



Whidbey Island Conservation District

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Public Meeting Minutes- DRAFT July 27, 2022; 9:04 AM – 10:48 AM

1 Public Meeting

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Whidbey Island Conservation District was held in person at the WSU Extension meeting room in Coupeville with remote access via Zoom.

2 Attendance and Quorum

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

Mark Sytsma – Vice Chair

Gary Ketcheson – Auditor

Jessica Aws - Supervisor

Jennifer Abermanis – Board Learning & Development Officer

Attendees:

Heather McCoy- Executive Director Michelle Maynard – Finance & Operations Manager

Alan Chapman – WACD

Robin Buckingham – NRCS

3 Call to Order, Welcome

- Mark Sytsma called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. He welcomed Robin Buckingham. All attendees introduced themselves.

4 Approval of Minutes from June 22nd

Motion (1) – Jennifer Abermanis moved and Gary Ketcheson seconded the approval of the minutes from the June 22nd Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion passed.

5 Partner Reports

- Robin Buckingham (NRCS) gave a brief summary of the updates report he emailed to us this week. Addition items: (1) Of the applications for CSP funding, one producer from Whidbey has been awarded; and (2) NRCS is eager to market their programs at summer events, such as local community festivals and fairs.
- Alan Chapman (WACD) shared updates, including that progress is being made on the HABs Workgroup and the Stockwater Committee. He reminded that the WACD Area Meetings will take place in October and recommended the Board start considering: (1) any possible resolutions we wish to submit and (2) any recommendations we have on services that WACD could provide to use investment funds.

6 Financial & Operations Report and Actions

- Financial Report – Michelle Maynard reviewed the June 2022 Financial Report. Next month she will present the year-end financial report.

Motion (2) – Gary Ketcheson moved and Jennifer Abermanis seconded the approval of the June 2022 Financial Report as presented. Motion passed.

- WSCC Implementation Funds Addendum – Heather presented the addendum for FY2023's WSCC Implementation funds.

Motion (3) – Gary Ketcheson moved and Jessica Aws seconded the approval of the FY2023 WSCC Implementation Grant Addendum as written. Motion passed.

- CTD Work Agreement – Heather presented the FY2023 CTD Work Agreement for Kelsi Mottet's participation on the CTD Leadership Team and associated duties.

Motion (4) – Jennifer Abermanis moved and Gary Ketcheson seconded the approval of the FY2023 CTD Work Agreement for Kelsi Mottet as written. Motion passed.

7 Policy Reviews and Actions

- Governance Policy – Jennifer gave an overview of discussed revisions for the new Governance Policy.

Motion (5) – Gary Ketcheson moved and Jennifer Abermanis seconded the approval of the Governance Policy with one discussed correction. Motion passed.

8 Partnerships Report

- HABs Workgroup – Mark updated the Board on progress made: the fourth meeting of the workgroup took place in July. The group is now focused on crafting recommendations for their report.
- WACD NW Area Meeting – Jennifer updated the Board on progress made: The venue has been selected (Pacific Rim Institute for Environmental Stewardship) and the date finalized (Tuesday, October 11, 2022).

9 Project Report

- Stormwater NTA – Heather gave a PowerPoint overview of our Stormwater joint project (with Snohomish CD)

10 District Staff Report

- Heather answered questions regarding the June District Staff Report.
- BioChar Program Collaboration – Gary Ketcheson gave the Board an update on a possible biochar demonstration to be led by the Whidbey Camano Land Trust.

11 Meeting Adjourned 10:48 AM

12 Other, Upcoming Dates and Review of Motions

July 28 Beachview Farm FarmWalk
July 29 WSCC FY2023 Grants Addendum Due
August 24 WICD Board Meeting
September 6 Labor Day - Office Closed
September 6 NACD TA FY2021 Grant Final Report Due
September 14-15 WSCC Meeting

Review of Motions:

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