



Whidbey Island Conservation District

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Public Meeting Minutes
Sept. 25, 2014
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.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

Fran Einterz – Regular Member

Tim Keohane – Regular Member

Also in attendance:

Karen Bishop - District Manager

Sandy Welch – Office Administer, Treasurer

Rob Hallbauer – Natural Resource Planner

Shana Joy – WSCC Puget Sound Regional Manager and Policy Assistant

3 Call to Order and Welcome

Sarah Richards, Board Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

4 Minutes

Motion (1) Fran Einterz moved to approve the minutes of the Aug. 28, 2014 meeting. Motion passed.

Wendi Hilborn arrived and assumed chair of meeting.

5 Financials

Sandy Welch, Treasurer, presented the financials. Vouchers this month included the majority of the advertising for the farm tour which is covered by sponsorships.

Motion (2) Tom Fournier moved to approve the Aug. 29 – Sept. 25, 14 P & L, voucher report including #5060 – 5084 (\$25,778.34) POS purchases (\$365.59), and EFTPS for monthly 941 payroll tax (\$4,389.20) all totaling \$30,533.13. Motion passed.

6 Set Upcoming Meeting Dates, Plant Sale and Elections

Motion (3) – Fran Einterz moved to set the following dates for meetings, elections and the district plant sale.

The following meetings are changes from the normal 4th Thursday of the month date:

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

Thursday, December 18, 2014

Thursday, February 19, 2015

Other dates:

Friday and Saturday, February 27 – 28, 2015 – plant sale customer pick-up

Friday, December 26 - WICD office closed – staff takes vacation day and can work if they choose

Election date will be set at the October 13, 2014 board meeting – proposed election date February 3, 2015.

Motion passed.

Motion (4) Wendi Hilborn moved to permanently change the WICD Board meeting time to 9:00 – 11:00a.m.

Motion passed.

- 7 **Plant sale**
The plant sale location for 2015 was discussed. The Fairgrounds was a nice, affordable location but additional costs were incurred with mileage to the far south end of the island. Sarah Richards agreed to work with Sandy on pricing, species, and outreach for the sale.
- 8 **NRCS Report – Karen Bishop for Tony Sunseri**
Tony Sunseri said the EQIP deadline has been set for Nov. 15, 2014. The next deadline will likely be in July of 2015.
- 9 **WSCC Report – Shana Joy, WSCC Puget Regional Manager and Policy Assistant**
Shana said that the WSCC FY 15 – 17 budget has been submitted and that WACD is encouraging letters of support to the governor’s office. The NW region WACD meeting will be on Oct. 7 in Carnation. The WICD board has no resolutions to propose this year. There will be no supervisors attending from WICD but Karen is planning to go. On Oct. 9, a CPDS webinar will be available to CD staff. Rankings for CPDS projects is due to WSCC on Nov. 7.
- 10 **Maxwelton Valley Watershed – follow-up discussion to tour**
Supervisors discussed the importance of balancing the interests in the watershed. Preference would be for WICD to play a supporting role on projects in the watershed but not take the lead on a restoration grant project.
- 11 **Forest Plan Approval**
Rob Hallbauer presented forest plan #9-15_1 which had been E mailed to the board for review.
Motion (5) Fran Einterz moved to approve forest plan #9-15_1.
- 12 **Ebey’s Watershed Update**
Rob Hallbauer updated the board on the Ebey’s watershed grant. Water quality monitoring has been extended for the first project for another season due to funding leftover from the last two seasons. Monitoring will be targeted to areas where sources are inconclusive. Final flow data has been assembled by the consultant. Ebey’s 2 project contract with Ecolotree (phytoremediation) work and the contract with Element Solutions (flow monitoring) are nearly complete.
- 13 **District Manager Report – Karen Bishop**
CPDS Project Ranking – Project ranking due date to WSCC has been moved to November 7. Staff will rank projects and present to Supervisors at the Oct. 23 board meeting.
Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas – The Board of Island County Commissioners approved the FWHCA ordinance on September 22.
Grants – Fall grant applications are due in October and November. Staff is reviewing the Island County water quality data to guide the decision on where to focus grant applications.
- 11 **Upcoming Dates, Review of Motions, Adjourn**
Oct. 23 – Board meeting, WICD Conference Room, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Action Items

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Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

