

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

11:00 AM
September 22, 2020

District Office – Virtual meeting
6975 Hannegan Rd

SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 11:15 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

Roll call of attendees.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

ITEMS

1. Supervisor Chapman Comments.

The meeting experiences some technical difficulty at the start when people are try to connect. Alan suggested that we open the virtual meetings 15 minutes in advance of NW Area meeting to make sure no one has any technical problems.

George gave an update on the NW Area meeting status, including resolutions and meeting agenda. Links to the work session (Oct 7) and the NW Area meeting (October 21) are being sent out.

2. NW Area Meeting Proposed By-laws Changes.

There was discussion how to approach sharing proposed By-laws changes for the Northwest Area Association. It was decided to draft a resolution for the Northwest Area Association to act on using the WACD format. There are two different categories of the proposed changes, technical amendments to the by-laws and substantive changes in the by-laws. There are four substantive changes that are being proposed and different ways to address them. After some discussion it was decided to have Alan Chapman and Larry Davis draft a NW Area resolution to bring to the meeting for discussion on proposed changes. It is hoped that any changes would make more District Supervisor participation in the Puget Sound Caucus and the Northwest Area Association.

3. Internet Voting.

The concept of internet voting is to broaden the CD Participation in Association Governance. The Whatcom Conservation District will present this resolution at the meeting to move it forward.

Minutes approved as submitted at the September 28, 2020 Board meeting.

Thought behind one District one vote. Smaller CDs don't have the funds to send a lot of Supervisors to the WACD annual meetings.

There was discussion on how annual meeting participation could be modified to include remote attendance, even when there is a physical meeting. Allow for web based participation and voting, so that more Supervisors can attend. There discussion regarding modifications in language on the resolution to be presented.

Allow technology be utilized in in person meetings so that those remotely attending meetings can make and hear comments from the floor during discussion.

4. Plant Materials Center (PMC) Revolving Fund.

History of the PMC and their budget, concerns for sales being down and potential impacts to the PMC, and the ability to help Conservation District's will cash flow for large projects were discussed. It was decided that the draft resolution is good enough to start the discuss for the Oct 7 work session meeting.

5. Pierce CD Resolutions.

Board members will discuss all resolutions to be presented at the NW Area meeting at the regular Board meeting on Monday, September 28, 2020.

Record of Board Actions.

None.

Adjournment.

**IT WAS MOVED BY DAVIS. SECONDED BY CHAPMAN:
to adjourn the meeting at 12:28 am.
MOTION CARRIED. (5-0)**

There being no further business before the meeting, adjourned the meeting at 12:28 a.m.

Dawn Bekenyi, District Auditor