

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2001

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

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** Pat O'Hanley

4 **Guests Present:** None

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

6 **NRCS Staff Present:** Pedro Ramos, District Conservationist

7 Meeting called to order at 6:00 with Scott Wallace presiding. The agenda for the meeting was
8 reviewed and B. Reed noted that she wanted to add some items, and said that she would detail
9 them during presentation of the forum agreements.

10 Minutes from the December 13, 2000 board meeting were reviewed. Sullivan asked that line 38
11 and 39 on page 2 have italics inserted to add clarity. No other changes were suggested.

12 **P (Prinsen) H (Hansen) P a motion to approve the December 13th, 2000 minutes as read**
13 **with changes as noted above.**

14 Hansen mentioned that the District's 5-year assessment had passed the County Council. Wallace
15 said he thought that the City of Enumclaw was going to join the District, according to what he
16 has heard. Prinsen said that he thought it was unlikely that Tukwila would be joining, as city
17 officials were concerned about property owners reactions to additional fees added to their
18 property taxes.

19 Marla Hamilton Lucas presented the list of checks written during December for board approval.

20 **P (Prinsen) H (Hansen) P a motion to authorize the December check register for checks**
21 **numbered 5713-5757 for a total amount of \$ 92,684.98.**

22 B. Reed asked to switch the order of discussion of the 5-year projection and the 2001 budget
23 approval agenda items.

24 Hamilton Lucas presented the 5-year budget projected income statement. She built in some
25 projections such as the election expenses, which are difficult to quantify at this time. Discussion
26 ensued regarding the rate of inflation over 5 years and it's effect on the budget. Sullivan
27 recommended looking into a money market account for the reserve funds. Discussion ensued on
28 what is a prudent reserve to hold in the fund balance. Hansen suggested increasing services in the
29 upcoming years- 2002 on. Sullivan thought urban programs should be considered as well as
30 agriculture programs.

31 B. Reed presented the revised 2001 budget for review. Now that the District has stable funding,
32 the budget is in better shape and more predictable.

33 **P (Prinsen) S (Sullivan) P a motion to approve the 2001 District budget as presented.**

34 G. Reed presented the idea of a 5 yearlong range plan for the Board to consider. All the board
35 felt that this was a good idea to do this to reflect trends, changing work, partners and initiatives.
36 Hansen said that it needs to be coordinated with other local agencies to see who will be
37 responsible for what.

38 B. Reed presented the Lake Forest Park agreement that was previously approved.

39 **P (Prinsen) H (Hansen) P a motion to have the board Vice-Chair sign the City of Lake
40 Forest Park agreement.**

41 B. Reed presented the additional agenda items mentioned above- the Sammamish Watershed
42 Forum agreement for the City of Woodinville that was previously approved by the Board.

43 **P (Prinsen) S (Sullivan) P a motion to have the board Vice-Chair sign the Sammamish
44 Watershed Forum agreement for the City of Woodinville that was previously approved by
45 the board.**

46 B. Reed presented the Lake Washington/ Cedar River Watershed Forum agreement for the City
47 of Kirkland that was previously approved by the Board.

48 **P (Prinsen) S (Sullivan) P a motion to have the Board Vice- Chair sign the Lake
49 Washington / Cedar River Watershed Forum agreement for the City of Kirkland that was
50 previously approved by the Board.**

51 B. Reed presented an agreement with the City of Kent to deduct the value of Wetland Plant
52 Cooperative plants supplied to the City from their assessment fund balance. The total value of
53 the plants was \$ 445.26.

54 **P (Prinsen) H (Hansen) P a motion to approve the agreement with the City of Kent to
55 deduct the value of plants supplied from their assessment fund balance.**

56 G. Reed asked for updates on various meetings concerning the District. Prinsen said that WRIA
57 9 was having an open house at Tukwila. G. Reed said that the District held a Dairy meeting in
58 Enumclaw in December. Board chair Niccolls attended and sent an e-mail to the Board with a
59 suggestion that there be a regular agenda item called "Beef of the Month" to discuss dairy issues.
60 G. Reed said that there was lots of frustration on the part of dairy farmers with the ESA, DOE
61 and other pressures.

