

Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Improvement District (WID)
Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
Feb 8, 2016
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Opening: Siri-Erickson-Brown called the meeting to order at approximately 6:09 p.m. at Carnation City Hall

Commissioners present: Siri Erickson-Brown, Patrick McGlothlin, Gary Remlinger, David Andrews (arriving approximately 6:15)

Commissioners not present: Jason Roetcisoender

1. **Approval of agenda:** Motion made to approve agenda by Commissioner McGlothlin. Motion seconded by Commissioner Remlinger, and approved, 3:0.
2. **Approval of Jan 11, 2016 meeting minutes:** Motion made to approve minutes made by Commissioner McGlothlin. Motion seconded by Commissioner Remlinger, and approved as presented, 3:0.
3. **Consent agenda:**
 - a. **Financial activity** (none this month)
4. **Public comment** (3 minutes each): 2 members of the public present. No public comment made.
5. **Irrigation committee update:** Mrs. Krass gave the update.
 - a. **Update on 2017 water rights auction and water bank next steps:** There were 6 buyers and 2 sellers for the water rights auction in January. Every sellers' offer price was below every buyers' bid price, and the final price was determined at \$125.00 per acre foot. There will be a total of about 40 acre feet being leased this year, and almost every participant got a better deal than they hoped. The water right auction press release was approved by commissioners.
 - b. **Hydrogeologist consultant selection:** Chuck Lindsay, highly recommended consultant by Executive Director, gave an overview of qualifications, experience and scope of work. Through his analysis, the WID will learn where we can use these water rights throughout the WID, whether from surface or ground. Mr. Lindsay answered questions from the commissioners and public about his plans for work with the water right in the valley. **Motion made to approve Chuck Lindsay as consultant (pending final approval of contract by Commissioner Andrews) made by Commissioner McGlothlin. Motion seconded by Commissioner Remlinger, and approved 4:0.**
6. **Drainage committee update:** Commissioner Remlinger gave the update.
 - a. **Beaver management contractor selection:** There were 2 beaver contractors who submitted bids for the Valley-wide beaver trapper to have on retainer. Both trappers have a \$150 per animal price for WID members. Fred Lawrence will

charge \$6,000-8,000/year and Eastside Exterminators will charge \$20,000/year. After review, Commissioner Remlinger recommends Fred Lawrence.

This year will be a test run to see if this service is successful. Commissioners suggest that WID members contact Mr. Lawrence directly rather going through staff, and will request quarterly reports to evaluate use. WID will start with an email announcement with possibility of a mailing to distribute materials later; materials will be requested from the trapper about his business information.

WID will post a “fact sheet” about regulations so interested parties can handle this issue properly. Staff recommends only providing services that are properly permitted. There will be no minimum requirement for taking part in this service, given that beavers will cause agricultural drainage issues either directly or indirectly. **Motion made to approve agreement (pending any final changes made by Commissioner Remlinger) made by Commissioner McGlothlin. Motion seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and approved 4:0.**

Commissioner Andrews updates about the Van Ess situation. Commissioner Andrews has been conducting research and will continue to research the permitting procedures.

7. Strategic planning update:

- a. Executive Session: started at 7:18 p.m., ended at 7:53 p.m.

8. Administrative update:

- a. **Budget:** Budget doesn't need approval, but a resolution regarding the employment agreement with the Executive Director was recommended. **Commissioner Andrews makes motion to approve Resolution regarding the executive director employment agreement for Cynthia Krass. Motion seconded by Commissioner McGlothlin, and approved 4:0.**

9. Staff Report: Brief report given by Mrs. Krass.

- a. New staff member, Erin Ericson, will start on Monday, February 13, 2017.

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

Next Board of Commissioners Meeting: Wednesday, March 8th at 6:00pm at Carnation City Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Cynthia Krass and Leah Litwak