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

Associate Supervisors Present: None

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

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

Preliminary Matters:

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

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

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

Porter moved; Haugen seconded passed unanimously a motion to approve the agenda (5 ayes, 0 nays)

Public Comment: None

New Business:

b) Update – 2020 Regional Food System Competitive Grant Process

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

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

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

"Promoting sustainable uses of natural resources through responsible stewardship"
Haugen moved; Porter seconded passed unanimously AI 20-067 a motion to sponsor the 
Diversity and Equity Resolution at the upcoming Area meeting. (5 ayes, 0 nays).

Unfinished Business:

a) ILA – Board

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

The Board asked Senior Leadership questions about their updates.

New Business:

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

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

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

Unfinished Business:

b) Election Update

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

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

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

The Board asked questions regarding the contracts including rates, tasks, and the probability of 
keeping them short-term.
Wolf explained Marinn Carpenter has been a contractor with KCD for about a year would be assisting in coordinating one farm tour, one shorelines seminar, and an education workshop series.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**f) Advisory Committee Meeting Update**

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

There was no more business before the Board.

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

"Authorized Signature"

Date 10-13-2020

**Summary of Motions**
Porter moved; Haugen seconded passed unanimously a motion to approve the agenda (5 ayes, 0 nays).

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

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

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

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

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