The regular meeting of the Mason Conservation District Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman David Mackey at 4:05 p.m.

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

**Board Members absent:** Larry Boltz, Myron Oughtendal

**Staff present:** John Bolender, Evan Bauder, and Judith Denoyer

**Others present:** Dan Larsen, NRCS

**Regular Meeting July 16, 2015:** The minutes were approved.
(M – Hall, S – Barnett, P – Unanimously)

**Special Meeting July 30, 2015 minutes:** The minutes of the Special meeting were approved.
(M – Hall, S – Barnett, P – Unanimously)

**Financial Reports:** The financial report for July 2015, including checks 16546 – 16722, were reviewed and approved.
(M – Ragan, S – Barnett, P – Unanimously)

**Staff reports:** Staff in attendance provided updates on projects planned and underway

**NRCS Report:** Dan Larsen shared copies of new quarterly newsletter—“Puget Sound Conservationist”—Mr. Larsen discussed the $9M RCPP budget and the lengthy process involved with identifying projects and earmarking specific dollars for those projects. The extended EQIP deadline to October 15th was discussed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Banking services:** Staff updated the board on the investigation into opening a checking account at Heritage Bank, to replace the checking account at Bank of America. Based on the impact on district operations and efficiencies, staff recommended the board authorize the district to open a checking account at Heritage Bank for the purposes of replacing the Bank of America checking account for district operations.
(M – Hall, S – Ragan, P – Unanimously)

Staff recommended the board approve all regular board members, and the District Manager to be authorized signers on the checking account with Heritage Bank.
(M – Ragan, S – Hall, P – Unanimously)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Payroll Electronic Deposit:** Staff recommended the board authorize the district to change the current pay period from one time per month to two times per month, to accommodate implementation of electronic payroll deposits. Motion to change payroll period to twice monthly and have direct deposit available for employees.
(M – Barnett, S – Hall, P – Unanimously)

**Construction Contract – Burkle Project:** NRCS EQIP project – MCD solicited bids from three contractors for the project. The district received one bid from Quigg Bros. Construction, with two other contractors

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declining to bid: Staff recommend the board award the contract to Quigg Bros. Construction and authorize the Chair to sign contract documents. (M – Hall, S – Barnett, P – Unanimously)

WSCC Ellensburg Meeting: Staff informed the board of the Policy and Budget issues and discussions from the WSCC meeting in Ellensburg.

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

[Signatures and date]