

MASON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Special Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2020

The conference call meeting of the Mason Conservation District Board of Supervisors was called to order by Jason Ragan at 4:05 pm.

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

Staff present: Evan Bauder, John Bolender, and Ryan Williams.

Others present: Aleyna Reynolds, DOE

April 16th Meeting Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and approved as corrected.

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

Financial Reports: Suspended until June meeting.

PROGRAM & STAFF UPDATES

Staff present updated the board on the status of various programs, as well as potential future projects.

OLD BUSINESS –

John provided a COVID-19 operations update describing limited and remote operations, limited office staff and limited field visits.

John provided an update on the recruitment and hiring process for the district accounting position. Rhonda Nydegger will begin work June 1.

John informed the board of the 2020 election and appointment results. These results were validated by the WSCC at their May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

DOE Flood Plains by Design Grant – Evan informed the board of the results of contract negotiations with DOE for continued funding in the Skokomish watershed. Staff requested the board authorize the Chair to sign the contract with DOE as discussed.

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

RCO Chehalis Grant Agreement – Ryan informed the board of a grant from RCO for the district to provide funds to design a LWD installation project in Cloquallum Creek. Staff requested the board authorize the Chair to sign the contract with RCO as discussed.

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

RCO Grant Resolution 2020-2– Staff presented a resolution authorizing the district to receive an RCO grant to design a LWD installation project in Cloquallum Creek. Staff requested the board approve the resolution as presented.

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Financial Assistance Applications – John presented cost-share applications for three cooperators: Cooperator KC-20-CS1 was approved as presented.

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

Cooperator KH-20-CS2 was approved as presented.

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

Cooperator EB-19-SH2 was approved as presented.

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

Cooperator KH-20-SF1 was approved as presented.

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

District Annual Plan of Work – John discussed the draft Annual Plan of Work. The plan carries forward current district programs and funding. In addition, revisions were made to better describe natural resource concerns and how programs are characterized to the public. After discussion staff requested the board approve the Annual Plan of Work as discussed and to forward it to the WSCC as required.

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

WRIA Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Committee – John provided the board with information regarding this committee’s work pertaining to water rights in the district. John discussed the background and implications of this discussion, as well as potential impacts to residents in the district. John further recommended an approach for the district to participate in the discussion, while maintaining neutrality. The board concurred with the recommendation.

With no further business for the good of the order the meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm.

John Rago

6-25-2020