

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2003

1 **Supervisors Present:** Max Prinsen, Chairman, Scott Wallace, Vice Chairman, Lynn Sullivan,
2 Secretary/Treasurer, Bobbi Lindemulder, Member

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** David Doud

4 **Guests Present:** Brooke Alford, Matt Livengood, Dennis Clark and Lorin Reinelt, King County
5 Water and Land Resources Division

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

7 **NRCS Staff Present:** None

8 Chairman Max Prinsen called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

9 The meeting agenda was reviewed and confirmed.

10 September board meeting minutes were reviewed and it was noted that the spelling of Supervisor
11 Lindemulder was incorrect.

12 **Wallace moved, Sullivan seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the**
13 **September 8, 2003 board meeting minutes as read, subject to the correction of the spelling**
14 **errors noted.**

15 Hamilton Lucas distributed the list of monthly expense checks for board review.

16 **Wallace moved, Lindemulder seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve check**
17 **numbers #7435-7487 in the amount of \$ 84,506.71 for September month disbursements.**

18 The budget tracking report was distributed and reviewed. 47.7% of the budget dollars remain to
19 be spent while there is 25% of the year remaining. Staff salary expenses are higher than
20 budgeted as additional staff was added in 2003. The balance sheet was distributed and reviewed
21 as well.

22 **Wallace moved, Lindemulder seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the**
23 **September financial report, budget tracking report and balance sheet.**

24 G. Reed presented the Dairy Nutrient Management Plans to the Board for approval of
25 certification of the plans. The eight farms are: Rupard, Roetcisoender, Sells, Storbo, Hy Grass,
26 Clemans Mtn, H. Van Dam, and WW Dairy. King County dairies are required to have the
27 practices listed in their farm plans installed and certified by December 31, 2003.

28 **Wallace moved, Lindemulder seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the**
29 **certification of the eight Dairy Nutrient Management Plans presented at this meeting.**

30 G. Reed said that there were two dairies in King County that would not be certifying their plans.
31 These dairies will be required to present the reasons for non-certification to the Washington
32 Conservation Commission. Currently these two dairies are Stoltz, which has a non-functioning
33 manure lagoon, and Mariachi, which has inadequate manure storage. The District will attend the
34 hearing along with the dairies to assist the farmers in requesting extensions for certification.

35 Additionally, there are four other dairies will not certify plans and have not requested a hearing
36 before the WCC. Discussion ensued regarding the fine of \$100 monthly with a limit of \$10,000
37 for dairies that do not certify their Nutrient Management Plans.

38 **Wallace moved, Lindemulder seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to deny certification**
39 **of the Dairy Nutrient Management Plans for the Stoltz and Mariachi dairies, as they have**
40 **not met the requirements for certification.**

41 B. Reed presented the City of Tukwila non-competitive grant application. The grant will be
42 added to funding from the Green Duwamish Watershed Forum and used to purchase
43 Grandmother's Hill. There was discussion about how the budget numbers were different and
44 what the other budget items were. The Board asked for a breakdown of the other funds involved
45 in the transaction and a list of entities providing those funds. Cascade Land Conservancy will
46 facilitate the land purchase. All donations to fund the purchase have been collected except for the
47 KCD non-competitive grant funds. Prinsen asked about closing costs for the purchase, these will
48 be paid from Tukwila Parks Department funding. Prinsen wanted to be sure who the owner of
49 the property will be. Lindemulder asked about the linkage with Indian artifacts-what about
50 cultural resources? The site is being researched, and Tukwila is pursuing having the site be
51 included in a historical registry.

52 Prinsen was concerned about multi-jurisdictional nature of the transaction, and the possibility of
53 duplication of paperwork in the transaction. A discussion ensued regarding the Cascade Land
54 Conservancy purchase process.

55 **Wallace Moved, Sullivan Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the City of**
56 **Tukwila non-competitive grant application for \$15,000 (\$7,500 from 2003 Assessments**
57 **allocated to Tukwila and \$7,500 from 2003 Assessments allocated to the WRIA 9**
58 **Watershed Forum) for the City of Tukwila Grandmother's Hill Acquisition Project.**

59 B. Reed presented the Green-Duwamish non-competitive grant application for a strategic
60 assessment of conditions in WRIA 9. The information from the studies will be used to develop
61 the near term action agenda for the WRIA. Dennis Clark and Lorin Reinelt detailed the specific
62 tasks. Prinsen asked if this is the last study grant for the WRIA. Wallace asked if any of the grant
63 funds were going to actual projects. Six projects are ready to be built, Wallace asked for a list of
64 those projects. Doud asked about the larger context of the studies, the health of the fish.
65 Discussion ensued regarding diversity of habitat, habitat requirements at various life stages of the
66 fish and hatchery vs wild fish and how they relate to the listing of fish stocks as endangered.

