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WHATCOM CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**BOARD AGENDA
FOR MARCH 7, 2019**

MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO REQUIRE
SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR
MEETINGS ARE ASKED TO CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT
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NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019

BOARD AGENDA

REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

1 p.m. Thursday, March 7, 2019

Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Audience members who wish to address the council during a public hearing are asked to sign up at the back of the room before the meeting begins. The district chair will ask those who have signed up to come to the front of the room. Each speaker should state his or her name for the record and will be given three minutes to address the board. Staff will keep track of time limits and inform speakers when they have thirty seconds left to conclude their comments. When a large group of individuals supports the same position on an issue, we encourage the selection of one or two representatives to speak on behalf of the entire group. (Public comment applies to the items listed below)

1. **Public Comment at Board Meetings Policy (10 minutes)** [Background](#), [Proposed Final Policy](#)
2. **Consent Agenda Policy (10 minutes)** [Background](#), [Proposed Final Policy](#)

OPEN SESSION

During open session, audience members can speak to the board on any issue not scheduled for public hearing. Each speaker should state his or her name for the record and will be given three minutes to address the board. Staff will keep track of time limits and inform speakers when they have thirty seconds left to conclude their comments.

1. **Presentation (20 min)** – Lynden High School FFA Agricultural Issues Team on the topic of “Will Traditional Farming Survive?”

CONSENT AGENDA

Items under this section of the agenda may be considered in a single motion. Supervisors have received and studied background material on all items. Committee review has taken place on these items, as indicated. Any member of the public, administrative staff, or board may ask that an item be considered separately.

1. **Request approval of Minutes from January 17, 2019 meeting of the board.** [Minutes 20190117](#)
2. **Request approval of [January](#) and February 2019 Financial Reports.**
3. **Request approval of [January](#) and February Accounts Paid.**

OTHER ITEMS

1. **Request authorization for the District Chair to enter into standard form CREP State Reimbursement Contracts with the following landowners: Edward and Marie Ross, Mark Kosted, Francis Swierkowski.** [Supporting information confidential under Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation, & Energy Act of 2008]
2. **Request authorization for the District Chair to sign as approving the Moderate Farm plan for Badger Acres LLC/Fred Polinder.** [Badger Acres -- Memo & Proposed Resolution](#)

3. **Request ratification for the District Chair's execution of the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Whatcom County to provide technical assistance to landowners through the Homeowner Incentive Program (HIP) in the amount of \$216,883.** The Lake Whatcom HIP is a joint effort by the City of Bellingham (City) and Whatcom County (County) to provide technical assistance and cost share incentives for homeowners who voluntarily elect to install stormwater best management practices (BMPs) that reduce phosphorus runoff into Lake Whatcom. WCD has provided HIP implementation assistance since October 2016 through an interlocal agreement. The County requested continued assistance from the WCD to implement HIP in 2019 and 2020. Though the current agreement did not expire until the end of April, the County asked for the immediate termination through the execution of the new agreement. Staff recommend approval of this ILA as it advances the District plans of work. (See board packet for the scope of work and budget). [HIP - Memo & Proposed Resolution](#) ; [HIP Scope & Budget](#)
4. **Request ratification for the District Chair's execution of an agreement with the Whatcom Community Foundation in the amount of \$40,000.** The education team applied for and received a grant to support watershed education with the Whatcom Explorer: Mobile Watershed for the balance of this school year and through the next. Reimbursable activities were scheduled to begin before March 7th. [Whatcom Explorer Grant App](#)
5. **Request approval for staff to work with the City of Lynden to request State funding in amount of \$257,500 to assist landowners with eroding banks along Fishtrap Creek.** Recently we were approached by the City of Lynden to see if the District would join in a legislative request to obtain funding to help landowner(s) along the Fishtrap Creek protect against erosion and provide fish habitat. The District is uniquely situated to provide technical and financial assistance in this instance because of its jurisdictional authority. The City does not engage in projects on private property. Staff assisted in the preparation of the proposal. Frank Corey would be the program lead. [Fishtrap Memo & Proposed Board Resolution](#); [Legislative Request](#)
6. **Review 2018-2019 Budget Performance.** [Link to Revenue/Expenses Reconciliation](#)
7. **Resolution instructing the Election Supervisor for the District's 2019 election on how to handle mail-in ballots where signatures cannot be verified by the County Auditor.** The Board resolved to have each signature of mail-in ballots be verified by the County Auditor. It needs to take the additional step of instructing the District's polling officer on how treat any mail-in ballots for which signatures cannot be verified. The staff Memo and Resolution is [here](#). The District Chair's memo on the subject is [here](#).

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

Board action will not be taken. The Board may accept these items for introduction (no action) in a single motion. Changes, in terms of committee assignment for example, may be made at this time.

(None)

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS AND BOARDMEMBER UPDATES

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