

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2004

1 **Supervisors Present:** Max Prinsen, Chairman, Scott Wallace, Vice Chairman, Richard Gelb,
2 Member, Bobbi Lindemulder, Member.

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** Matt Livengood

4 **Guests Present:** Stu Trefry, Washington Conservation Commission, Scott Williams,
5 Washington State Office of Historic Preservation, Linda Hansen, Project Coordinator for WRIA
6 9, Beth Tan, City of Kent, Cathy Wright, WRIA 9

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

8 **NRCS Staff Present:** Paul Rogers, District Conservationist

9 Prinsen called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. The agenda was confirmed, and B. Reed asked to
10 add an additional non-competitive grant revision.

11 **Wallace moved, Lindemulder seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the**
12 **minutes as read from the March 2004 King Conservation District Board of Supervisors**
13 **meeting.**

14 Hamilton Lucas presented the list of checks for March 2004. She presented the March Visa bill
15 as the board had requested at a previous meeting. The board discussed other checks.

16 **Wallace moved, Gelb seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve check numbers**
17 **#7777-7835 in the amount of \$ 99,515.30 for March 2004 month disbursements.**

18 The budget tracking report was distributed to the board. Contracted services category was
19 explained further. Wages and salaries were discussed, as they were the biggest items. 75% of the
20 budget remains with 75% of the year remaining. The balance sheet was passed out and reviewed.
21 The Restricted Fund Balance is approx. \$3.5 million and the unrestricted fund balance is \$1.18
22 million. Hamilton Lucas distributed a grant status report showing the five WCC grant balances
23 that the District has received. Prinsen asked for a one grant per month report on activities
24 completed on the selected grant.

25 **Wallace moved, Gelb seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to accept the District**
26 **Financial report for March 2004.**

27 G. Reed presented the Stolz dairy Nutrient Management Plan for approval by the board. He gave
28 a status report on the total number of plans certified for King County dairies.

29 **Wallace moved, Lindemulder seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the Stolz**
30 **Dairy Nutrient Management Plan.**

31 Paul Rogers gave the NRCS report. G. Reed has discussed with him about contracting with the
32 District as a Technical Services Provider on CREP projects. EQIP contracts have been awarded
33 to 7-8 producers in Thurston County. There was discussion about the apparent concentration of
34 EQIP contracts in Thurston. It seems that due to the amount of water on farms in that area, they
35 score higher on the EQIP criteria as set by the working group.

36 Scott Williams from the State of Washington Historical Preservation Office spoke to the group
37 about new procedures regarding the treatment of cultural resources. Until recently, the District
38 could access NRCS information for location of cultural resources locations or "hits". NRCS
39 would help the District evaluate the impact of the "hit" for all District projects. Now, NRCS can
40 only assist the District if a project is being paid for with federal funds. As most of the District's
41 projects are not federally funded, any survey work on a resources site as required by the King
42 County archeological department would have to be funded by the District. As the requirements
43 to be an archeologist are rigorous and there are few archeological consultants available, services
44 are expensive, and it is not possible to train someone enough to provide consulting unless their
45 training is in archeology. It is likely District projects would be delayed or cancelled because of
46 this situation.

47 Because of the risk of looting, the state and county offices are not willing to make the lists of
48 culturally significant sites public. Discussion centered on how to get information to the District
49 in a cost effective way so as to meet the cultural resources requirements. One idea was to have
50 SHPO allow the Washington Conservation Commission to look at their database. Trefry said that
51 the Commission was also researching partnering with other agencies that employ archeologists.
52 Prinsen suggested the District have an arrangement similar as with the "cluster" engineers. In
53 the meantime, the District will do "due diligence" procedures at projects. Trefry also suggested
54 there might be state grants to help with archeological expenses.

55 B. Reed presented non-competitive grant approval requests. Linda Hansen was on hand to
56 discuss the changes to the City of Burien Enhanced Monitoring for Seahurst Park Nearshore
57 Restoration Project. Beth Tan gave a presentation on the City of Kent Meridian Valley Creek
58 Realignment Project and Cathy Bright talked about the North Weir Project.

59 **Green-Duwamish-Central Puget Sound Watershed Forum Grant Application Packet:**

60 **Wallace Moved, Gelb Seconded; Passed a motion to approve the Green-Duwamish-CPS**
61 **Watershed Forum non-competitive grant application for \$88,500 from 2003 Assessments**
62 **for the King County North Wind's Weir Intertidal Restoration Project.**

63 **Gelb Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed a motion to approve the Green-Duwamish-**
64 **CPS Watershed Forum non-competitive grant application for \$88,500 from 2003**
65 **Assessments for the City of Kent Meridian Valley Creek Realignment Project.**

