

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2001

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

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** None.

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 6:05 with Scott Wallace, Vice Chair presiding.

8 The meeting agenda was reviewed and rearranged so that items requiring voting would be
9 addressed first so that Hansen would not have to be on the phone for the entire meeting. Megan
10 Smith's presentation was postponed until the June meeting.

11 Minutes from the April 11, 2001 board meeting were reviewed and Sullivan said that she felt that
12 line 21 needed the phrase "manually placed" put in front of the acronym "LWD" to make it clear
13 that the large woody debris was human placed as opposed to naturally occurring.

14 **W (Wallace), S (Sullivan) P a motion to approve the April 11, 2001 minutes as read, subject**
15 **to line 21 having the words "manually placed" inserted in front of "LWD".**

16 Hamilton Lucas distributed a revised list of monthly expenses for April 2001. Sullivan asked for
17 clarification on how the WACD and NACD annual dues are calculated. G. Reed responded that
18 the dues amounts are determined by the conservation district's population. Hamilton Lucas
19 explained the voided check to Dell computer for purchase of the CREP laptop. Apparently, Dell
20 had never received the check and cancelled the order after a week and a half. Hamilton Lucas
21 called the bank, determined the check had not been cashed and placed a stop payment on it. She
22 then used the District credit card to pay for the reinstated order. The laptop arrived at the end of
23 last week.

24 **S (Sullivan), H (Hansen) P a motion to approve the April 2001 expenses, check numbers**
25 **5914-5967 for a total of \$63,445.05.**

26 Hamilton Lucas presented the balance sheet and budget variance report as of the end of April and
27 noted that the District has incurred approx 24% of its 2001 assessment budget, and that reserves
28 had decreased somewhat from December 2000 due to the bulk of assessment dollars being
29 received in April, May, October and November. She stated that reserves should begin increasing
30 as assessments are collected.

31 B. Reed presented the proposed 2002 District Plan of Work as required by King County and
32 discussed District Attorney Eric Frimodt's review of the plan. The deadline for submission to the
"Promoting sustainable uses of natural resources through responsible stewardship"

33 County Council is June 1, and the plan must be approved by the board before it's submission to
34 the Council. B. Reed suggested that due to time constraints, it would be helpful if the board
35 could approve the plan at this board meeting pending completion of Frimodt's review. There was
36 discussion of changing the report due date to a calendar year rather than the current fiscal year.
37 Hansen asked how this might be done, G. Reed said that changing the ordinance's Attachment A
38 could be done, Hansen said that Attachment A wasn't specific as to a deadline for the work plan.
39 There was further discussion and clarification on the contents of the 2002 work plan

40 **S(Sullivan), H(Hansen) P a motion to approve the 2002 District Plan of Work to be**
41 **submitted to the County Council subsequent to review by the District's legal counsel.**

42 **H(Hansen), S(Sullivan) P a motion to adjourn at 6:17pm, as all business requiring a**
43 **quorum for voting at this meeting was completed.**

44 B. Reed presented the 1st quarter 2001 accomplishment report for review by the group. She asked
45 for information regarding attendance at WRIA meetings so she could update the
46 accomplishments. It appears that Max has been attending some of these meetings, so B. Reed
47 will update the accomplishments to reflect this. Sullivan asked for clarification of the acronym
48 "RMI", which B. Reed said stood for Resource Management Incorporated, and is the company
49 that sprays the Totem Lake property owned by the District for noxious weeds. She also wanted
50 to have a definition for GRNREA, which means Green River Natural Resource Area.

51 There was also discussion of the Advisory committee, which the County Council has suggested
52 the District set up. Eric Nelson of the Livestock program was mentioned as one of the possible
53 members.

54 B. Reed discussed Watershed forum issues. There were two action items from prior meetings
55 that were outstanding. The first was regarding the Green-Duwamish application for funding for a
56 stewardship coordinator. There was a question regarding who the stewardship coordinator would
57 report to and what the relationship to the currently funded project coordinator was. It appears that
58 the Green-Duwamish will resubmit their funding request for a project and that the Salmon
59 Recovery Fund will fund the Green- Duwamish project coordinator.

60 The Central Puget Sound Forum's budget appeared not to include funding for a project manager
61 although there was a description of a project manager position in the funding request. B. Reed
62 discussed the question with the Forum management and will include an addendum that will make
63 the funding request clearer.

64 G. Reed gave updates on various ongoing issues:

65 The Elections bill currently in the State Legislature appears to be going nowhere. The District
66 will start meeting with the county auditor to determine the steps necessary to put the board
67 elections on the general election ballot. It appears that the Washington State Conservation
68 Commission will assist districts with their election funding. The KCD will need to work on the
69 definition of the district boundaries (all of the county except for uninhabited forest land, cities
70 that have opted out and state lands) for the auditor. B. Reed said that voters in the election need
71 to be eligible- occupiers of land.

72 If the election bill does not pass this year, Pat McGregor, of the WCC says he'll keep presenting
73 it to the Legislature until it does. Discussion ensued regarding the current situation in the
74 Legislature regarding the big issues they must solve, and that the CD election bill is pretty far
75 down the priority list.

76 G. Reed said the District has been doing lots of lobbying with legislators (as most of them are
77 from the county, due to the concentration of population) on the various budget concerns for CD's
78 and that there has been a good response. Nevertheless, funding for CREP and the Engineering
79 grant is not looking good. Senate and House budgets have been passed, but they contain different
80 amounts for the WCC and other programs, thus it is not known at this time how much will be
81 available to CD's for grant programs such as Dairy Waste and Implementation.

82 The District has contracted with a personnel consultant to produce an employee handbook/
83 personnel manual. Sullivan asked about employment at will and progressive discipline, and the
84 errors the district has made in this area in the past.

85 The discussion turned to Totem Lake. It has been expensive and time consuming to care for the
86 six acre wetland area, and G. Reed has been doing some research on handing the property over to
87 a preservation organization like the Land Conservancy. The District could get some good public
88 relations for this, as the land is valued on the tax rolls at \$2million, although because it is a
89 wetland, it is un-developable and has no value except for passive recreation. (The District
90 obtained the wetland for one dollar from the developer of Totem Lake Shopping Center in 1986,
91 as the developer did not want to deal with land he could not sell) A discussion ensued regarding
92 disposition of the property, and it was agreed that the deed for the property needed to be found to
93 start.

94 Pedro Ramos gave the NRCS report. Jack Smith, NRCS Dairy Tech will be retiring at the end of
95 next month and will not be replaced, as it has been determined that the Northwest area has too
96 many engineers. Ramos will be taking over Jack's duties when he leaves, working on the Dairy
97 Waste issues with Clare Flanagan.

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Summary of Motions

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Action Items

119 *Find the deed and other records associated with the Totem Lake property and explore options*
120 *for disposing of the property*