

MASON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2020

The meeting of the Mason Conservation District Board of Supervisors was called to order by Jason Ragan at 4:00 pm.

Board Members present (via telephone conference): Larry Boltz, Michael O'Day, Myron Ougendal, Jason Ragan, and Mark Woytowich.

Staff present: Evan Bauder, John Bolender, and Rhonda Nydegger.

Members of the public present: Josh Giuntoli – WSCC, Anne Baxter – DOE, and Aleyna Reynolds – DOE.

Meeting Minutes – June 16: The minutes were reviewed and approved as presented.

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

Financial Report – June: Myron Ougendal Auditor reviewed the financial reports with detail of balances for all funds and checks written during period.

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

PROGRAM & STAFF UPDATES

Staff Update –

Staff present updated the Board on program activities in the past month as well as efforts under development.

John Bolender updated the Board on expected legislative issues, state revenue forecasts and budget outlook through 2023 and potential impacts on District operations. Particularly focus on budget package changes proposed by the WSCC. Proposed changes to the WSCC election rules are also being considered for the 2021 election period.

WSCC Update –

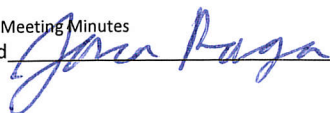
Josh provided details of the WSCC budget priorities for 2021-2023, as well as details of proposed changes to the WSCC elections rules for 2021.

DOE Update –

Aleyna and Anne discussed the current status of water quality concerns in Mason County. Interest was expressed for further detailed discussions regarding DOE efforts and interactions in the District. District staff discussed existing agreements between MCD, Mason County, and DOE for addressing water quality concerns and protocols for communications. DOE staff indicated no targeted sampling had occurred to identify potential sources.

OLD BUSINESS –

John Bolender informed the Board of the status up district operations and impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic. District operations continue to be primarily remote, with limited office personnel. Due



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to the continuing uncertainty and case status staff suggested continuing in this operational mode at this time, while continuing to monitor state health operational requirements. The Board concurred with this continued operational status and will discuss further at the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Skokomish Confluence Contract Award – Evan provided background on the project, funding sources, and competitive bidding process undertaken. The primary goal of the project is to increase quality and quantity of salmonid habitat, improve fish passage, and to enhance sediment process through this reach, while preventing increased flood impacts on residents along the Skokomish River. A preliminary design for this project has been prepared and will be used as the foundation to support development of a final design. Staff recommended the board award a contract to ESA, with the option to negotiate with NSD, if the district is unable to negotiate an agreeable scope and budget with ESA.

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

River Mile 5 Engineered Log Jam Design Contract – Evan provided background on the project, funding sources, and competitive bidding process undertaken. The primary goal of the project is to scour a deeper narrower main channel while depositing sediment in available floodplain areas and/or on gravel bars to increase the quality and quantity of salmonid habitat and to enhance sediment process through this reach, while preventing increased flood impacts on residents along the Skokomish River. Staff recommended the board award a contract to NSD, with the option to negotiate with ESA, if the district is unable to negotiate an agreeable scope and budget with NSD.

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

Hunter Creek Confluence and Overflow Channel Feasibility Study Contract Award – Evan provided background on the project, funding sources, and competitive bidding process undertaken. The primary goal of the project is to create a preliminary design if an alternative is identified that will improve flood conditions and “fish passage”, reduce flood impacts and reduce fish stranding, while maintaining the support of recommends the board award a contract to ESA, with the option to negotiate with NHC if the district is unable to negotiate an agreeable scope and budget with ESA.

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

Authorized Signatures Form for WSCC and Heritage Bank – John presented the signature form for the Commission that is updated every year. He also noted the need to update the signature card at Heritage Bank. John recommended that the Board review the signature authorities and approve the same positions as last year.

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

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Executive Session – The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:05 pm. The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss the performance of a District employee. The Executive Session was ended at 5:30 pm. No decisions were made.

John shared information with the Board regarding end of year administrative tasks and discussed engagement with the Finance and Personnel Committee's to work on drafting the 2021 District Budget, review and updating of District finance standard operating procedures, considerations for

With no further business for the good of the order the meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Jason Rags

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