

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2000

1 **Supervisors Present:** Bill Niccolls, Chair, Scott Wallace, Vice-chair; Max Prinsen, Member.

2 **Associate Supervisors Present:** None

3 **Guests Present:** Bruce Williams, NRCS NW Field Team Leader, Jack Smith, NRCS Renton
4 Office, Polly Freeman and Carol Macilroy, King County DNR.

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

6 The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM- Bill Niccolls, Chair, presided.

7 The meeting agenda was reviewed and no changes were proposed.

8 Minutes from the June 14, 2000 board meeting were reviewed. Changes to lines 41, 45, and 64
9 were proposed by B. Reed.

10 **W (Wallace) P (Prinsen) P a motion to approve the June 14, 2000 minutes as amended.**

11 M. Lucas presented treasurer's report. The board members reviewed expenses for the month of
12 June in the amount of \$ 62,785.27.

13 **W (Wallace, P (Prinsen) P a motion to approve to authorize the June check register for**
14 **checks numbered 5472-5515 for a total amount of \$ 62,785.27.**

15 M Lucas presented the financial results for the first six months of 2000. She noted that the
16 district spending was lower than budget by \$ 149,000, mostly due to lower payroll expenses as a
17 result of lower than expected headcount. District equity is now \$ 662,000. She also presented a
18 detail accounting of the assessment liability. The total liability is \$1.8 million as of 6/30/00.

19 The State Auditor's report with the District's response will be made public on Friday, July 14.

20 **W(Wallace)P(Prinsen) P a motion to approve the June Financial Report.**

21 Bruce Williams, NRCS NW Field Team Leader spoke to the board regarding the selection
22 process for a new District Conservationist to replace Joe Henry. He said that after a nationwide
23 posting there were 5 applicants, and only 2 made the cut. The state conservationist felt that 2
24 candidates were not enough to choose from, thus the position will be re-advertised. As soon as
25 candidates are identified, Williams will have the District board meet them and share their
26 impressions with NRCS personell. Wallace asked if he could sit in on the interview process, and
27 thought it might be a good idea to have Joe Henry involved as well.

28 Williams mentioned that there would be a "listening session" with Agriculture Secretary Dan
29 Glickman scheduled soon for this area. The focus would be the struggle to prevent urbanization.
30 Williams thought that if someone from the District could attend it would be helpful.

31 There was discussion regarding a DOE dairy inspector that has been moving up the schedule for
32 the completion and certification of farm plans. The District and NRCS have been working hard
33 to complete the plans, but the timetable quoted by the inspector is not possible. If the plans are
34 not in place by the deadline, the dairy operator can be fined. Additionally, the farmer may not be
35 able to get cost share to implement a farm plan if the farm has been fined.

36 Williams suggested the Conservation Districts write a letter to Tom Fitzgerald to alert him to the
37 situation. Wallace suggested getting legislators involved.

38 Reed volunteered to contact Pierce and Snohomish and write the letter to Fitzgerald. It will be
39 available for the board to sign at the next board meeting.

40 Williams asked if he could be included on the board meeting minutes mailing list, and said he
41 would try to come to another board meeting.

42 Polly Freeman and Carol Macilroy from King County DNR were introduced. They talked about
43 tools for public outreach on salmon recovery, such as signing for streams that includes the name
44 of the watershed, and getting volunteers involved in restoration projects.

45 A discussion ensued regarding the cost effectiveness of various restoration projects, and the
46 latest NMFS rulings.

47 G. Reed presented the final draft of Resolution 2000-02 to the Board for its approval. This
48 resolution asks the King County Council to consider renewing the \$5 per parcel assessment for
49 10 years and allows the District to collect a 3% administrative fee, rather than the current 1%.

50 **W(Wallace) P(Prinsen) P a motion authorizing the adoption of Board Resolution 2000-02.**

51 B. Reed presented the agreement with City of Kirkland. This agreement had been presented
52 earlier, but due to concerns about the granting of funds for work on private land, it was held up
53 until the question could be answered. B.Reed asked the State Conservation Commission to give
54 an opinion on the appropriateness of this agreement. The Commission said that with our grant
55 award process we could grant money for projects on private land because our process evaluates
56 the public benefit of the grant in question.

57 **W(Wallace) P(Prinsen) P a motion to authorize the Board Chair to sign the City of**
58 **Kirkland agreement.**

59 B. Reed presented the Sammamish Forum/ City of Issaquah request to extend their deadline.

60 **W(Wallace) P(Prinsen) P a motion to extend the Sammamish Forum/ City of Issaquah**
61 **grant deadline.**

62 G. Reed presented a resume from Jason Mirro and informed the Board that the hiring committee
63 has selected Mirro to fill the vacant Farm Planner position.

64 G. Reed provided an update on the 2000 CREP grant application. KCD will partner with
65 Snohomish Conservation District to fund 1 FTE that will cover King and Snohomish counties.

66 Stu Trefry will arrive Friday, July 14, to conduct a WCC District Operations Review.

67 On Tuesday, July 17 at 2pm, KCD will give a presentation to King County Natural Resources
68 Committee for approval of 2001 Work Plan outline.

69 On Monday, July 16 there is a meeting of the King County Council committee of the whole in
70 Enumclaw to discuss agriculture issues.

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Action Items

90 *Coordinating with PCD and SCD, write a letter to Tom Fitzgerald regarding the issues with the*
91 *DOE Dairy inspector and the time frame for completion of farm plans.*

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