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WHATCOM CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD AGENDA

FOR JULY 19, 2019

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

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MINUTES TO PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS
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POLICIES
CONSERVATION PROGRAM INFORMATION & RESOURCES

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2019

BOARD AGENDA

REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

1:00 p.m. Friday, July 19, 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)

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 May 28, 2019 meeting of the board. [See here.](#)**
2. **Request approval of May Financial Reports. [YTD Acct Balances](#) [Acct Transactions](#)**
3. **Request ratification of May Accounts Paid. [Check Register.](#)**
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].**

OTHER ITEMS

1. **Review/revise/approve Board Agenda Item Request form.** At the last meeting the Board discussed and informally adopted a process for Board members to submit items to the agenda for an upcoming meeting. [Here is a link](#) to a draft form. In looking for examples on the net, it was noteworthy that other municipal governments made the form available to members of the public.

In considering the sufficiency of the form, perhaps the Board may choose to add that additional functionality?

2. **Review draft State Conservation Commission Proposed Scopes of Work for Implementation, CREP and Livestock Grants with authorization to submit as may be modified as “Board approved”.** Once a master contract is in place, Districts are to develop and submit scopes of work for each of the respective grants for which the Commission has made an allocation. We have received an allocation for the implementation grant. We have received a partial allocation for the CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) grant. We anticipate an allocation sometime in August for the Livestock grant. It may/may not be made before the next regular Board meeting. Staff ask that the Board consider the attached proposed scopes of work, modify as it feels necessary and express its approval so that they can be submitted to the Commission. This will enable us to be reimbursed without delay for labor expended consistent with those scopes of work. All scopes of work are to be submitted by the end of July. Here are the links for the:
 - [Implementation Grant](#)
 - [CREP Grant](#); and
 - [Livestock Grant](#).
3. **Review Current Whatcom County Pollution Identification and Correction Contract for authorization to develop a similar scope of work for the new contract.** [Here is a link](#) to the existing agreement between Whatcom County and the District that allows staff to work with non-dairy livestock operations. Staff are working with County staff to develop a new contract. A final draft may not be available by the time of the Board meeting. We expect that it will be substantially similar except that it will be for less money. In which case, it will likely be for a shorter term. To avoid a lapse in contract, County staff will strive to get a final draft to the Council on August 4th. They ask you to vest authority in the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the District so long as it does not deviate significantly.
4. **Review Fiscal Year 2019 Performance and Update on FY 2020 prospects.** Materials to be provided.
5. **Continue review the Action Registers from the Commission facilitated meetings between the ED and certain Board members.** Last meeting the Board began working down through the list of action items left over from last year. [Here is a link](#) to the Action Agenda with progress notes. Come to the meeting prepared to prioritize for consideration the unfinished items.
6. **Consider Potential Resolutions for the October WACD Area meeting.** In order to forward a resolution to the Area Meeting, the Board needs to identify a specific issue, draft a resolution and make it available to, at least, the other CDs of the Northwest Area in advance of the fall meeting. Best practice is to run drafts by other CDs to get their feedback. One chronic issue has been elections. Larry is on the Commission workgroup formulating recommendations. There will be an “all-district” meeting on August 21st of which it will be a topic. Whether or not the recommendations that come from either activity will meet the perceived needs of the Whatcom CD Board is unknown. Some time should be spent each of the next few meetings discussion this or any other issue the Board feels strongly enough to move a resolution forward.

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

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