



Whidbey Island Conservation District

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Public Meeting Minutes- DRAFT March 23, 2022; 9:03 AM – 10:49 AM

1 Public Meeting

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Whidbey Island Conservation District was held remotely via Zoom.

2 Attendance and Quorum

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

Mark Sytsma – Vice Chair Jennifer Abermanis
Gary Ketcheson – Auditor Tim Keohane

Attendees:

Heather McCoy- Executive Director Michelle Maynard – Finance & Operations Manager
Alan Chapman – WACD Jean Fike – WSCC
Jessica Aws (WICD Supervisor-Elect)

3 Call to Order, Welcome

- Mark Sytsma called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. He welcomed Supervisor-Elect Jessica Aws to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

4 Approval of Minutes from March 2nd

Motion (1) – Jennifer Abermanis moved and Tim Keohane seconded the approval of the minutes from the March 2 regular Board meeting as presented with one minor edit. Motion passed.

5 Partner Reports

- Jean Fike shared that the new Executive Director of WSCC, Chris Pettit, is now onboard. She also shared that the State supplemental budget was very generous. It is currently waiting for the Governor's signature. There will be a statewide informational webinar on April 4 regarding the new funds. Lastly, Jean mentioned that the draft programmatic guidelines for the Sustainable Farms and Fields grant program has been released for CD review and comment.

6 Long-Range Plan Draft

- Heather McCoy gave an update on the planning process. The initial draft of the long range plan is in its public comment period. In addition, she met with the ad hoc committee of Board Chair David Edwards and Supervisor Jennifer Abermanis to build out the plan's objective that is focused on Board leadership.
- Supervisor Jennifer Abermanis discussed the objective's tasks and explained the action planning worksheet that the committee developed for the tasks. The Board gave feedback.

7 Financial Report and Other Business

- Plant Sale Summary – Michelle Maynard gave an overview of the plant sale numbers and event logistics.
- Financial Report – Michelle reviewed the February 2022 Financial Report.

Motion (2) – Gary Ketcheson moved and Tim Keohane seconded to approve the February monthly financial reports as presented. Motion Passed.

8 Partner Reports continued

- Alan Chapman gave an overview of the recent WACD Board work session. The Board met the new WSCC Executive Director. State Conservationist Roylene Comes at Night discussed that the funding amount in the omnibus appropriations bill is smaller than expected so they will need to adjust. Whatcom, Skagit, and Snohomish CDs shared updates with the WACD Board. The Board is currently working on their FY2023 work plan with Josh Monaghan. They received a summary of the recent legislative session from their lobbyist. Jennifer asked Alan whether we are slated to host the next Northwest Region meeting; Alan will look into that and get back to Heather.

10 District Staff Report

- Heather updated the Board about the Natural Resource Planner hiring process, her recent presentation to the Island County Commissioners, and the recent Western SARE grant award.

11 Meeting Adjourned 10:49 AM

12 Other, Upcoming Dates and Review of Motions

March 10-24	Draft Long-Range Plan – Public Review Period
March 24	FarmWalk: Skyroot Farm
March 31	FarmWalk: PRI
April 7	FarmWalk: Bells Farm
April 18	WACD Business Meeting
April 27	WICD Regular Board Meeting
May 5-19	Draft Annual Work Plan - Public Review Period
May 25	WICD Regular Board Meeting
May 30	Long Range Plan, Annual Work Plan and Budget due to SCC
June 13-15	WADE Conference, virtual/Leavenworth
June 22	WICD Regular Board Meeting
June 30	End of Fiscal Year 2022
July 1	Beginning of Fiscal Year 2023

Review of Motions:

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