

Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Improvement District (WID)
Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2016

Opening: The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m. at Carnation City Hall by Siri Erickson-Brown.

Commissioners present: David Andrews, Siri Erickson-Brown, Patrick McGlothlin, Gary Remlinger, Jason Roetcisoender (arrived shortly after meeting commenced).

Staff present: Cynthia Krass

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved as presented, 4:0.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved as presented, 4:0.
3. **New Business:**
 - a. *Meeting procedures:* **Motion approved 5:0** to adopt the following procedures regarding public comment:
 - i. Public comment limited to two minutes per person per meeting, but a commissioner has the privilege of granting an addition two minutes.
 - ii. Public be invited to comment at the beginning of each meeting.
 - iii. Individuals be invited, but not required to sign in.
 - b. *Retreat for commissioner training:* commissioner training proposed for Saturday, February 6 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Staff to check with legal counsel to determine availability. It is expected that this training would not be considered a public meeting due to the fact that it is necessary training, and no substantive matter will be deliberated upon or decided; staff to confirm with counsel.
 - c. *Overall priority setting:* staff provided recommendation for priority setting (memo attached). Staff recommended focusing on administrative capacity building, implementation of projects already started (water supply strategy, water bank, and drain tile project), and finally, the overall strategic plan. Staff explained to commissioners that administrative tasks will take up much of staff's time, and all agreed that building the organization's capacity by prioritizing administration in this early stage is important.

To support WID priorities, the following subcommittees were established:

- i. Irrigation and water supply: Patrick McGlothlin and David Andrews
- ii. Drainage: Jason Roetcisoender and Gary Remlinger
- iii. Strategic plan: Siri Erickson-Brown
- iv. Administrative capacity-building: David Andrews

It was also agreed that the following agenda items should be standard each month:

- i. Committee updates (committees listed above)
- ii. Financial report, to aid in developing the game plan for long term financial sustainability. It was also noted that priority setting should be done in the context of understanding grant funding opportunities.

Note: although it was not discussed in the meeting, staff would like to remind commissioners that subcommittees have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the WID board in subcommittee proceedings. Subcommittees are merely to investigate and propose actions that might be considered by the full board during regular board meetings.

4. Old Business

- a. *Floodplains by Design*: Patrick McGlothlin reported on the investigation done by David Andrews and staff to consider an application for the Floodplains by Design program. It was agreed that the WID should not apply in this round (January 2016), and instead take more time to research ideas, while monitoring the process of other applicants in this round to see if there are any that we might wish to partner with. The WID should consider preparing an application in the next budget cycle in January 2018.

This discussion prompted discussion of other potential funding sources. **A motion was made an approved 4:0** (Jason Roetcisoender temporarily absent) to direct staff to prepare a proposal for the WSDA Specialty Crop Grant for voluntary cost share program for proving up water rights for transfer.

5. Public Comment: The following persons spoke during the public comment period:

- a. Brian Bodenbach

6. Staff report:

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Next Board of Commissioners Meeting: Wed, February 10 at 6:00 p.m. at Carnation City Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Cynthia Krass