

**WHATCOM CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Supervisor Regular Meeting**

9:00 AM
August 26, 2019

MINUTES

Conference Room
6975 Hannegan Rd

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Board Members

Suzzi Snyder, Vice-Chair
Larry Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
Alan Chapman
Valeri Wade

Administrative Staff & Others in Attendance

George Boggs, Executive Director
Dawn Bekenyi, District Clerk/Auditor
Jean Fike, WSCC Regional Manager
Corina Cheever, Livestock Program Coordinator
Nichole Embertson, Science Team Coordinator
Alex Hall, NRCS
Rich Appel
Terry Lenssen, WA Dairy Federation
Ed Blok

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

OPEN SESSION (In person or written)

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

**It WAS MOVED BY CHAPMAN AND SECONDED BY DAVIS TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. MOTION CARRIED (4-0).**

1. Request approval of Minutes from July 19, 2019 meeting.
2. Request approval of July 2019 Financial Reports.
3. Request ratification of July Accounts Paid as within FY2019 Budget.
4. Authorize Chair to sign as approving a Dairy Nutrient Management Plan for Scott and Gordy James dba Sunrise Road Dairy.
5. Approve Grant Addendum to provide technical and administrative services for the State Conservation Commission's Conservation Technical Development program.
6. Approval of Financial Assistance project ranking for Natural Resources Investments (NRI) and Shellfish funding pools.
7. Authorize the District Chair to enter into agreement with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to extend the activities of the current RCPP (Resource Conservation Partnership Program) contract for three years.

REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA

Other Items

1. Approval of Hoekstra dba Tri-County Dead Stock Clean Air project and letters of support to SCC and Whatcom County.

Tri-County Dead Stock is the sole source in Whatcom County for animal mortality disposal. Mr. Hoekstra has a permitted facility to store animals until they are shipped to be properly disposed

of. The proposed project would provide technical and cost-share assistance to provide Air Quality Treatment practices for the storage facility. The proposed are NRCS approved practices. The request is to approve the project and rank Mr. Lindsay Hoekstra, Tri County Dead Stock as the number one project for NRI cost-share funding. Three dairy industry leaders attended the meeting to speak in favor of funding the project.

Air quality issue for this particular facility. It would be a water quality issue, if the animals were not properly disposed of.

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To approve the Lindsay Hoekstra cost-share application and ranking as number one project for Natural Resources Investments (NRI) WSCC funding.

MOTION CARRIED. (4-0)

2. Request to Support Geographic Name Change.

The Whatcom Conservation District supports the Nooksack Tribe of Indians proposal name change from Squaw Creek to be renamed to its historic name "Páatstel Creek." Staff was directed to see if there was any opposition from the Lummi Nation. There was none. A draft letter of support will be written and sent to the Nooksack Tribe.

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To write a letter of support for the name change from Squaw Creek to Páatstel Creek to the Nooksack Tribe with a copy sent to the Chair of the Lummi Nation.

MOTION CARRIED. (4-0)

3. Smartsheet Implementation progress report.

George reviewed the Smartsheet dashboard of the Board meeting and background on the setup.

4. "Policy Governance Model" Report/Discussion.

The governance policy sets up the infrastructure for how a board and staff work together within an organization.

After discussion the Board is continuing their interest to put a governance policy in place. The discussion was tabled until the October Board meeting to allow review of the materials provided on potential governance structures.

5. Whatcom CD Area Resolutions.

Supervisor Elections –

There was discussion regarding activities with the Washington State Conservation Commission's Elections Review Committee. The Committee has a package of the recommendations that improve the existing election system for the Conservation Commission review.

Changes in the Conservation District elections through potential legislation were discussed. The Elections Resolution drafted in 2015 by the Whatcom Conservation District was brought up for review and discussion.

The Board directed George to write up the pros and cons of the proposed election resolution. This election matter will be reviewed at the September Board meeting.

Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) –

The Board talked about concerns with the Washington Association of Conservation Districts organization, Board and their Executive Director. The WACD is looking for the fifth Executive Director in 10 years. Defined organizational roles would help to set expectations of the Board and Executive Director.

Any draft resolutions to be brought to the NW Area meeting will be presented at the September board meeting.

The NW Area meeting is October 8, 2019 in Snohomish.

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS AND BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Alex Hall, NRCS report. Reviewed activities and program funding for EQIP and RCPP projects of the local NRCS office for the past year.

Written Board reports provided by Larry Davis.

Record of Board Actions.

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Adjournment.

**IT WAS MOVED BY CHAPMAN. SECONDED BY DAVIS:
to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 pm.
MOTION CARRIED. (4-0)**

There being no further business before the meeting, adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Dawn Bekenyi, District Auditor