5 ayes, 0 nays).**

31 **Unfinished Business:**

32 a) ILA – Board

33 Lavigne provided an update of the things she’s learned so far since she’s been onboard, and the
34 actions needed to best support the work moving forward. Senior Leadership team members
35 Monaghan, Reed, and Grace reported on their respective programs and summarized most programs
36 are partially on track due to the challenges met during the COVID-19 pandemic and being
37 shortstaffed.

38 The Board asked Senior Leadership questions about their updates.

39 **New Business:**

40 a) Executive Session – Review the performance of a public employee and related matters.

41 Mosby indicated that the Board would be moving into an Executive Session for the purpose of
42 reviewing the performance of a public employee and legal mitigation issues. Mosby stated the
43 session would last approximately 30 minutes, unless extended. The Board moved into an executive
44 session at 5:35 pm using a separate teleconference line.

45 The Board requested an additional 10 minutes be added to the Executive Session at 6:10 pm. The
46 Board requested an additional 10 minutes be added to the Executive Session at 6:20 pm. No
47 decisions, actions, or motions were made following the session. The regular board meeting was
48 reconvened by Mosby at 6:34 pm.

49 **Unfinished Business:**

50 b) Election Update

51 Souza and Haugen reported they are slated to meet with Democracy Live this week and will have
52 a follow up meeting with King County Elections. Porter shared his takeaway from the last
53 Commission meeting he attended that there is a lot of pressure for election reforms and the
54 Commission is looking for a meaningful change for all districts.

55 c) AI 20-068: Education Contract - Marinn Carpenter

56 Grace explained the education contracts give KCD short-term capacity to meet education program
57 deliverables.

58 The Board asked questions regarding the contracts including rates, tasks, and the probability of
59 keeping them short-term.

60 Wolf explained Marinn Carpenter has been a contractor with KCD for about a year would be
61 assisting in coordinating one farm tour, one shorelines seminar, and an education workshop series.

62 **Porter moved; Haugen seconded passed unanimously AI 20-068 a motion to approve a**
63 **temporary contract with Marinn Carpenter to support Education, Engagement, and**
64 **Volunteer programs in Fall 2020 (5 ayes, 0 nays).**

65 d) AI 20-069: Education Contract – Liz Fredrickson

66 Wolf explained Liz Fredrickson was the former Shorelines IP and would be supporting the
67 volunteer and shorelines programs, as well as build SOPs for volunteer event and onboard the new
68 IP.

69 **Porter moved; Haugen seconded passed unanimously AI 20-068 a motion to approve a**
70 **temporary contract with Elizabeth Fredrickson to support Shorelines program in Fall 2020**
71 **(5 ayes, 0 nays).**

72 e) AI 20-070: Education Contract – Natalie Quist

73 Wolf explained Natalie Quist was the former Outreach IP and would be supporting the Community
74 Ag and Engagement programs, onboarding the new IP, and support farm tours and workshop
75 series.

76 **Porter moved; Haugen seconded passed unanimously AI 20-068 a motion to approve a**
77 **temporary contract with Natalie Quist to support the Engagement program in Fall 2020 (5**
78 **ayes, 0 nays).**

79 f) Advisory Committee Meeting Update


80 Grace confirmed the first Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for October 14th and will be
81 building the agenda with Mosby and Haugen.

82 There was no more business before the Board.

83 **Knutsen moved; Haugen seconded passed unanimously a motion to adjourn the meeting at**
84 **6:53pm .**

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