

**WHATCOM CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Public Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2006**

**I. Time and Place of Meeting.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisor of the Whatcom Conservation District was held at the Ag Service Center, 6975 Hannegan Rd, Lynden, Washington on May 10, 2006, at 12:15 p.m.

**II. Attendance and Quorum.**

The following Supervisors, being a quorum of the Board, were present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jerry Van Dellen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dick Yoder
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sabina Gouran	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joyce Jimerson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ed Stone		

Also in attendance were:

<input type="checkbox"/>	George Boggs, District Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Gillies, NRCS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dawn Bekenyi, Admin. Assistant		Bas Scholten, Associate Supervisor
	Robert Barker, Associate Supervisor		Chris Clark, Resource Specialist

**III. Meeting Called to Order.**

Jerry Van Dellen as Chairman of the meeting called it to order at 12:15 p.m.

**IV. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

**Dick Yoder moved that the minutes of the March 9 and April 19, 2006 Board meetings be approved as mailed. Ed Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**V. Financial Report.**

The financial report was mailed to the Board with their draft minutes from the March and April meetings.

Dawn Bekenyi, Administrative Assistant, asked if there were any questions regarding the Financial Report.

Bob Barker asked about the CREP contractors and how much they grossed each year. He explained that the WACD CREP Committee would like to know that information. It was suggested that this information could be obtained from the CREP database and that Andrew Phay could help him. There was discussion regarding how CREP costs compare to other riparian projects. There was also discussion regarding the maintenance of riparian projects. Some other riparian projects are not maintained to the degree that CREP is and they do not look very good. There is some public confusion on this. It would be prudent to clearly mark CREP projects. There was discussion regarding CREP maintenance and the annual status reviews.

**Ed Stone moved to approve the Financial Report. Joyce Jimerson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Treasurer's Report was approved.**

Accounts Payable –

A copy of District invoices and incurred expenses, as listed in the Accounts Payable Report were reviewed and approved. The Board further authorizes the payment of District expenses incurred subject to their review and approval at the next Board meeting.

The following voucher/warrants are approved for payment:

March 06 - balance					
Voucher (check) numbers	<u>13949</u>	through	<u>13980</u>	and totaling	<u>22,876.41</u>
Payroll check numbers:	<u>13981</u>	through	<u>13992</u>	and totaling	<u>16,704.59</u>
Voucher (check) number	<u>13993</u>			and totaling	<u>165.00</u>
April 2006					
Voucher (check) numbers	<u>13994</u>	through	<u>14009</u>	and totaling	<u>10,122.09</u>
Payroll check numbers:	<u>14010</u>	through	<u>14021</u>	and totaling	<u>16,706.45</u>
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Voucher (check) numbers	<u>14044</u>	through	<u>14073</u>	and totaling	<u>31,479.29</u>
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Voucher (check) number	<u>14086</u>			and totaling	<u>108.40</u>

**moved by Ed Stone. Joyce Jimerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

## VI. Action Items.

### A. Livestock.

Chris Clark wrote a farm plan for a new dairy operation, Carl Camping (Providence Dairy - 4648). Chris explained the dairy nutrient farm planning and certification process. He further reviewed the contents of the farm plan submitted for Board approval. Farm plans need to meet NRCS standards.

**Dick Yoder moved to approve the Dairy Nutrient Farm plan for Carl Camping (Providence Dairy - 4648). Joyce Jimerson seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

### B. Approval of Contracts.

#### Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Skagit Conservation District –

The District has an MOA with Skagit Conservation District to do the Firewise program in Whatcom County. The current MOA ended on April 30, 2006. A new MOA was sent to extend the deadline until November 30, 2006.

**Joyce Jimerson moved to approve and sign the MOA with Skagit Conservation District extending the Firewise contract until November 30, 2006. Dick Yoder seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

#### Four Mile Creek Riparian Buffer Vegetative Control Contracts –

The District solicited bids for the Four Mile Creek Riparian buffer vegetative control Phases I, II and III. Only one bid was received from Moore Fish Company within the designated deadlines. Staff reviewed the bid and found it to be competitive.

**Sabina Gouran moved to approve and sign the contracts with Moore Fish Company for the Four Mile Creek Riparian Buffer Vegetative Control for Phase I - \$4,030.00, Phase II - \$4,525.00 and Phase III - \$2,350.00 in the referenced amounts. Ed Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

## VII. Other Business.

**A. Calendar of Upcoming Events.**

Washington Association of District Employees (WADE) Annual Training –

The Board was invited to attend the WADE Annual Training in June 19-21, 2006 at Sleeping Lady in Leavenworth.

Washington Association of Conservation District (WACD) Convention –

The WACD Annual Convention will be held on November 27-30, 2006 in Spokane.

**B. Annual Plan of Work.**

There was discussion regarding the draft annual plan sent to the Board for review. It was decided to keep all activities in the plan, even those that were not funded at this time. Color coding the plan was suggested as long as a key explaining the colors was included.

Sabina pointed out that water quality issues in Drayton Harbor and the shellfish beds is effected by more than fecal coliform. Other factors, such as red tide could close the shellfish beds. Water quality testing sites were discussed. Community awareness is necessary. The public should be informed about the good not just the bad.

The Board instructed Dawn to complete the days needed for each activity in the annual plan and the estimated costs and send it to them for review.

**C. Supervisor Reports.**

Joyce Jimerson –

Joyce attended the Ag Networking Roundtable held on May 3 at the WSU Extension office. Craig MacConnell facilitated the meeting. There was discussion about garnering community awareness for agriculture issues and programs.

Bob Barker –

The WA Conservation Commission has staff (Carol Smith) to overview the CREP program. Carolyn Kelly and Bob are co-chairs of the WACD CREP Committee. There is a meeting scheduled at the end of the month in Ellensburg regarding the new CREP program. The current CREP program will end in 2007. Rod Hamilton, USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), seems agreeable to the adaptive management.

**D. Chris Clark.**

Chris discussed the livestock workload and funding constraints. Bob Barker asked for feedback to take to the WA Conservation Commission regarding funding and high priority needs in areas that are not on the Commission's funding list. The Board agreed to set priority for livestock funding needs.

**E. John Gillies.**

Gus Hughbanks was at our office for a visit along with Rick Noble and Steve Nissley. They toured a few reforestation projects; Ed and Michelle Stone's, Bob Barker's and the Nooksack project.

The NRCS is still working on EQIP contracts. They just received funding for 3 more projects this year.

**F. Filter Strips.**

Chris reviewed the meeting that District staff had with Whatcom County staff regarding filter strips. The District is developing a low intensity checklist tips booklet. The meeting explored several different scenarios and the recommended filter strips for each. He also discussed the Critical Areas Ordinance requirements on filter strips.

**VIII. Record of Board Actions.**

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## **IX. Adjournment.**

**There being no further business before the meeting, Joyce Jimerson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. Sabina Gouran seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

The meeting on motion duly made, seconded and carried, adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Dated: June 28, 2006

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Dawn Bekenyi, Administrative Assistant

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_