

WHATCOM CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Special Public Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2014

I. Time and Place of Meeting.

A special public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Whatcom Conservation District (WCD) was held at the Ag Service Center, 6975 Hannegan Rd, Lynden, Washington on May 20, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

II. Attendance and Quorum.

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

Joe Heller, Chair
Larry Helm

Larry Davis, Treasurer
Dick Yoder

Also in attendance were:

George Boggs, Executive Director

Dawn Bekenyi, Admin. Assistant

III. Meeting Called to Order.

Joe Heller, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

IV. Annual Plan of Work.

The Board reviewed the draft annual plan of work for FY 2015. In the section of Water Quality there was discussion regarding the significant sources of pollution to all water courses and groundwater.

Water Quantity – there was discussion regarding the water law preventing the capture of waters of the state. The Board said that they would like a resolution brought to the Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Annual meeting seeking a change in the water law to allow for water conservation.

Habitat – The Board asked to include wildlife corridors as a benefit to habitat.

Priority #4 – Conserving Whatcom’s Green Infrastructure Network – add the Firewise program.

Education and Outreach – It was decided to add hire an outreach education position and task the employee to outline three education initiatives.

Larry Davis moved to approve and adopt the Annual Plan of Work for FY 2015 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) as revised. Larry Helm seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V. Other.

Water Quality Tour –

The Board asked George about the Water Quality Tour the previous week. George said that it went very well. He gave an overview of the feedback received from the tour participants. Joe Heller reported that the staff gave very good presentations. Larry Helm expressed that he would like to write a letter from the Board thanking staff for the job well done on the tour and educational opportunity.

Portage Bay Shellfish Beds –

George reported to the Board that at least a portion of the commercial shellfish harvest area is likely to be downgraded due to excessive fecal coliform counts.

VI. Record of Board Actions.

14-41 Larry Davis moved to approve and adopt the Annual Plan of Work for FY 2015 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) as revised. Larry Helm seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VII. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the meeting, Larry Helm moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Larry Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting, on motion duly made, seconded and carried, adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Dated: June 30, 2014

Approved: _____

Dawn Bekenyi, Administrative Assistant