

MASON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting

August 21, 2014

The regular meeting of the Mason Conservation District Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman David Mackey at 4:08 p.m.

Board Members present: Linda Barnett, Larry Boltz, Bonnie Hall, David Mackey, and Jason Ragan.

Staff present: Evan Bauder, John Bolender, Judith Denoyer, Erin Johnston, Mitch Redfern, Karin Strelieff, and Jen Thrumman-Williams.

Others present: Shana Joy-Washington State Conservation Commission.

Minutes: The minutes of July 17, 2014 were approved as corrected.

(M- Hall, S- Boltz, P-Unanimously)

Financial Reports: The financial reports for July 2014, including checks 158871-15935 were reviewed and approved.

(M-Ragan, S- Boltz, P-Unanimously)

Program Presentation – Forest Festival Field Day: Jen presented an overview of the very successful Forest Festival Field Day youth education program. The event is sponsored by Green Diamond Resource Company and is held at Panhandle Lake. The program focus is on forest ecology and clean water.

Old Business

WSCC FY15-17 Budget Letter: Staff informed the board of the action taken by the WSCC in relation to the input submitted by districts.

New Business

DNR Crew Contract: Staff informed the board of the expiration of the current contract with DNR. Staff recommended the board authorize the Chair to sign a new two year contract with DNR at the same terms, conditions, and prices to continue work on projects the district has planned for the next two years.

(M-Ragan, S-Boltz, P-Unanimously)

WSU Extension MOA: Staff informed the board of the expiration of the MOA with WSU Extension for the shared Small Farms Program position. The collaboration has been very effective in providing technical assistance to agricultural producers in Mason County. The success of the program is evidenced by the substantial demand in landowner requests for assistance.

Surplus Equipment: Staff informed the board of the status of the 1993 Ford Explorer and the 1996 Ford Ranger Extended cab pickup. Both vehicles have failed transmissions and are beyond their service life. It would not be cost effective to return the vehicles to service. Staff recommended the board declare the two vehicles surplus property.

(M-Hall, S-Ragan, P-Unanimously)

Staff Reports – Staff in attendance provided updates on the status of projects planned and underway.

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Port of Shelton Lease: Staff informed the board of the status of the office lease with the Port. Staff informed the board of the Port's proposal for a three year extension. The board did not feel comfortable with accepting the extended lease period proposed by the Port, which is beyond the period covered in the existing lease contract. The board expressed concern with the Port proposing terms that are outside the terms and conditions of the contract, voiding the T&C's in the current contract. The board directed staff to inform the Port of its decision not to accept the proposed term changes and to request a month to month arrangement while it reviewed long-term office space options.

(M- Hall, S- Boltz, P-Unanimously)

Executive Session: The board called a thirty minute executive session to consider a proposal to purchase real estate. The Executive Session commenced at 5:00. The board returned from Executive Session at 5:30. No decisions were made in Executive Session.

Purchase of Real Estate: The board authorized the Chair or Vice-Chair to sign an Offer to Purchase real property.

Other:

MCDPH – None

NRCS Report – None

WSCC Report – Shana Joy reported on the status of the WSCC FY15-17 Budget Package. She also mentioned the Elections Webinar scheduled for August 27th and the deadline for district Report of Accomplishments.

With all business concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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