

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2000

1 **Supervisors Present:** Bill Niccolls, Chair, Scott Wallace, Vice Chair, Lynn Sullivan,
2 Secretary/Treasurer, Max Prinsen, Member, Nancy Hansen, Member.

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:**

4 **Guests Present:** Laurie Clinton, King County WLRD

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

6 The meeting was called to order at 5:59 PM- Bill Niccolls, Chair, presided.

7 The board reviewed minutes from the September 13th, 2000 board meeting. Sullivan noted that
8 on line #93, John Lombard is identified as the Snoqualmie Forum Coordinator. Sullivan said that
9 he was the Cedar/Lake Washington coordinator. Prinsen said he was the WRIA 9 coordinator.
10 Niccolls suggested that Hamilton Lucas research the correct title and correct the minutes.

11 **W (Wallace) P (Prinsen) P a motion to approve the September 13th, 2000 minutes as**
12 **amended.**

13 Laurie Clinton from King County gave a presentation to the board about the District and the
14 County are working together to address livestock management and water quality complaints. She
15 addressed BMP monitoring, farm plan compliance with the Livestock Management Ordinance
16 and interagency coordination of responses to complaints. She also talked about recent activities
17 in the area of manure management that include stockpile reduction, education on the benefits of
18 reduced bedding, permits for small farms to take in manure for composting, and the Hollywood
19 Hill manure pick-up program.

20 Hansen arrived as the presentation was completed.

21 G. Reed presented the Unincorporated King County Agriculture Program Grant for board
22 approval.

23 **P (Prinsen) S (Sullivan) P a motion to approve the Unincorporated King County**
24 **Agriculture Program Grant.** Hansen abstained.

25 Sullivan added agenda item to review the North Bend non-competitive grant application
26 (presented at last month's meeting) for a grant with the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum. She
27 didn't feel the project met the requirements of the RCW 89.08 for conservation district funded
28 projects. An itemized budget was also missing from the application. The project is called the
29 North Bend Flood Hazard management plan. Sullivan agreed to send a letter explaining her
30 concerns with the project and talk with Megan Smith from the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum to
31 improve the proposal. Discussion ensued with several board members questioning how last
32 years' money was spent and expressing dissatisfaction with the apparent goal of reducing
33 flooding hazard rather than conserving habitat. Concern was expressed about jurisdictions using

34 CD funds to pay for projects that are “required” for a city, versus using the funds for new
35 conservation efforts.

36 G. Reed added an agenda item regarding approval of a completion time extension for Seattle’s
37 Longfellow Creek Project. Project was supposed to be completed in July of this year, will be
38 completed before end of 2000.

39 **S (Sullivan) N (Nicolls) P a motion to allow a time extension for completion of Seattle’s**
40 **Longfellow Creek project. Hansen abstained**

41 M. Lucas presented treasurer’s report. The board members reviewed expenses for the month of
42 September in the amount of \$ 162,145.11. This amount is higher than normal due to the
43 distribution of \$100,000 in Dairy Waste Cost Share and the payment of \$ 15,000 for the yearly
44 office rent.

45 **P (Prinsen) W (Wallace), P a motion to approve to authorize the September check register**
46 **for checks numbered 5598-5642 for a total amount of \$ 162,145.11.**

47 M. Lucas presented an updated budget for 2000 and explained that under this revised budget,
48 District equity is expected to increase by \$181K by the end of 2000. She noted that \$ 128K of
49 this increase is due to interest being earned on assessment funds being held for distribution to
50 jurisdictions. If a decision is made that the District does not have rights to this interest, the
51 increase in equity will be more like \$ 50k. Prinsen stated that he talked to Larry Phillips of the
52 King County Council regarding the interest and Phillips’ response was that we needed to go to
53 the State because interest disposition was not addressed in the Assessment Ordinance. The board
54 agreed to discuss the interest issue later in the meeting. There was a discussion regarding the
55 District’s management fee of 1% in the proposed Assessment Ordinance- should it be raised to
56 3% to cover the administrative costs involved in contracting and distributing assessment funds?
57 Hansen suggested that the proposed ordinance be left as is since we do not know the disposition
58 of the accumulated interest, which could be used to defray some of the administrative costs.

59 Lucas also presented a year to date budget versus actual income statement for the District’s
60 assessment funds, which showed that the District as a whole is slightly under spending its revised
61 budget for assessment funds.

62 Cash flow for the month was a negative \$125k mostly due to \$101k distributed for Dairy Waste
63 Cost Share. These funds will be reimbursed by the Conservation Commission under the Dairy
64 Waste grant.

65 **W (Wallace), P (Prinsen) P a motion to approve to approve the revisions to the 2000**
66 **budget, and the September financial report.**

67 G. Reed gave an update on the Enumclaw manure lagoon situation. It appears that the
68 neighborhood uproar about the VanWiernigen lagoon has subsided somewhat. Department of
69 Ecology has apologized for putting pressure on the farmer to install the lagoon immediately,
70 which may have affected siting decisions. DOE has offered to re-install the lagoon in another
71 location and pay for the move. The board reviewed media coverage of the issue, and a letter to

72 the editor written by staff and signed by Wallace. This letter, published in the Enumclaw paper,
73 addressed some misconceptions about the District's role and responsibility in the situation.

74 Hansen gave an update on the assessment legislation. She said that the ordinance has been sent to
75 County Executive Sims and the chances of passage are good. Council Chair Louise Miller thinks
76 that there are more yes votes for this assessment than there have been in the past- that "nobody
77 doesn't want to see this passed". Hansen stated that there was some discussion of changing the
78 portions allocated to the watershed forums. The Regional Water Quality Committee will be
79 writing a cover letter for the assessment legislation.

80 G. Reed gave an update on yesterday's NW Area Meeting. Wallace received an award for his
81 tenacity in guiding the KCD through its challenging time last fall. He said that there were a
82 considerable number of resolutions for presentation to the state Conservation Commission, the
83 most contentious issue being the requirement for CD board elections to be held along with other
84 state and local elections. Wallace felt that this proposal would be an impossible financial burden
85 for the districts and that the people who are interested in serving on the boards would not be
86 interested in having to mount a campaign and go through the public disclosure process. The CD
87 board would become another stepping stone for aspiring politicians in Wallaces' opinion. At the
88 very least, the Legislature needs to appropriate funds to cover the cost of the elections.

89 Discussion was continued on the assessment interest issue. Wallace suggested the District
90 contact the District's counsel regarding the applicable RCW regarding agency collections.
91 Hansen suggested that the District might negotiate with the jurisdictions regarding the return of
92 interest if it is found that the interest belongs to them. Hansen thought that it was a possibility
93 that the jurisdictions would allow us to keep the interest if they were consulted.

94 Hansen said that the movement to repeal the rural drainage fee was most likely dead.

95 Prinsen said that Hansen was getting kudos for her work on the interlocal agreements regarding
96 the responsibilities of the WRIA and Watershed coordinators.

97 **W (Wallace) S (Sullivan) P a motion to adjourn at 7:47pm.**

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Authorized Signature

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106 Summary of Motions

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118 There being no more business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm

119 *Action Item*

120 *Discuss interest issue with District Counsel, Eric Fremodt*