



Whidbey Island Conservation District

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Public Meeting Minutes

Feb. 19, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

1 Public Meeting

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Whidbey Island Conservation District was held at the District office, 1 NE 4th Street, Coupeville.

2 Attendance and Quorum

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

Wendi Hilborn – Chair

Sarah Richards – Vice-Chair

Tom Fournier – Auditor (by phone)

Fran Einterz – Regular Member

Tim Keohane – Regular Member (by phone)

Also in attendance:

Karen Bishop - District Manager

Sandy Welch – Office Administer, Treasurer

Rob Hallbauer – WICD Natural Resource Planner

Ed Adams - Guest

3 Call to Order and Welcome

Wendi Hilborn, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

4 Minutes

Motion (1) Wendi Hilborn moved to approve the minutes of the Jan. 29, 2015 meeting. Motion passed.

5 Financials

Motion (2) Tom Fournier moved to approve the Jan. 30 – Feb. 19, 2015 P & L and voucher report including vouchers #5189 - 5211 (\$32,174.97); POS purchases (\$597.77); EFTPS for monthly 941 payroll tax (\$5,365.50) all totaling \$38,173.17. Motion passed.

6 Plant Sale

Sandy noted that the financials show payments for plant stock that had not paid for at this time last year. The inventory is fairly short for plants that have not been pre-paid. Tom Fournier will be present along with staff to oversee the handling of plant “day of sale” proceeds on Saturday of the plant sale.

7 WSCC Report – Shana Joy

Shana said that a set of tools and messaging was out for districts to use as a result of the work of the WSCC lead communications process, which Sarah Richards has been participating in. Shana said to make sure and get final district election forms sent to Bill Eller at WSCC. The Regional Managers are going through the Good Governance checklist with districts between now and the first part of April. Any district wishing to comment on the Cultural Resources policy draft should do so by Feb. 27. The PSCD Caucus is meeting on Feb. 23.

8 WACD Legislative Days

Karen presented the activities going on for legislative days in Olympia. Fran is considering attending along with Karen.

9 Agricultural Survey Update

Frannie Einterz presented the ag. survey draft to the Board and Supervisors discussed how it should be sent to farmers. The preference is to start with an electronic survey. The survey will go out at the beginning of March with results in by the end of the March.

10 Natural Resource Planner Report – Rob Hallbauer

Rob presented the 7.8 acre forest plan 2-15_1. The board complimented staff on the caring nature by which the WICD staff approaches the many and varied clientele that the district serves.

Motion (3) Fran Einterz moved to approve forest plan 2-15_1. Motion passed.

11 District Manager Report – Karen Bishop

Karen updated the board on the Island County critical areas ordinance for agriculture interim ordinance. She also provided an update on cost share project status. Supervisors discussed the Maxwellton information Dawn Pucci at Island County compiled regarding a possible grant application for the Maxwellton Valley. After each board member expressed their opinion, the board consensus was that the application would be better suited as an Island County application.

Karen presented the Beginning Farmer and Rancher (BFR) grant application. The BFR grant proposal is a collaborative application between Greenbank Farm, San Juan Ag Resources Committee, San Juan CD and the San Juan WSU Small Farms program to assist beginning farmers.

Motion (4) Wendi moved to support the Beginning Farmer and Rancher grant application to USDA. Motion passed.

12 Upcoming Dates, Review of Motions, Adjourn

WICD Board of Supervisors meeting –

March 26, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

March 24 – 25 Legislative Days, Olympia

Action Items:

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Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.