66 **Wallace Moved, Gelb Seconded; Passed a motion to approve the Green-Duwamish-CPS**
67 **Watershed Forum non-competitive grant application for \$30,000 from 2003 Assessments**
68 **for the City of Burien Enhanced Monitoring for Seahurst Park Nearshore Restoration**
69 **Project, and to supercede the previously funded version of this project approved by the**
70 **Board of Supervisors on August 13, 2003**

71 **King County Grant Application:**

72 **Gelb Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed a motion to approve the King County non-**
73 **competitive grant application for \$144,000 from 2004 Assessments for the *Agriculture***
74 **Program Project.**

75 **City of Issaquah Grant Application:**

76 **Wallace Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed a motion to approve the City of Issaquah**
77 **non-competitive grant application for \$19,250 from 1998 through 2003 Assessments for the**
78 **City of Issaquah Stewardship Program.**

79 **City of Duvall Grant Application:**

80 **Lindemulder Moved, Wallace Seconded; Passed a motion to approve the City of Duvall**
81 **non-competitive grant application for \$8,000 from 1998 through 2003 Assessments for the**
82 **City of Duvall Coe Clemmons Creek Restoration Project.**

83 **Revisions/Agreement Amendments:**

84 **Wallace Moved, Gelb Seconded; Passed a motion to amend the *Seattle Public Utilities***
85 **Salmon Pre-Spawn Mortality Investigation Project grant agreement, extending the project**
86 **completion date to October 31, 2004.**

87 B. Reed had an additional non-competitive grant change to the “Historical Analysis of Puget
88 Sound Rivers” application. The original applicant was the Corps of Engineers, but since the
89 funds would be passed through directly to the University of Washington, the Cedar Lake
90 Washington Sammamish forum decided to request the change of applicant.

91 **Wallace moved, Gelb seconded, Passed a motion to redirect the funding on the “Historical**
92 **Analysis of Puget Sound Rivers” from the Army Corps of Engineers to the University of**
93 **Washington.**

94 G. Reed reviewed the Conservation Commission checklist for the Basic Funding application
95 with the board.

96 **Wallace moved, Gelb seconded, Passed a motion to have Board Chair Prinsen contact an**
97 **accountant for the annual internal review as mandated by the Conservation Commission.**

98 B. Reed presented a summary of the 2005 program of work to be presented to the King County
99 Council in June. She noted that the new proposed Critical Areas Ordinance and Agricultural
100 Ditch Assistance Program and the expected impacts on the District were discussed in the
101 document, and that the dollar amounts were current. Wallace asked if there was anything in the
102 document regarding a Memorandum of Understanding with the County regarding these issues.
103 Gelb suggested some changes to the document with the goal of looking more holistically at
104 natural resources, as is the strategic plan. He suggested a status report on natural resources in the
105 county. Wallace said he didn’t want to set up the expectation that the District would be
106 producing this kind of report at this time, considering the other expectations being placed on the

107 District at this time. Prinsen said that there is no question the District will be involved in
108 addressing the CAO, and could produce information on natural resources as collaboration with
109 other groups.

110 B. Reed would like to get the workplan approved early. Discussion ensued regarding the current
111 political situation and how to get information to council members. Gelb and B. Reed had a
112 discussion about the way various items were presented in the workplan.

113 Prinsen was agreeable to the board approving the workplan subject to Gelb and B. Reed making
114 wording changes, as they deemed necessary.

115 **Wallace moved, Lindemulder seconded, Passed a motion to approve the 2005 Workplan for**
116 **presentation to the King County Council contingent upon Gelb, G. Reed and B. Reed**
117 **making minor changes.**

118 Prinsen wanted to address the upcoming assessment approval process and it's opportunities and
119 hurdles to see what the District can do to address the problems of increasing workload. G. Reed
120 gave the board a handout on options to change the current assessment distribution divisions.
121 Prinsen asked Trefry what he thought the odds were of raising the assessment to \$8 per parcel.
122 Trefry said that all the districts in the state would have to support the idea, and not that many
123 districts currently have assessments. The concern about Tim Eyman's current initiative to reduce
124 property taxes was brought up, if it passes, would the assessment be reduced by 25% as well? A
125 discussion ensued regarding strategy depending upon the effect of the initiative. A further
126 discussion ensued concerning assessment rates.

127 Prinsen asked for ideas on assessment in the future. Gelb mentioned that he had some insight
128 from a former board member on some options for the assessment.

129 B. Reed distributed assignments to the board regarding continuing work on the District Strategic
130 Plan. She said she would like to choose a vision statement at the next meeting, so she asked the
131 board members to come to the next meeting with statements. Prinsen said that Gelb's ideas for
132 the workplan discussed previously would work well in the strategic planning document.

133 Wallace mentioned that he would not be at the next board meeting. Livengood will be confirmed
134 by the Commission in May, so the first meeting where he will be able to vote will be in June.

135 Prinsen said that the District annual meeting would be held immediately before the Frog Frolic in
136 August.

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138 **The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.**

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142 Authorized Signature Date

143 Summary of Motions

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