

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

Opening: Siri Erickson-Brown called the meeting to order at approximately 6:29 p.m. at Carnation City Hall.

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

Commissioners absent: David Andrews, Jason Roetcisoender

1. **Approval of agenda:** Motion made to approve the agenda, seconded, and **approved 3:0.**
2. **Approval of June 14, 2017 meeting minutes:** Motion made to approve the June 2017 minutes, seconded, and **approved 3:0.**
3. **Consent agenda:** Motion made to approve the consent agenda, seconded and **approved 3:0.**
4. **Public comment:** No public comment.
5. **Irrigation committee update:** Cynthia Krass, SVWID, and David Pilz and Amanda Cronin (AMP Insights), provided an update on the water bank design process. The next step is a water bank design work session with AMP Insights. Siri Erickson-Brown raised a question regarding how to think about making the bank relevant to all WID members, regardless of whether they are participating. The Board asked staff about the water supply demand for 2018 and Cynthia Krass responded that the SVWID expects to meet demand again. The Board agreed to use the 2017 auction pricing for short-term transfers and not have an auction in 2018 if possible. The Board discussed what the SVWID policy should be if demand in any year exceeds supply. AMP Insights brought up the need for reporting requirements in landowner agreements. The concern is that some mechanism is in place to encourage irrigators to lease only what they need, and no more. One suggestion for the 2018 water bank is that a buyer will pay \$125 unless demand exceeds supply in which case there will be an auction. The Board recognized the need to develop a forecast for water supply demand as well as determining the desire around long-term leases.
6. **Drainage committee update**
 - a. **Drainage network analysis update:** Cynthia Krass and Erin Ericson provided an update on the drainage network analysis. The consultant has provided draft maps of the SVWID sub-basins with a wetness indicator values. The next step will be to send an email out to SVWID members providing an update on the process for choosing targeted drainage projects. The consultant's maps will be provided on the SVWID website. The Board agrees to a combination of the consultant's wetness indicator and landowner willingness to proceed is a good idea. The next step is for Erin Ericson to compile past drainage survey data and ADAP complaints into a map based format that can be used for this analysis.
 - b. **North end drainage update:** Cynthia Krass and Erin Ericson provided an update of the NRCS Pearson Eddy meeting. Cynthia recommended that SVWID continue to work collaboratively with NRCS. The Board agrees to approve a contract for a hydrogeologist to review the proposed height of the water control structure. A motion to approve the contract as written is made, seconded, and **approved 3:0.**

7. **Strategic planning update:** Amy Beth Holmes, strategic planning consultant, provided an update on development of the strategic planning survey. The Board is invited to provide feedback on other stakeholders that should be invited to participate in the survey. Amy let the Board know that she will be following up to schedule individual survey interviews and that any interested party would be able to participate by responding to the survey that will be posted on SVWID website.
8. **Administrative update**
 - a. Payroll process and bookkeeper authorization: Cynthia noted a budget error and recommended the revised attached budget for approval. Motion made to approve the revised budget, seconded and **approved 3:0**.
 - b. Bookkeeper authorization: A motion was made, seconded and **approved 3:0** to approve Georgene Jones, Holliday Bookkeeping, as authorized to make electronic withdrawals on the WID's King County Treasury Fund account.
9. **Staff Report:** Cynthia Krass referred Board members to the staff report and did not have anything additional for elaboration.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Next Board of Commissioners Meeting: Wednesday, August 9th at 6:00 p.m. at Carnation City Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Cynthia Krass and Erin Ericson