

MASON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2023

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

Board Members present: Jason Ragan, Michael O'Day, Andrea Miller, Carmen Echeverria, Larry Boltz

Board Members absent: None

Staff present: Evan Bauder, Nick Schneider, Keith Underwood, Angie Hanners, Margaret Kreder, Justin Bennett

Members of the public present: Josh Giuntoli (WSCC) and Hannah Coe (DOE)

Introduce Guests: Hannah introduced herself during DOE update

Public Comment: None

Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2023: The minutes were reviewed and approved as presented.
(M – O'Day, S – Echeverria, Passed – Unanimously)

Financial Report – January 2023: Michael O'Day reviewed the financial report with detail of balances for all funds and checks (19967-19996 + EFT) executed during period.
(M – Boltz, S – Echeverria, Passed – Unanimously)

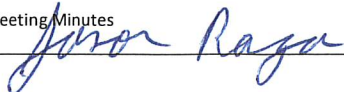
Financial Report – February 2023: Michael O'Day reviewed the financial report with detail of balances for all funds and checks (19997-20025 + EFT) executed during period.
(M – Boltz, S – Echeverria, Passed – Unanimously)

PROGRAM & STAFF UPDATES

WSCC Update – Josh Giuntoli provided an update on the following:

- CD election and Riparian Bills did not pass. Riparian bill never made it out of budget, elections never made it to floor. Looking to see if these can be funded via proviso
- Budgets will be coming out in the coming weeks.
- Coalition of people working to extend forestry RCPP for another 5 years through a new grant.
- Engineering grant, NRI, and grants and procedures manual coming out to Districts for comment.

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- Cost share and DIP training last week. Recorded for future viewing.

DOE Update – Hannah Coe filling in for Alena. Filling in for ERTS and Oakland bay enforcement cases. Everything else on hold for now. Hannah gave a little of her background since she will be filling in in the interim.

Staff Update –

Evan: presented Michael O’Day with 5 year WACD recognition certificate and pin: discussed office capacity limitations; updated board on staffing with newest additions to the team being Ian Susens this week and Justin Bennett on march 6th

The board introduced themselves to Justin Bennett and Justin introduced himself to the board.

Keith: provided update RM5 LWD project and Skokomish Valley Road Improvement project.

Angie: informed the board that she has been focused on supporting Keith with moving various projects forward.

Margaret: informed the board that she is working with DNR and preparing to launch a community wildfire resiliency campaign.

Nick: informed the board that he has been focused on technical assistance cases and conducting inspections on ongoing cost share projects.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

RCO Grant #20-1105 Amendment #1–

Request approval to amend an RCO Grant Agreement for the Skokomish RM 6.5 LWD project (20-1105) adding \$1.1 Million grant funds to the contract.

Motion made to approve and authorize the chair to sign Skokomish RM 6.5 LWD, Phase 1 (RCO# 20-1105) RCO Grant Amendment adding \$1,100,000 grant funds for a total agreement of \$2,412,283 as presented.

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

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EPA NEP Forestry Grant Award –

Informational Agenda Item: The Forestry program will be receiving funding through the coalition proposal from HSIL NEP funding cycle. The program will fund the continuation of forestry services in Mason, Thurston, and Kitsap areas with the potential for serving Jefferson & Pierce as well. Also includes education events, outreach materials, and a small implementation project.

Wildfire Ready Neighbors DNR Award –

The Forestry program is partnering with DNR for their west-side launch of Wildfire Ready Neighbors (WRN), a call-to-action program for local wildfire preparedness. Funding from the award contracted through the SCC will be used for materials and postage related to outreach and education about wildfire in general and the WRN program. The award will have an effective date of January 20, 2023 with a close of June 30, 2023.

Motion made to approve the Wildfire Ready Neighbors grant funding award from the Washington State Conservation Commission as presented.

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

Food Systems Grant Award –

Mason CD received grant award of \$5,000.00 to work with local partners to support local food systems through outreach events and educational materials.

Motion made to approve the WSCC food systems grant award as presented.

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

RCO Grant Authorizing Resolution –

Request approval by way of resolution to pursue funding for a new WRIA 14 Riparian Restoration Project (RCO# 23-1076) through the Salmon Recovery Funding Board Process.

Motion made to approve resolution 2023-3 for the support of the proposed WRIA 14 Riparian Restoration (RCO # 23-1076) grant application as presented.

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Field Crew Services Agreement –

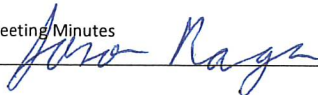
The South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group (SPSSEG) has requested assistance with implementing native saltmarsh vegetation restoration work in Oakland Bay. This agreement will allow the District to provide 3 field crew days in response to the request.

Motion made to approve and authorize the chair to sign the field crew services agreement with SPSSEG as presented.

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

Public Comment: no public comment

With no further business for the good of the order the meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.



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