



# Whidbey Island Conservation District

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## Public Meeting Minutes- DRAFT February 22, 2024; 5:30 PM – 6:50 PM

### 1 Public Meeting

A regular meeting of the Whidbey Island Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held in person at the Coupeville Library with a Zoom option.

### 2 Attendance and Quorum

**The following Supervisors, being a quorum of the Board, were present:**

Gary Ketcheson – District Auditor                      Jennifer Abermanis – Board Learning & Development Officer  
Jessica Aws – Supervisor

#### Attendees:

Stephanie Turco – Associate Supervisor              Teri Jo Summer Reiger – Prospective Associate Supervisor  
Heather McCoy – Executive Director              Michelle Maynard – Finance & Operations Manager

### 3 Call to Order, Welcome

Gary Ketcheson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

### 4 Public Input and/or Comments

(None)

### 5 Approval of Minutes from January 25, 2024

**Motion (1) – Jennifer Abermanis moved and Jessica Aws seconded the approval of the minutes from the January 25 Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion passed.**

### 6 Partner Updates

Heather McCoy reminded the Board of the recent updates Robin Buckingham shared regarding NRCS Mt Vernon news. She also read a summary update of WSCC news she received from our SCC Regional Manager Jean Fike. Jean's updates included: (1) Kate Delavan (from SCC's Office of Farmland Preservation) has accepted the role of Acting Policy Director; (2) Levi Keesecher has been promoted to lead the Science Hub at SCC; (3) Lots of grants are available these days between the re-appropriations and funds from the Climate Commitment Act.

### 7 Financial & Operations Report and Actions

- Financial Report – Michelle Maynard presented the December 2023 and January 2024 reports.

**Motion (2) – Jennifer Abermanis moved and Jessica Aws seconded the approval of the December 2023 and January 2024 financial reports as presented. Motion passed.**

- WSCC Addendum for Community Engagement Plan Award – Heather gave an overview of the project and its funding.

**Motion (3) – Jessica Aws moved and Jennifer Abermanis seconded the approval of WSCC Addendum for Community Engagement Plan Award as presented. Motion passed.**

- NACD Urban and Community Conservation Implementation Grant – Heather gave an overview of the project proposal.

**Motion (4) – Jessica Aws moved and Jennifer Abermanis seconded the approval of the Resolution in support of the NACD grant application as presented. Motion passed.**

- Development Program/Planned Giving – Heather introduced the topics of planned giving and individual contributions. She will also be drafting a planned giving program and will also be speaking with Spokane CD about their online donation program. She will bring this subject back to the Board at a later meeting when all Supervisors are present.

### 8 Board Business & Actions

- Mixer Feedback – Jennifer and Heather shared their experiences at the recent Board Mixer.

- Election Updates – Michelle updated the Board that we have one election candidate. She encouraged Supervisors to ask family and friends to vote. We will have a ballot box at this year’s Plant Sale pickup for those wishing to vote there.
- WICD Education Series – Jennifer thanked speaker Gary Ketcheson for his recent presentation. Folks gave their feedback on the evening’s talk. Jennifer proposed the May talk be a “History of Agriculture on Whidbey” presented May 13 during the day as the talk’s date (as requested by the proposed speaker Marie Shimada). She will run this date by the absent Supervisors before confirming with the speaker.

**9 District Staff Report**

- WICD Plant Sale – Michelle updated the Board on the plant sale. Prepping will be March 11-15 with March 16 as pickup day.
- District Staff Report – Heather answered questions related to the staff report.

**10 Meeting Adjourned at approximately 6:49 PM**

**11 Other, Upcoming Dates and Review of Motions**

February 19	President’s Day holiday – Office closed
Feb 28-Mar 3	Heather out of office
March 4	Stewardship Forester Collin McAvinchey’s first day!
March 11-15	WICD Plant Sale Prep
March 16	WICD Plant Sale Pick Up Day (9am-3pm)
March 19	WICD Election ballot deadline
March 24	The Great Whidbey Seed Swap (11am-3pm)
March 28	WICD Board Meeting

**Review of Motions:**

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- Motion (2) – Jennifer Abermanis moved and Jessica Aws seconded the approval of the December 2023 and January 2024 financial reports as presented. Motion passed.**
- Motion (3) – Jessica Aws moved and Jennifer Abermanis seconded the approval of WSCC Addendum for Community Engagement Plan Award as presented. Motion passed.**
- Motion (4) – Jessica Aws moved and Jennifer Abermanis seconded the approval of Resolution for approving the NACD grant application as presented. Motion passed.**