62 Wallace said that currently there were 41 dairies in the county, and that he knew of 2 to 3 others
63 that would be going out of business soon. He predicted that by the end of 2001, there would be
64 30 dairies remaining.

65 Prinsen asked if district staff was attending meetings. G. Reed said that since there were now
66 going to be fewer watershed forums, they're covered.

67 G. Reed told the board about what the State Conservation Commission is doing about the
68 supervisor election issue. According to the WCC Executive Director, 2 bills have been proposed

69 to address the issue. One states that if only one person files for the supervisor position, no
70 election is necessary. The other states that the district board of supervisors will have the option to
71 decide if board elections will be part of the general election, and if the board agrees to have
72 elections, then they have the authority (without county approval) to levy an assessment to pay for
73 the cost of the election.

74 G. Reed was confident that the Executive Director would work hard to come up with a solution
75 that the districts could live with.

76 The assessment interest issue was brought up. Prinsen stated that he had been doing some
77 informal polling of the Watershed Forums and found support for us retaining the interest funds.
78 Hansen said we should draft a letter regarding the situation and say that the District would need a
79 portion of the interest money to facilitate management of the non- competitive grant process so
80 as to get more accountability.

81 Prinsen presented his idea for using the interest to cover a budget shortfall in the WSU extension
82 forestry programs. The total amount needed to cover the eliminated program is \$31,000. Prinsen
83 felt that this would go over well politically with the cities and County Council. Wallace was
84 concerned that if we offered to replace funding for this year, what would prevent the county from
85 attempting to rely upon our funding to cover their future budget cuts? Prinsen felt that we could
86 emphasize that this was a one-time action. Hansen thought that it was a nice idea, but that it had
87 some problems. B.Reed said that she felt strongly that the interest was ours and that she saw no
88 need to ask permission from the Forums to keep it.

89 It was decided to write a letter to the Forums explaining the interest situation, and our proposed
90 solution.

91 B. Reed presented information on the CREP grant. She asked the board to approve the allocation
92 of cost share for one of the new signups. In addition, she asked that the board sign the signing
93 bonus check of \$180.

94 **H (Hansen) P (Prinsen) P a motion to approve the CREP plan for the Freisners.**

95 B. Reed said that she wanted to make the board aware that some equipment was stolen from the
96 Nursery over the Christmas holidays. 8 of the newly purchased aluminum seed pans were taken.
97 The replacement value of the pans is approximately \$2,000. The deductible on our insurance
98 policy is \$1,000. New pans will be purchased with the insurance proceeds.

99 B. Reed gave an update on the WPC Irrigation system that was budgeted for in 2000. It is now
100 anticipated the system will be installed this spring.

101 G. Reed said that he was making certificates of appreciation for Aaron Burt, Monica Clark and
102 other County Council staffers for their work on getting the assessment passed. Plaques will be
103 prepared for Council members Louise Miller and Larry Phillips, and Executive Ron Sims to
104 show our appreciation for their support of the District.

105 B. Reed presented excerpts from the Open Meetings Law for the Board to review.

106 **H (Hansen) P (Prinsen) P a motion to adjourn at 7:55.**

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110 Authorized Signature

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Summary of Motions

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118 **Forest Park agreement.**

119 **P (Prinsen) S (Sullivan) P a motion to have the board Vice-Chair sign the Sammamish**
120 **Watershed Forum agreement for the City of Woodinville that was previously approved by**
121 **the board.**

122 **P (Prinsen) S (Sullivan) P a motion to have the Board Vice- Chair sign the Lake**
123 **Washington / Cedar River Watershed Forum agreement for the City of Kirkland that was**
124 **previously approved by the Board.**

125 **P (Prinsen) H (Hansen) P a motion to approve the agreement with the City of Kent to**
126 **deduct the value of plants supplied from their assessment fund balance.**

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130 There being no more business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

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Action Item

132 *Staff to write draft of letter to Watershed Forums regarding assessment interest issue.*