



Whidbey Island Conservation District

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Public Meeting Minutes April 28, 2024; 5:34 PM – 6:45 PM

1 Public Meeting

A regular meeting of the Whidbey Island Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held via Zoom with an in-person option at the WICD office (address listed above).

2 Attendance and Quorum

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

David Edwards – Chair

Mark Sytsma – Vice Chair

Gary Ketcheson – District Auditor

Jennifer Abermanis – Board Learning & Development Officer

Attendees:

Stephanie Turco – Associate Supervisor

Teri Jo Summer-Reiger – Associate Supervisor

Heather McCoy – Executive Director

Michelle Maynard – Finance & Operations Manager

Ryan Baye – WACD Director of Legislative & Membership Services

3 Call to Order, Welcome

Dave Edwards called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

4 Public Input and/or Comments

5 Approval of Minutes from March 28, 2024

Motion (1) – Gary Ketcheson moved and Jennifer Abermanis seconded the approval of the minutes from the March 28 Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion passed.

6 Partner Updates

Ryan Baye updated the Board on the recent legislative session and speculated about the upcoming one. He recalled that WACD successfully lobbied for additional \$3.5 million in CTA (“Implementation”) funds for the coming fiscal year (which should equate to \$77,776 per CD). He indicated that there will likely be significant turnover in the state legislature’s upcoming elections. Ryan mentioned the upcoming WACD Spring Legislative Workshop in late May (Heather will be attending). In addition, he shared the recent additions to WACD’s membership perks, including membership access to legal services. They are currently working to secure similar consultations for HR and IT services.

7 Financial & Operations Report and Actions

- Financial Report – Michelle Maynard presented the March 2024 reports.

Motion (2) – Gary Ketcheson moved and Jennifer Abermanis seconded the approval of the March 2024 financial reports as presented. Motion passed.

8 Annual Work Plan

- Heather presented the initial draft of the FY2025 Annual Work Plan and outlined the prioritized tasks and budget. The final draft will be present in the May meeting after a public comment period. The detailed FY2025 budget will also be presented in the May meeting.

Motion (3) – Jennifer Abermanis moved and Gary Ketcheson seconded the approval of the initial draft of the FY2025 Annual Work Plan as presented. Motion passed.

9 Board Business & Actions

- Board Education Series – Jennifer reminded the Board of the upcoming agricultural history of Whidbey Island talk scheduled for May 13 at 10am via Zoom. Reserve Manager Marie Shimada will present. We will revisit the series’ topics at our annual meeting in August.

- May In-person Meeting – Dave will reach out to Judy Feldman of the Organic Farm School to see if we can hold our next meeting at their Feed & Seed. Jennifer will coordinate the potluck planning. Heather will invite the new Stewardship Forester Collin to meet everyone in person.

9 District Staff Report

- District Staff Report – Heather answered questions related to the staff report.
- Associate Supervisor Teri Jo Summer-Reiger invited the Board to join her for Pondilla Estates’ Firewise Community Days this May 1-2. Dave suggested that Collin take photos and/or video featuring Teri Jo during the event. Heather will follow up with Collin.

10 Meeting Adjourned at approximately 6:45 PM

11 Other, Upcoming Dates and Review of Motions

May 1-15	Draft Annual Work Plan – Public Review Period
May 13	WICD Board Continuing Education (10am, Zoom)
May 16	SCC Regular Meeting
May 23	WICD Board Meeting (Annual Work Plan & FY2025 Budget Approval)
May 29-30	WACD Spring Legislative Workshop (Ellensburg; Heather attending)
May 30	FY2025 Annual Work Plan & Budget dues to SCC
June 10-12	WADE Annual Conference (Leavenworth; Heather, Collin & Jennifer attending)
June 27	WICD Board Meeting
June 30	End of FY2024

Review of Motions:

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