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**WHATCOM CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BOARD AGENDA**  
**FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 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

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**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019**

# **BOARD AGENDA**

## **REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

9:00 a.m. Monday, September 23, 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 August 26, 2019 meeting of the board.** [Here is the link.](#)
2. **Request approval of August Financial Reports.** [Here is the link.](#)
3. **Request authorization for the District Chair to enter into standard form CREP State Reimbursement Contracts with the following landowners: [NONE but expect many in Oct as the FSA moratorium on signups has been lifted.]** (Supporting information confidential under Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation, & Energy Act of 2008)
4. **Request authorization for the District Chair to sign as approving of a Whatcom County Moderate Intensity Farm Plan for Mandip Kalar dba J&M Farms.** Staff drafted and recommend approval as it fulfills requirements of the county's Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO). [Here is the link.](#)
5. **Request authorization for the District Chair to sign an interlocal agreements with Whatcom County to:**
  - a. **To assist the Whatcom Water Alliance to develop a water use efficiency plan for Domestic/Municipal users.** [Here is the link.](#)
  - b. **Whatcom County to develop a water use efficiency plan for Agricultural Users.** [Here is the link.](#)

6. **Request Board ratification for agreements signed on behalf of the District by the Executive Director because of time constraints with:**
  - a. **American Farmland Trust to assist with discovery farm field study in King County.** [Here is the link.](#)
  - b. **EPA to decommission ZAPs units and provide final report.** [Here is the link.](#)
  - c. **Her Majesty the Queen through Province of BC to update and transfer ARM and Manure Spreading Advisory for lower Fraser Valley to Ministry of Agriculture.** [Here is the link.](#)

#### **OTHER ITEMS**

1. **Terminate contract for landscape services upon 60 days' notice.** Staff believe this service is not useful and noisy. Perhaps the money could be put to better use. [Short presentation on how Kitsap CD has used its property.]
2. **WCD/WACD Relations/Dues.** Supervisor Chapman asks the Board to develop a position on its expectations for WACD. [Here is a link](#) to his memo on what WACD bylaws say about its function. Specific questions to be addressed include:
  - a. Is it the Board's expectation that WACD should assist us (promote our specific objectives) or that it should not harm us (not promote issues contrary to our objectives)?
  - b. Is the benefit of participating in this association through dues, time and effort, commensurate with the level of resources required?
  - c. What is this Board's position on the current (graduated) and proposed (level) dues structure?

Assuming the Board concludes that staying in WACD has value, then it must resolve to pay 2019 dues in order to participate in the annual meeting. [Link to dues summary here.](#)

3. **WACD resolutions for consideration.** Options for each of the following include voting to reject, support or support as modified.
  - a. Skagit CD has this proposed resolution on forest health and DNR support to CDs. [Here is the link.](#)
  - b. Following this District's last meeting, I drafted a resolution on elections. ([Here is the link.](#)) I also developed a list of pros and cons as directed. You can access from my manager's report portal. ([Here is the link.](#)) Also, King CD adopted a resolution on Elections. ([Here is the link.](#)) It also created a workgroup to develop a resolution for the NW Area meeting. Supervisor Davis and I have been liaising with the King CD workgroup and will brief you on those conversations.
  - c. Resolution on Improving Association and District Governance. [Here is the link.](#)
  - d. Resolution to afford Area initiatives deference absent a majority vote of the Association to the contrary. [Here is the link.](#) Some issues persist because there a majority of voters at Association annual meetings are reluctant to accept change. Failure to garner a majority of support by those voting does not necessarily mean that there is a majority who would oppose such initiative by an area. This resolution would establish a policy that WACD would not take action to oppose such an initiative unless supported by a majority.
4. **Rates & Charges Discussion.** There was the tour for candidates. What's next? How does the policy governance conversation that the board is having relate if at all?

#### **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 BOARD MEMBER UPDATES**

**ADJOURN**