

Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Improvement District (WID)
Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2017
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Opening: Siri-Erickson-Brown called the meeting to order at approximately 6:50 p.m. at Carnation City Hall.

Commissioners present: Siri Erickson-Brown, Patrick McGlothlin, Gary Remlinger, David Andrews

Commissioners absent: Jason Roetcisoender

- 1. Approval of agenda:** Motion made to approve agenda, seconded, and **approved 5:0.**
- 2. Approval of March 8, 2017 meeting minutes:** Motion made to approve minutes, seconded, and **approved 5:0**
- 3. Consent agenda:** Motion made to approve by Commissioner McGlothlin. Motion seconded by Commissioner Andrews, and **approved 5:0.**
 - a. Financial activity**
- 4. Public comment:** No public present.
- 5. Irrigation committee update:** Mrs. Krass provided an update regarding Ecology and the water right transfers. Tribal members and Ecology are requesting guidelines about how the processes are going to be resolved in the future. A public notice for the seasonal change applications appeared in the SnoValley Record on March 29 and April 4 per RCW Chapter 90.03.280. There was a late request received after the auction. The request was processed at the auction's market clearing price of \$125 per acre-foot. The late request was processed because of the available supply. The additional cost to processing separately was covered by the Ecology grant. In the future, it is recommended to approve late requests if possible, but pass the additional fees on to the late applicant. Currently Mrs. Krass and the project consultant are evaluating whether to apply for a new, interruptible water right or continue to deal in straight transfers.
- 6. Drainage committee update:**
 - a.** Application to Flood Control District's Flood Reduction Fund: Mrs. Krass provided that the SVWID is expecting to apply to the King County Flood Control District for

the open Flood Reduction Grant. The application is due on May 10th. The suggestions for consideration are: 1) construction priorities identified in the network analysis, which is in development, 2) a tile program, which could include: cost share, additional equipment for ownership by the WID, and research on ecological benefits to tile to pave the way for easier permitting in future, and 3) a bridge program, which could involve creating an inventory of clogged culverts that need to be replaced by bridges, developing a menu of designs, negotiating a bulk discount on bridges to reduce costs, increase drainage function, and protect investments in ditch maintenance. The Board discussed the options and agreed to support a grant application expanding the existing controlled subsurface agricultural drain tile replacement project. The Board discussed the need to document the tile replacement process with permitting/other steps to make it clear for interested landowners/other entities.

- a. Letter of support for KCD's application to same: The Board expressed support for a letter of support from the SVWID for King Conservation District's application to the KCFCD flood reduction fund to continue support for its agricultural drainage maintenance program.
- b. Beaver program update: Mrs. Krass and Ms. Ericson provided an update on communications with the SVWID's licensed trappers and the Tulalip Beaver Project. A draft beaver management options fact sheet was passed around for comments.
- c. North end drainage issues: The Pearson Eddy WRP Restoration Project Environmental Assessment was discussed. The public comment period on the EA ends May 2nd. Mrs. Krass suggested the SVWID write a comment letter. The Board agreed and that King County needs to be encouraged to comment as well.

7. Strategic planning update

- a. Discuss RFP for the strategic planning process: Ms. Ericson shared the draft RFP for the strategic planning process. No substantive changes were recommended. Mr. Ericson will send out the RFP to known, qualified candidates, and proposals are due by May 5th.

8. Administrative Update: None.

9. Staff Report: Mrs. Krass summarized the staff report.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Board of Commissioners Meeting: Wednesday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m. at Carnation City Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Cynthia Krass and Erin Ericson