67 Sullivan said that she thought studies were necessary to determine what to do efficiently. G.
68 Reed asked what contractors would be used to do the study work. The contractors are Anchor,
69 NW Hydraulics and Parametrix.

70 **Wallace Moved, Sullivan Seconded, Passed a motion to approve the Green- Duwamish-**
71 **CPS Watershed Forum non-competitive grant application for \$140,000 from 2003**
72 **Assessments for the WRIA 9 Strategic Assessment Tasks- Current & Historical Habitat**
73 **Conditions Assessment, Water Quality Assessment and Hatchery-Wild Salmon**
74 **Interactions Assessment Projects. Wallace stated that although he moved to approve the**
75 **agreement he believes that a debate about the merits of wild versus hatchery fish is useless.**

76 Prinsen described why an agreement was prepared between SHADOW and KCD for the ALEA
77 grant funding for the purchase of Shadow Lake for preservation. The District will have no
78 financial responsibility for the property, but it will be held in KCD's name.

79 The agreement between SHADOW and KCD will need to be approved by the KCD board. As
80 Prinsen is on the Board of Directors for SHADOW, he will abstain from voting on the approval.
81 Wallace will sign the agreement for KCD as Vice Chairman. SHADOW's board will sign and
82 return the documents next week. B. Reed mentioned that Eric Fremodt, District Counsel, has
83 reviewed the document and is comfortable with how it will be handled.

84 **Wallace Moved, Lindemulder Seconded, Passed a motion to approve the King**
85 **Conservation District SHADOW agreement for the Shadow Lake Property Acquisition and**
86 **Maintenance Project. Prinsen Abstained.**

87 G. Reed presented the second round of an Employee Benefits study being undertaken by the
88 District management staff. The rising cost of providing health insurance coverage to employees
89 requires that the District review it's current policy of providing coverage for an employee and
90 their dependents at no cost to the employee. A lively discussion ensued about health care.

91 As the salary schedule has not changed in two years, staff proposed it be adjusted for cost of
92 living increases. G. Reed had distributed a proposal to the Board that included four options for
93 addressing the salary and benefit issue(see attachment). Prinsen and Wallace offered several
94 ideas and there was a discussion on appointing a subcommittee to come up with a
95 recommendation for the board to consider. There was more discussion and it was decided to take
96 the COLA increases off the proposal sheet and discuss the overall policy issue first, and then
97 attach a cost to those options.

98 G. Reed asked who wanted to attend the annual WACD meeting to be held in Spokane this year.
99 Lindemulder will be carpooling with other Snohomish CD folks, Prinsen thought he might
100 attend, and Sullivan might attend because of her WACD committee involvement.

101 The agenda for tonight's meeting had included a discussion about non-competitive grant policy.
102 Prinsen said that the discussion of the Green Duwamish CPS grant that occurred earlier in the
103 meeting was useful, that the Board may want to look at tying study grants to a time limit and
104 linking them to in-ground activities to be undertaken at a later date. Determine that the study
105 funds lead to implementation of projects. Is it acceptable to ask about the subcontractors used on
106 grant funded projects? Refine the funding principles? It was decided to have more discussion at
107 next month's meeting.

108 There was no NRCS report.

109 G. Reed updated the board on the second draft of the Critical Areas Ordinance. There have been
110 significant changes to the agriculture provisions, and the District will be expected to provide
111 preliminary permitting work for agricultural buildings including drainage plans and farm plans.
112 The county is realizing that the regulatory approach does not work very well and they want to
113 support a more voluntary approach. Ditch cleaning and maintenance would require a District
114 employee to be on site and sign off. There was a discussion on how the work would be funded
115 and how any transfer of money from the forums to the District would be politically difficult. A
116 discussion ensued regarding the assessment and District funding.

117 **The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.**

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Authorized Signature

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