



Whidbey Island Conservation District

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Public Meeting Minutes- DRAFT July 25, 2024; 5:30 PM – 7:30 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:

Heather McCoy – Executive Director

Teri Jo Summer-Reiger – Associate Supervisor

Robin Buckingham – NRCS

Alex Chapman – NRCS

Jennifer Schmitz – IC DNR

Shannon FitzMaurice – IC Public Health

Megan Roorda – IC Public Health

Taylor Lawson – IC Community Health

3 Call to Order, Welcome

Dave Edwards called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Everyone introduced themselves.

4 Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5 Guest Presentations

- Shannon FitzMaurice (IC Public Health Nurse) gave an overview of the County's Food System Plan project.
- Jen Schmitz (IC DNR Manager) outlined IC DNR's programs and discussed current and potential partnership opportunities.

6 Partner Update

Robin Buckingham of NRCS shared: (1) EQIP funding is up 30% with 96 contracts across WA, 36 of which are through the Mt. Vernon office. There were 2,000 applications (due to great outreach), about 30% were funded; (2) There were double the CSP applications this year (from 2 to 4); The Mt. Vernon District Conservationist, Sarah Tanuvasa, will be out on military leave for the next several months. The Acting-District Conservationist for the next 30 days is Jared Hamman, the West Area RCPP Coordinator.

7 MINUTES

- Dave presented the June 27, 2024 Board meeting minutes for approval.

Motion (1) – Gary Ketcheson moved and Jennifer Abermanis seconded the approval of the June 27, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion passed.

7 Financial & Operations Report and Actions

- Financial Report – Heather McCoy presented the June 2024 reports.

Motion (2) – Gary Ketcheson moved and Mark Sytsma seconded the approval of the June 2024 financial reports as presented. Motion passed.

- WSCC Implementation Funds Addendum – Heather presented the addendum for approval.

Motion (3) – Mark Sytsma moved and Jennifer Abermanis seconded the approval of FY2025 Implementation Funds Addendum as presented. Motion passed.

- CTD Work Agreement – Heather updated the Board that the FY2025 work agreement will fund \$15,000 of Kelsi's time instead of the original \$10,000 budgeted.

8 Board Business & Actions

- Self-Assessment Components for Supervisors & Associate Supervisors – Mark Sytsma discussed the questions he has sent to the three WICD Associate Supervisors for program feedback; Dave and Heather reminded the Supervisors to complete their online survey by August 16.

9 District Staff Report

- District Staff Report – Heather answered questions related to the staff report.
- Heather shared the news of a recent fire on a Whidbey farm. Heather will keep the Board apprised of updates and will research possible support if needed.
- Board Learning & Development Officer Jennifer Abermanis confirmed that the next Board webinar will be given by Island County Hydrogeologist Chris Kelley on August 19 at 5:30pm. Heather will send out the Zoom link in early August.
- Heather requested vacation time (July 29-August 2; August 15-19) for approval.

Motion (4) – Jennifer Abermanis moved and Mark Sytsma seconded the approval of Heather’s proposed vacation dates as presented. Motion passed.

10 Meeting Adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM

11 Other, Upcoming Dates and Review of Motions

July 29-August 2 Heather on vacation
July 30 WSCC FY2024 Grants Addendum Due
August 15, 16, 19 Heather on vacation
August 19 WICD Board Education Series Talk (5:30 PM)
August 22 WICD Regular Board Meeting, Annual Meeting (Coupeville Library)
September 2 Labor Day – Office Closed
September 26 WICD Regular Board Meeting

Review of Motions:

Motion (1) – Gary Ketcheson moved and Jennifer Abermanis seconded the approval of the June 27, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Motion (2) – Gary Ketcheson moved and Mark Sytsma seconded the approval of the June 2024 financial reports as presented. Motion passed.

Motion (3) – Mark Sytsma moved and Jennifer Abermanis seconded the approval of FY2025 Implementation Funds Addendum as presented. Motion passed.

Motion (4) – Jennifer Abermanis moved and Mark Sytsma seconded the approval of Heather’s proposed vacation dates as presented. Motion passed.