

MASON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2019

The meeting of the Mason Conservation District Board of Supervisors was called to order by Jason Ragan at 4:04 pm.

Board Members present: Larry Boltz, Michael O'Day, Myron Ougendal, , Jason Ragan, and Mark Woytowich.

Staff present: John Bolender, Evan Bauder, and Jenifer Sliva.

Guests: Frank Curtin, NRCS; Jean Fike WSCC; Sheila Marcone Department of Ecology

September 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and approved as presented.

(M – Boltz, S – Ougendal, Passed – Unanimously)

September Financial Report: Myron Ougendal Auditor presented the September Financial report. Warrants 19301-19326 in the amount of \$222,024.21 were issued and approved in the month of August. The financial report was approved as presented.

(M – Boltz, S – O'Day, Passed – Unanimously)

PROGRAM & STAFF UPDATES

Staff Updates –

Evan Bauder updated the landowner agreements and other progress in the Skokomish Valley projects. Projects are moving along with the partnership between the Tribes and the County.

Jenifer Sliva updated the Board on the budget progress, the quarterly invoicing from the Department of Ecology and the WCIF medical rates for 2020.

Program Updates –

WSCC – Jean Fike updated the Board on development of a new election process for the Board positions. There are some drafted proposed updates and changes, would not affect the 2020 election cycle.

NRSC – Frank Curtin from NRSC updated the Board on activity in our region. Frank discussed the county contracts obligated for NRCS and the number of signed contracts for the County. He also discussed the soil and groundwater depletion additions.

DOE – Shelia Marcone from Ecology introduced herself to the Board. She is in charge of the Water Quality. She discussed the Ecology newsletter.

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NEW BUSINESS

Squaxin Island Tribe Contract – Evan presented a contract for restoration at the community garden and legal offices. This is a continuation of work the District has done in the past. Evan requested the Board authorize the Chair sign the contract as presented.

(M – O’Day, S – Boltz, Passed – Unanimously)

Great Peninsula Conservancy Contract – Evan presented the contract supporting work on the USAC projects. Evan requested the Board authorize the Chair to sign the contract.

(M – Boltz, S – Woytowich, Passed – Unanimously)

Grays Harbor CD Agreement – John presented an agreement to perform a habitat restoration project in the Satsop watershed. Staff requested the board concur with the Chairs signature on the agreement.

(M – Ougendal, S – O’Day, Passed – Unanimously)

Surplus Property – John asked the board to declare surplus the following parcels:

42108-33-00000, Also known as the Richert Property

42108-33-00050, Also known as the Waterman Property

42108-31-00100, Also known as the West Property

These properties have met the requirements of the granting agencies for the purpose of the District. There is no longer any benefit for the District to maintain ownership of the properties. Agreements with local governments or tribes will be pursued for the disposition of these properties. Included in this is request was the re-designation of the following parcel: 42122-18-00020, also known as the White Property to be deeded to Mason County.

(M-Woytowich., S – Boltz, Passed –Unanimously)

Cost Share Agreements –

KC-19-CS6 – John presented cost share project involving a past cooperator, with a 40 acre cattle farm near Oakland Bay. BMP’s: heavy use area; fencing. Total project cost share award is \$6,750.

(M – Woytowich, S – Boltz, Passed – Unanimously)

EB-19-SH2 – Evan presented a cost share project on a 200 cattle operation in the Skokomish Valley involving a past cooperator. BMP: waste transfer. The total cost share awarded is \$33,750.

(M - Woytowich, S –Boltz, Passed – Unanimously)

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KH-19-NRI1 – John presented the project cost share in Case Inlet with a shoreline beach and upland, with bulkhead. The project is for adaptive management of a soft armor bulkhead installation and drainage. The total cost share award is \$16,875.

(M –O’Day, S –Boltz, Passed – Woytowich Abstain)

EB-19-SH3 – Evan presented a project for obstruction removal in the Hood Canal area. This is for eight acres of tidelands near DNR property. The total cost share award is \$50,000.

(M –O’Day, S –Woytowich, Passed – Unanimously)

Executive Session: John requested an executive session to discuss an employee matter. Executive session was called to order at 5:32. It was stated the regular meeting was to resume at 5:45. The regular meeting reconvened at 5:45 with no decision being made during executive session.

Good of the Order: John discussed issues and activities at the recent NW area meeting. In addition John informed the Board of a recent award Jen Thurman-Williams received from the Pacific Education Institute for her work with Mason County schools on youth environmental education.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Jana Roga

11-21-19

