

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2000

**Supervisors Present:** Scott Wallace, Vice-chair; Max Prinsen, member, Nancy Hansen, member.

**Associate Supervisors Present:**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 PM – Scott Wallace, Vice-Chair presided.

The meeting agenda was reviewed. The guest presentation was rescheduled for the June board meeting.

Minutes from the April 12, 2000 board meeting were reviewed and no changes (except for correcting spelling of Prinsen) were proposed.

**P (Prinsen) H (Hansen) P a motion to approve the April 12, 2000 minutes as read.**

Marla Hamilton Lucas presented treasurer's report. The board members reviewed expenses for the month of March in the amount of \$ 69,914.33. Checks written to cities and forums for April totaled \$338,520.37. With regard to the ongoing interest issue, Prinsen asked if it was possible to find out how King County handles the assessment money before it is distributed to us- do they earn interest on it? Also, what authority does the auditor have to tell us what we are to do with the interest earned on the investment pool, is his role just to bring the issue up? Hansen stated that we should do an analysis of how much it costs the district to administer the pass through of funds to the cities/forums and apply that to possible future years of the assessment.

**P (Prinsen) H (Hansen) P a motion to approve the Treasurer's report.**

Brandy Reed presented city/forum agreements for signature. The Snoqualmie/ City of Duvall application was approved last year. The City wanted to amend the scope of work to include 3 cities instead of 4. The Snoqualmie forum approved the change.

**P (Prinsen) W (Wallace) P a motion with the majority of the quorum, to authorize Board Vice-Chairman to execute the agreement with City of Duvall (Snoqualmie Watershed Forum). H (Hansen) abstained**

The Central Puget Sound agreement was presented for signature. Prinsen made the comment that he felt the scope of work included too much research and not enough actual projects.

**P (Prinsen), W (Wallace) P a motion with the majority of the quorum, to authorize Board Vice-Chairman to execute the agreement with the Central Puget Sound Watershed Forum. H (Hansen) abstained.**

The Federal Way agreement was presented next. This project is for Hylebos creek and the assessment funds will cover \$25k of a \$91k project.

**H (Hansen), P (Prinsen) P a motion to authorize the Board Vice-Chairman to execute the agreement with Federal Way.**

The final agreement presented was for Clyde Hill. The project is the annual Arbor Day celebration.

**H (Hansen), P (Prinsen) P a motion to authorize the Board Vice-Chairman to execute the agreement with Clyde Hill.**

Geoff Reed discussed the upcoming assessment hearing on May 24<sup>th</sup> at the DDES hearing room. He said he had been doing some public outreach and received only one e-mail in response so far. He has produced a fact sheet and public comment form. Wallace volunteered to moderate the hearing. The assessment request is currently for a three-year period, but Hansen and Wallace agreed that it would be a good idea to propose the maximum time, ten years instead of three. The length of the assessment does not have to be decided until August. Hansen said she would take the comment forms to the watershed coordinators.

Geoff Reed thought that the District should plan on having another hearing later this year. The suggestion was made that Barry Bartlet be contacted about getting access to media to publicize the hearings.

Hansen said that the District should try to get discussion on the assessment included in the Council's budget process, rather than waiting until November.

Prinsen said that due to repeal of the voter approval portion of I-695 there's no issue on public approval of new taxes. Hansen said that some attorney would have to verify this; hopefully the appeal of the ruling on I-695 will be decided by November.

Geoff Reed said that his plan was to have the hearing and prepare the resolution authorizing the request for the assessment for the June Board meeting and then pass it on to the Council in June.

Under other business, Hansen said that she had a good meeting with Larry Phillips. Erin Burt, her new hire, will be our liaison with the county. Hansen felt that it would be a good idea to write a letter to the council to accompany the upcoming auditor report, addressing the issues in the report. Erin will also work on a brochure that shows the work done in the county by cities and forums with the \$4 of assessment money.

Brandy Reed gave an update on the wetland plant cooperative nursery move. She said that the people at Wastewater Treatment have been helping to prepare the new site, and that the nursery will move in July. Fencing and gravel still need to be installed at the new site. Cascadia Quest owes the District about seven days of work, so that will be used to reduce the demand on District staff for the move.

Brandy Reed also mentioned that the King County Block Grant has been extended to the end of June. She also discussed a program where farms that have done a good job with implementing their farm plans can receive a sign for display on their property.

As part of the Sammamish Watershed Forum projects, \$10,000 was allocated to do a best management practices project- coordinating manure share. There are some questions regarding the legality of manure share at this time, but the Health Department is currently “looking the other way” for small farmers on this issue. We have an agreement with the watershed forum that indicates that the forum understands this money will be spent on manure sharing.

**P (Prinsen), W (Wallace) P a motion with the majority of the quorum to approve agreement with Sammamish Watershed Forum to spend \$10,000 on manure share project. H (Hansen) abstained.**

Wallace discussed the Tri County meetings that he and Geoff Reed have been attending on implementation of the 4d rule. Wallace felt that it would be a good idea to have a fish biologist assigned to NRCS and the Conservation District to provide input to the process so as to ensure that agricultural concerns are addressed. Scott asked Hansen to see if she knew of a fish biologist willing to take this role.

Geoff Reed said that he has a meeting with one of Councilman Greg Nickels staff scheduled. There is also Regional Water Quality committee meeting tomorrow where the repeal of the surface water management fee in the rural area will be discussed.

There being no more business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

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Authorized Signature

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Date

#### **Summary of Motions**

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103 **agreement with Clyde Hill.**

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105 **agreement with Sammamish Watershed Forum to spend \$10,000 on manure share project.**  
106 **H (Hansen) abstained.**

107 *Action Items*

108 *Contact Barry Bartlet regarding getting information out to the public regarding the public*  
109 *hearing at DDES on the renewal of the assessment.*

110 *Calculate what portion of the interest in the Investment pool could be considered administration*  
111 *for the assessment program, or for payback of the original deficit covered by the district. Also*  
112 *find out what King County does with the interest they make on the receipts of property taxes*  
113 *before they are distributed to the district once a month.*

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