

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2000

1 **Supervisors Present:** Bill Niccolls, Chair; Scott Wallace, Vice-chair; Lynn Sullivan, secretary /
2 Treasurer, Max Prinsen, member, Nancy Hansen, member.

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** Patricia O’Hanley, Bruce Harpham

4 **Guests Present:** Jim Freed, WSU Cooperative Extension

5 **Staff Present:** Geoff Reed, Brandy Reed, Marla Hamilton Lucas

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7 The meeting was called to order at 6:00 – Bill Niccolls, Chair, presided.

8 The meeting agenda was reviewed and several items were added under new business.

9 Minutes from the February 16, 2000 board meeting were reviewed and no changes were
10 proposed.

11 **W (Wallace) S (Sullivan) P a motion to approve the February 16, 2000 minutes as read.**

12 Marla Hamilton Lucas presented treasurer’s report. The board members reviewed expenses for
13 the month of February in the amount of \$ 40,720.18. She also presented financial statements, a
14 cash flow projection thru June and a State Audit update. It is anticipated that the state auditor
15 will be completed with the report by the next board meeting. Additionally, there was discussion
16 regarding ownership of the interest income on the district’s investment pool account.

17 **W (Wallace) H (Hansen) P a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report.**

18 Jim Freed of WSU Cooperative Extension gave a presentation to the board regarding marketing
19 of secondary forest products such as salal, mushrooms and medicinals. This activity is seen as
20 something farmers can do to get income from land that they may not be able to use otherwise due
21 to buffer regulations. He said he could be a resource to people who might want to use these
22 techniques on their land as a demonstration project.

23 Geoff Reed presented the results of the supervisor election held on March 7, 2000. Bill Niccolls
24 was re-elected to the board.

25 Geoff Reed lead a discussion regarding the approach the district should take regarding getting
26 funding for year 2001 and beyond. The options are: reapply for the \$5 assessment; apply for a
27 different amount of assessment, no assessment, other funding from the county (SWM fee is a
28 possibility, although there is a chance of repeal). Bruce Harpham brought up the issue of “is a
29 new \$5 assessment a continuation of the old assessment or is it a new tax that would have to be
30 voted upon due to I-695”. The district needs to approach the county to apply for the assessment
31 as a first step in the process. Nancy Hansen said she would try to see if there was KC staff that
32 could help us with the assessment process, which must be completed by September. It was
33 proposed that the board members try to set up meetings with the various council members to tell

34 them about what the District does and enlist their help. Max Prinzen and Geoff Reed volunteered
35 to talk to Kent Pullen. Nancy Hansen offered to talk to Larry (?) Louise Miller, Maggi Fiminia
36 and Greg Nickels. Scott Wallace and Marla Hamilton Lucas will talk with David Irons.

37 Brandy Reed presented the non-competitive grant applications from Clyde Hill and two from
38 King County. She also presented the Watershed Forum agreements. These agreements will
39 enable the distribution of \$2.1 million of assessment funds to the Forums.

40 **H (Hansen) W (Wallace) P a motion to approve Clyde Hills grant application and to**
41 **authorize Board Chair Bill Niccolls to sign the agreement when it is finalized.**

42 **S (Sullivan) W (Wallace) P (Nancy Hansen abstained) a motion to authorize Board Chair**
43 **Bill Niccolls to sign the Watershed Forum agreement when they are final.**

44 **W (Wallace) S (Sullivan) P (Nancy Hansen abstained) motions to approve King County's**
45 **98 Livestock grant application and King County's 99 Livestock grant application.**

46 **P (Prinzen) W (Wallace) P (Nancy Hansen abstained) a motion to authorize Board Chair**
47 **Bill Niccolls to sign the King County agreements when they are finalized.**

48 Scott Wallace and Max Prinzen led a discussion of the status of the District Manager position.
49 Based upon their discussions with the staff that are currently performing the duties of the district
50 manager and the positive results of this arrangement so far, it was decided that for the time
51 being, there would not be a search for a new manager at this time. Raising the premium pay for
52 the two co-coordinators was discussed, and it was proposed that the coordinators write up a list
53 of the duties that they are performing now that were a part of the district manager job. Discussion
54 ensued re the hiring of additional help to perform some of Geoff and Brandy's technical duties.
55 There was also a discussion of hiring public relations help for the district, especially as the
56 assessment issue arises.

57 *Action Item: Geoff Reed and Brandy Reed are to list the district manager duties they are*
58 *currently performing.*

59 *Action Item: Estimate a budget for the public relations work that would be outsourced.*

60 Other business was discussed. Brandy Reed asked if the Board wanted to draft a response to the
61 Tri-County Framework for Salmon Recovery. It was decided that individual board members
62 would respond to the Framework as they wished.

63 The NRSC/KCD Cooperative agreement for office rent was discussed. Brandy Reed said that Joe
64 Henry wanted the District to pay \$ 15,000 annually for the current office space. Brandy stated
65 that the money was in the current budget.

66 **W (Wallace) P (Prinzen) P a motion for Chairman Bill Niccolls to sign the agreement to**
67 **pay NRCS \$ 15,000 as the District's share of the office rent.**

68 Brandy Reed brought up the District's reporting requirements to King County. The District has
69 submitted the Annual Plan of Work, and is in the process of finalizing the Annual Report of

70 Accomplishments for 1999. It was suggested that Bill Niccolls write a cover letter for the report
71 when it is submitted.

72 Lynn Sullivan described salmon Friendly Landscape Charette.

73 Having a summer intern at the District was discussed. The board decided it might be a good idea
74 if staff could closely supervise the person.

75 Nancy Hansen discussed a meeting to be held in Enumclaw regarding the SWM fee. There's a
76 lot of resistance to the fee and Kent Pullen is trying to see if he can get it repealed. Nancy asked
77 if board or staff could go to the meeting and support retaining the fee.

78 Lynn Sullivan requested that the board be more aware of vacations and other absences in
79 scheduling meetings. Changing meetings is expensive, as notices in the Seattle Times are approx.
80 \$300.

81 The role of the District in the well-publicized Ames Lake manure avalanche was discussed, as it
82 was felt that this might be a good opportunity for the District to show what it does to the public.

83 The Subcommittee to review grant applications now consists of Pat O'Hanley, Lynn Sullivan
84 and Max Prinzen.

85 Mediation in the lawsuit between the former District Manager and a former Board member will
86 occur on the 22nd of March. The Board asked Marla Hamilton Lucas to attend as the District
87 representative. She was instructed to contact the District attorney before attending the meeting.

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Authorized Signature

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Summary of Motions

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