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WHATCOM CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD AGENDA

FOR JANUARY 17, 2019

MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO REQUIRE
SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR
MEETINGS ARE ASKED TO CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT
LEAST 96 HOURS IN ADVANCE

AS A COURTESY TO ALL MEETING ATTENDEES
CELLULAR PHONE USE IS PROHIBITED IN
THE CONFERENCE ROOM

ACCESSIBLE PARKING IS AVAILABLE NEAR
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MINUTES TO PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS
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POLICIES
CONSERVATION PROGRAM INFORMATION & RESOURCES

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

BOARD AGENDA

REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

1 p.m. Thursday, January 17, 2019

Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Audience members who wish to address the board during a public hearing are asked to sign up at the back of the room before the meeting begins. The district chair will ask those who have signed up to come to the front of the room. Each speaker should state his or her name for the record and will be given three minutes to address the board. Staff will keep track of time limits and inform speakers when they have thirty seconds left to conclude their comments. When a large group of individuals supports the same position on an issue, we encourage the selection of one or two representatives to speak on behalf of the entire group. (Public comment applies to the items listed below)

None

OPEN SESSION (10 MINUTES)

During open session, audience members can speak to the board on any issue not scheduled for public hearing. Each speaker should state his or her name for the record and will be given three minutes to address the board. Staff will keep track of time limits and inform speakers when they have thirty seconds left to conclude their comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items under this section of the agenda may be considered in a single motion. Supervisors have received and studied background material on all items. Committee review has taken place on these items, as indicated. Any member of the public, administrative staff, or board may ask that an item be considered separately.

- 1. Request approval of Minutes from December 20, 2018 meeting of the board. (See board packet)**
- 2. Request approval of December 2018 Financial Report. (See board packet)**
- 3. Request ratification of December Accounts Paid as within FY2019 Budget. (See board packet)**
- 4. Request approval of Employee Step Increase for Livestock Team Coordinator Corina Cheever from C2 Step 4 to C2 Step 5. (See board packet)**
- 5. Request approval of Farm Plans. (See board packet)**
- 6. Request extension of the agreement between the District with NSEA and Tenmile Project.**
Residents of the Tenmile watershed received funding from the Whatcom Community Foundation for water quality sampling, stormwater education and outreach. The Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association was the fiscal sponsor for the project. There is about \$11,500 additional funds available to the project. It is proposed that they will be used for the activities described in the original scope of work through the end of this year.
- 7. Request approval Tillamook County Creamery Association for adapting Air Quality Score sheet.**
Dr. Embertson was approached to adapt the scoresheet that she had produced for the Yakima Clean Air Agency. Dr. Embertson believes this will be useful for our local dairies in the future,

because our environmental conditions are very similar. This is important to meet the funding needs of the research team. (See board packet)

8. **Request award of 2019 Conservation Leadership Award to Roderick Perry, Clearbrook Farm.** The Clearbrook weather station established was established in 1903. It is invaluable locally and regionally since that site has over 100 years of weather records. This data helps livestock managers to make water quality protective decisions. In addition to faithfully maintaining this station, Rod has devoted a great deal of his time to public service including:
 - Commissioner since 2004 of Whatcom County Cemetery District No.11.
 - Supervisor of Sumas Water Improvement District since 2014
 - Member of the Nooksack Valley High School Ag Advisory Committee
 - Board member of Meadowbrook Water Association

Rod was one of the District's earliest CREP program participants enrolling 14 acres in 2000 and re-enrolling and adding an additional 7 acres in 2015. The project protects over 1.8 miles of stream.

"The health of the environment is intertwined between the uses of the resources of the land, water and air." Rod Perry

OTHER ITEMS

1. **Second Reading of Public Comment at Board Meetings Policy.** (See board packet)
2. **Request approval to create a Fire Preparedness Position.** The District's current annual plan of work identified two unfunded goals. These were to educate and prepare rural residents for fires and educate the public about Firewise program and effectiveness. Staff were directed to pursue funding for these activities. In 2018, staff made three presentations to the County Council, gave interviews to the WWU newspaper, met with the County Executive and assisted in drafting a request for inclusion in the 2019-20 County Budget. The Council recommended and the County Executive included \$25,000 per year for calendar years 2019 and 2020 to advance these goals. While this is insufficient for a full-time position, the Skagit CD is willing to contribute \$60,000 per year towards sharing a staff person for this purpose. The Executive Director recommends creating a fire prepared program position. That person would be paid for by Whatcom County, Skagit CD and other funding sources yet to be determined.
3. **Review Governor's Budget and District primary talking points for Legislative Days.**
4. **Review 2018-2019 Budget Performance.**
5. **Review Draft Timeline, Milestones and Staff/Supervisor assignment/roles in developing next 2019-20 Annual Plan of Work, 2019-20 Budget and update to current Long Range Plan of Work.**

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

Board action will not be taken. The Board may accept these items for introduction (no action) in a single motion. Changes, in terms of committee assignment for example, may be made at this time.

1. **Amendment to District Policy Consent Agenda (Sept 2015).** Supervisor Davis recommends the Board revisit its current policy regarding the Consent Agenda. (See board packet)

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS AND BOARDMEMBER UPDATES