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WHATCOM CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD AGENDA

FOR MAY 28, 2019

11:00 AM

MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO REQUIRE
SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR
MEETINGS ARE ASKED TO CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT
LEAST 96 HOURS IN ADVANCE

AS A COURTESY TO ALL MEETING ATTENDEES
CELLULAR PHONE USE IS PROHIBITED IN
THE CONFERENCE ROOM

ACCESSIBLE PARKING IS AVAILABLE NEAR
EITHER THE EAST OR WEST ENTRANCES

PLEASE VISIT US AT WWW.WHATCOMCD.ORG FOR THE FOLLOWING:

MINUTES TO PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS
ANNUAL AND LONG RANGE PLANS OF WORK
POLICIES

CONSERVATION PROGRAM INFORMATION & RESOURCES

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019

BOARD AGENDA

REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

11 a.m. Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Audience members who wish to address the Board 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)

None

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.

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 April 18, 2019 meeting of the board. [Link here.](#)**
- 2. Request approval of April Financial Reports. [Link here.](#)**
- 3. Request ratification of April Accounts Paid. [Link here.](#)**
- 4. Request authorization for the District Chair to enter into standard form CREP State Reimbursement Contracts with the following landowners: [NONE] (Supporting information confidential under Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation, & Energy Act of 2008)**
- 5. Request authorization for the District Chair to sign as approving the Moderate Farm plan for [NONE].**
- 6. Request authorization for the District Chair to enter into an interlocal agreement for sharing of a professional Engineer for the San Juan, Skagit, Whidbey Island and Whatcom CD Cluster. [Link here.](#)**
- 7. Request authorization for the District Chair to enter into a Master Contract with the Washington State Conservation Commission. [Link here.](#)**

8. **Request authorization for the District Chair to enter into an agreement amending the current agreement with the Lummi Nation to complete its Shellfish Enhancement Project in Lummi Bay.** [Link here.](#)
9. **Request authorization for the District Chair to enter into an agreement with the Washington State Dept. of Agriculture for \$6,000 to conduct collect crop data and enter the information into a geodatabase.** [Link here.](#)
10. **Request authorization to file the District's Annual Financial Report for calendar year 2018 with the State Auditor.** [Link here.](#)

OTHER ITEMS

1. **Elect District Officers.** Each year following the Commission's certification and announcement of election results, it is customary for the newly constituted Board to elect a Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer. Ostensibly, the Treasurer should be someone with experience in financial or fiscal matters.
2. **Review/set the date of regularly scheduled Board meeting.** It is also customary after the Commission's certification of election results for the newly constituted Board to set the date and time of regularly scheduled Board meetings.
3. **Ratify current list of projects proposed to the Conservation Commission.** Late this spring, the Commission asked Districts to develop a list of projects that could be completed before the end of the current fiscal year (June 30th). Staff will review the list with the Board for ratification. [Link here.](#)
4. **Review/Approve Annual Plan of Work for FY 2019-20.** Annual Plans of Work (APOW) are to be adopted by May 31 of each year in a format prescribed by SCC. Ostensibly, they are to nest within and advance the general Long-Range Program (LRP). Feedback will be solicited for incorporation into FY 2019-20 APOW. Final draft to be considered at May meeting of the Board. [Here is a link to our current LRP.](#) [Here is a link](#) the draft of 2019-20 APOW prepared by the Management Team
5. **Request authorization to develop funding requests to pursue water quantity activities consistent with the APOW.** Staff have been talking to the County, the Whatcom Water Alliance and Conservation Commission regarding how the District could assist in water conservation related matters. Here are four draft proposals:
 - a. Whatcom County – Development of an Agriculture Water Use Efficiencies and Conservation Program. [Link here.](#)
 - b. Whatcom Water Alliance – Development of a Residential and Commercial water use efficiencies and conservation program. [Link here.](#)
 - c. Conservation Commission -- Development of a cohesive water use and irrigation efficiencies program through provision of technical assistance, education & outreach and effectiveness monitoring. [Link here.](#)
 - d. Conservation Commission – To the Department of Ecology in response to the Governor's Drought designation of Whatcom County. [Link here.](#)

Staff ask that if these are consistent with your goals for the water quantity resource priority in your APOW, you consider authorizing the Chair to approve contracts with the County or Commission so long as it does not materially depart from these descriptions or contract provisions that are standard and customary.

6. Review/Approve FY 2019-2020 Budget [Here is the link](#) to the proposed Budget for the next fiscal year.
7. Review/Approve Letter as a member of the Puget Sound Conservation District Caucus to Washington State Conservation Commission regarding the Distribution of Conservation Technical Assistance funding. [Link 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS AND BOARDMEMBER UPDATES

NRCS [Report here.](#)
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