WHATCOM CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Supervisor Regular Meeting

9:00 AM
Conference Room
December 20, 2019
MINUTES
6975 Hannegan Rd

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Board Members
Heather Christianson, Chair
Suzzi Snydar, Vice-Chair
Larry Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
Alan Chapman
Valeri Wade

Administrative Staff & Others in Attendance
George Boggs, Executive Director
Dawn Bekenyi, District Clerk/Auditor
Jean Fike, WSCC
Alex Hall, NRCS
Aneka Sweeney, Outreach Coordinator

NRCS Report.
Alex gave a report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
None.

OPEN SESSION (In person or written)
None.

CONSENT AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED BY DAVIS AND SECONDED BY SNYDAR TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. MOTION CARRIED (5-0).

1. Request approval of Minutes from November 12, 2019 meeting. (as modified)
3. Request authorization for the District Chair to enter into Standard form CREP State Reimbursement contracts with the following landowners:
   a. Keaton & Carylnn Brown
4. Request authorization for the District Chair to sign as approving/certifying Dairy Nutrient Management Plans.
   a. Heritage Dairy LLC
   b. Sundstrom Family Farm

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   a. Scott & Gordy James – certification

REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA

Other Items

   Aneka lead a 90-minute work session. Activities include:
a. Review/react to a presentation suggesting major themes to frame conservations with stakeholders.
b. Each Board member will give a 1-2 minute pitch on the theme: “Who is the Whatcom CD and why you should support.”
c. Review draft list of stakeholders identify gaps and prioritize.

Updating long range plan and preparing for likely rates and charges request. When input from residents is gathered a plan will be developed in response, assuming that community demand exceeds current capacity, the CD would present the plan to county council with a budget showing what the public is asking for and how the funds requested would serve those needs. Board and staff will be meeting with groups from local communities to provide information and get input on the CD’s work. These stakeholders groups have existing meetings, email distribution lists etc. good strategy tapping into those where possible. A survey will be developed to allow broader input and participation. July 31 deadline for this Board to approve the long range plan – county process flows from there. George working in parallel on the legal and technical aspects of the rates and charges process.

Aneka took the group through some exercises to prepare Board to represent effectively in a harmony of voices and introduced the Board to marketing tools designed to help customize messaging for different audiences.

Wait lists that can be used to help demonstrate need:
- Fire adapted communities
- Small farm planning
- Riparian planting (e.g. smaller properties, folks who are not CREP eligible)
- Schools who want / want more watershed education

Time was growing short so the Board opted to set up a special meeting on Jan 6, 2020 at 2:00 pm to continue the discussion on WCD presentation and rates & charges process.

INTRODUCTION ITEMS
None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS AND BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

George Boggs –

Financial Report –
George presented a financial report.

New CIG project has been funded. More details to follow.

WACD Annual meeting reports –
Highlights from the WACD Annual meeting were shared by Board members and George.

Chris Clark –
Chris informed the Board that he was taking a position with NRCS as the SW Regional Engineer out of Lacey. Board members thanked him for all his years of service to the Whatcom Conservation District. There was discussion regarding the current workload locally as he transitions to NRCS.

Elections –
It was decided that discussion regarding elections issues will be added to the January meeting, not the work session.
Record of Board Actions.

20-01 IT WAS MOVED BY DAVIS AND SECONDED BY SNYDAR TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. MOTION CARRIED (5-0).

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20-02 IT WAS MOVED BY DAVIS AND SECONDED BY SNYDAR TO CERTIFY THE FOLLOWING.
MOTIONS CARRIED (5-0)

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Adjournment.

IT WAS MOVED BY DAVIS. SECONDED BY SNYDAR:
to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 pm.
MOTION CARRIED. (5-0)

There being no further business before the meeting, adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

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Dawn Bekenyi, District Auditor