

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

9:00 AM
February 24, 2020

MEETING SUMMARY

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

- X Heather Christianson, Chair
- X Suzzi Snyder, Vice-Chair
- X Larry Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
- X Alan Chapman

- X Valeri Wade

Administrative Staff & Others in Attendance

- X George Boggs, Executive Director
- X Dawn Bekenyi, District Clerk/Auditor
- Jean Fike, WSCC
- Frank Corey, Riparian Restoration Coordinator
- X Aneka Sweeney, Outreach Coordinator

NRCS Report.

Attached written report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

OPEN SESSION (In person or written)

Email from Eric Hirst.

CONSENT AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED BY DAVIS AND SECONDED BY SNYDAR TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. MOTION CARRIED (5-0).

1. Request approval of Meeting Summaries for [December 20, 2019](#), [January 6, 2020](#) and [January 27, 2020](#) meetings of the Board.
2. Request approval of January Financial Reports and ratification of Accounts Paid. ([See here](#))
3. Request authorization for the District Chair to sign as approving a Dairy Nutrient Management Plan (DNMP) for Riverside Dairy and certifying the Laird Dairy as being fully implemented and managed according to its DNMP.

REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA

OTHER ITEMS

1. Million Tree Initiative. Presentation and discussion on Whatcom County Executive’s initiative to recruit the community to plant 1 million trees over the next five years. (Frank Corey)

Frank, George and Heather met with the County Executive. The WC Executive has a vision to plant 1 million trees in Whatcom County within 5 years. Frank gave projections of trees planted with current activity. Plantings would be 150,000 trees short per year with current restoration activities in Whatcom County. Frank believes that this is an attainable goal. The question of the Whatcom Conservation District’s participation in this program and potentially seeking or

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administering grant funding. It was indicated that there would be no County funds for this project at this time.

There was discussion regarding having a plan of where trees should be planted. Frank explained that the planning group for the project discussed a potential tree planting project with some interpretation outreach about carbon sequestering.

Discussed carbon sequestration, forestry jobs and habitat potentials of planting trees. Market place rewarding stewardship. Starbucks meeting with farmers to become more environmentally friendly.

The Board supports WCD staff continuing participation in conversations and being part of participation in the process of the planting 1 million trees. There were concerns about how to fund CD staff's continued participation in this process. George suggested reviewing the pros and cons.

- 2. Work on Long Range Plan of Work/Rates & Charges – Refining Communications & Targeting Audiences (cont.)** Aneka to lead the session. Activities include:
- a. Report on meetings with stakeholders
 - b. Update on outreach materials, website and survey
 - c. Assign Supervisors and Staff to future meetings

Aneka has three main goals.

1. George, Alan and Heather reflect on conversations that they have had with public during presentations, and such.
2. Review Survey and one pager.
3. Looking at the list of Stakeholders. Assign Board members to contract to present with staff.

The Board reflected on conversations/presentations to the various groups. They shared those groups concerns and what are the causes of those concerns and how the District can help with them.

The Board provided feedback on the presentations and then the one-pager regarding the Rates and Charges proposal. Some concerns brought up by the groups that were given presentations were discussed. The Board brainstormed on how to address those concerns and show how the Whatcom Conservation District could provide services to the community given our current funding limitations and any proposed funding opportunities from a Rates and Charges.

Overall reception from the various groups was gauged and discussed.

One pager –

Aneka presented general one-page flyer for sharing with public. She asked for feedback from the Board. It was decided to have one united voice in the flyers, rather than try tailoring the message to various group styles.

Review List of Presentations –

The list of groups to make presentations were reviewed and Board members and staff assigned to. Follow up in smartsheets.

Survey –

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Aneka reviewed the survey and got feedback. Survey was sent to CD Board for them to take home and review, provide comments and send back to Aneka.

- 3. Review Board meeting schedule.** Should next month's meeting be moved to following Monday to perhaps ensure Supervisor Wade's attendance? The Board is calendared to meet on June 25th, Memorial Day.

Change March meeting to Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 9:00 am.
May meeting is Memorial Day – May 19, 2020 at 9:00 am.

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS AND BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Record of Board Actions.

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Adjournment.

**IT WAS MOVED BY SNYDAR. SECONDED BY DAVIS:
to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 am.
MOTION CARRIED. (5-0)**

There being no further business before the meeting, adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Dawn Bekenyi, District Auditor