

**Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Improvement District (WID)**  
**Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes**  
**November 15, 2017**  
**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Opening:** Siri Erickson-Brown called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05 p.m. at SVPA.

**Commissioners present:** Siri Erickson-Brown, David Andrews, Gary Remlinger, Jason Roetcisoender, Patrick McGlothlin (partial, arrived approximate 6:15 p.m.)

**Commissioners absent:** none

1. **Approval of agenda:** Motion made to modify the agenda to move the Pearson Eddy topic to after public comment made, seconded, and **approved 4:0.**
2. **Approval of October 2017 meeting minutes:** Motion made to approve the October 2017 minutes, seconded, and **approved 4:0.**
3. **Consent agenda:** Motion made to approve the consent agenda, seconded and **approved 4:0.**
4. **Public comment:** No official public comment
5. **Pearson Eddy update:** Siri Erickson-Brown, board chair opened the floor for a discussion. Steve Van Ess, WID member, thanked the Board for their efforts on this topic, and provided a summary of his conversation with Larry Johnson, NRCS engineer, regarding removal of trees on the floodplain easement property. Bob Vos, a King County farmer, engineer, and board member of the King County Agricultural Commission stated that the Agricultural Commission sent DNRP a letter requesting specific items and a public meeting. Mr. Vos stated that approximately 60 members of the public attended the meeting, and the overall majority were in support of cutting the trees. Mr. Vos suggested that future public involvement should take place via WID meetings and referenced three ongoing issues: 1) flooding on King county properties; 2) local drainage south of King/Snohomish County line, and 3) downstream flow concentration and danger that the river channel might migrate where it takes a bend to the west. Mr. Vos stated that the WID charter only covers the drainage issue. Mr. Vos recommended: 1) Steve Van Ess participation on the vegetation planning team; and 2) consider expanding WID boundary to part of Snohomish County. Eunice Kusters, WID member with a residence on River Rd, is concerned about the danger from floods and wants to see Steve Van Ess on the vegetation planning committee to represent landowners. Ms. Kusters read a statement from Kolten Kusters, recommending independent review of the vegetation management plan. Larry Pickering, WID member, referenced significant impacts from flooding resulting from historical poplar plantings. Jason Roetcisoender made a motion, in support of a WID member signed petition (included in the record), for the WID to take the position that all trees be removed. The Board discussed the motion and Ms. Erickson-Brown suggested the motion is tabled until further discussion with staff to define position. Mr. Roetcisoender withdrew the motion.
6. David Andrews read a statement thanking Gary Remlinger for his service to the WID. A motion recognizing and thanking Gary Remlinger for his service to the WID was made, seconded and **approved 5:0.**
7. A motion recommending a special meeting to discuss the outcome of the first Pearson Eddy vegetation planning meeting on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, was made, seconded, and **approved 5:0.**

**8. Irrigation committee update**

- a. Water bank update: ECY grant update:** Cynthia Krass passed out a form letter she will send out to 40-50 certificated water rights holders. The goal is to obtain additional water rights for the bank. Ms. Krass provided that any conversations with landowners will take place under attorney client privilege. The Board did not express any concerns.

**9. Drainage committee update**

- a. Drainage network analysis update:** Erin Ericson provided an update on drainage work. All drainage projects will require a farm plan. Patrick McGlothlin suggested comprehensive basin drainage farm plans. Ms. Ericson is coordinating with the County for further guidance on farm plans.

**10. Strategic planning: No update.**

**11. Administrative update:**

- a. Elections:** Cynthia Krass provided an update on the election process. There are two open positions. Position 3 is an open position. One signed petition for Position 4 was received from Patrick McGlothlin. The next step is the planned election on December 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be a write in election. A motion was made to mail the ballots, designate the WID office as an official polling location, post notices at the Duvall, Carnation, and Fall City post offices, and to elect Secretary Andrews as inspector, who will appoint and 2 judges and two clerks, made, seconded, and **approved 5:0.**
- b. Minimum threshold bank account:** A motion to raise the minimum bank account balance to 10,000 was made, seconded, and **approved 5:0.**

**12. Staff Report:** No further discussion.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

**Next Board of Commissioners Meeting:** Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Carnation City Hall.

**Minutes submitted by:** Cynthia Krass and Erin Ericson