

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

Opening: Siri-Erickson-Brown called the meeting to order at approximately 6:04 p.m. at Carnation City Hall.

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

- 1. Approval of agenda:** Motion made to approve agenda by Commissioner McGlothlin. Motion seconded by Commissioner Roetcisoender, and **approved, 5:0.**
- 2. Approval of Feb 8, 2017 and Mar 2, 2017 meeting minutes:** Motion made to approve minutes made by Commissioner Andrews. Motion seconded by Commissioner Remlinger, 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** (3 minutes each): no public present.
- 5. Irrigation committee update:** Mrs. Krass gave the update.
 - a.** Ecology is behind on their water right evaluation process, so WID won't be able to get a new water right anytime soon but we still have ability to trade with other water rights. There will be about 40-50 acre feet distributed this year through the auction process.

WID commissioners agree not to create a 'Water Cop' position – commissioners won't regulate users with out-of-compliance water rights. ED will see if the consultant wants to do any site visits because of the unusually low flows that some of the farmers are working with.
- 6. Drainage committee update:** Mr. Remlinger gave the update.
 - a. Network Analysis Work session Update:** The more detailed the map the more expensive, so drainage committee has decided to do a 1 foot instead of 2 inch analysis. We will talk to landowners to get more specifics for on-the-ground assessment. The money saved will be reallocated to more time at sites with consultants, will allow more time to take target units down deeper on the process, and some will remain in a management reserve that can be spent at the WID's discretion.

The flights will occur between April 1st and 15th, though it may not make sense for this to be on April 1st if it keeps raining; WID may want to change this date so we can have a more accurate portrayal. It was suggested that we do a flight on the same date each year to compare data if funding allows. When we started this project, we said that we would consult with storm water services. Strategically working with other partners is good for funding and for continuing our work with open options.

- b. Beaver Management Program:** Multiple people have taken advantage of the new beaver trapper on retainer, and ED is getting multiple inquiries per week.
 - c. Van ness update:** No updates from the WID. King County Ag is interested in helping with this problem and may be in a better position to take on this battle due to the violation of the zero-rise standard. The WID should pressure the county to accelerate their work about how tree plantings impact floods. ED will reach out to Richard Martin (KC Ag) about progress. This should be called the “North End drainage situation” and it will stay on the agenda each month. ED will invite the Flood Control district to comment on this issue at the next WID meeting.
- 7. Strategic planning update:** Mrs. Krass gave the update.
- a.** We have some money to spend from the KCD budget, there is around \$20,000 left over. Staff proposes that the WID let SVPA continue to pay staff through June and request for extension of grant money for strategic planning. WID is on board and the ED will make a proposal to start this process.
- 8. Administrative update:** Mrs. Krass gave the update.
- a. Budget:** There isn't yet a budget to approve.
 - b. Input for agreement for admin services between SVPA and SVWID:** no input
 - c. Assessment update:** no update
- 9. Staff Report:** All commissioners must authorize the account signing agreement to make it official. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Erickson-Brown. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McGlothlin, and **approved 5:0.**

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next Board of Commissioners Meeting: Wednesday, April 12th at 6:00 p.m. at Carnation City Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Cynthia Krass and Leah Litwak