

MASON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2020

The meeting of the Mason Conservation District Board of Supervisors was called to order by Jason Ragan at 4:02 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

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

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

Financial Report – July: Myron Ougendal Auditor reviewed the financial report with detail of balances for all funds and checks (18296-18319, + EFT) executed during period.

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

Financial Report – August: Myron Ougendal Auditor reviewed the financial report with detail of balances for all funds and checks (18320-18346, + EFT) executed during period.

(M – Woytowich, S – O'Day, 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 –

Focused discussion of current water quality concerns in Mason County.

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 to the continuing uncertainty and case status staff recommended continuing in this operational mode

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at this time, while continuing to monitor state health operational requirements. The Board concurred with staff recommendation and will discuss further at the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

CREP Plan Proposal RW-CREP-1 – Ryan provided background on the project and funding. The primary goal of the project is to improve agricultural operations while increasing quality and quantity of salmonid habitat. The plan has been reviewed and approved by NRCS. Staff recommended the board approve the plan and forward to FSA for consideration and action.

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

NW Area Meeting – John discussed the upcoming area meeting agenda and issues.

District Elections 2021 – John discussed the up 2021 District Election, proposed changes, and effects on district operations. More information will follow.

With no further business for the good of the order the meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.