

Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Improvement District (WID)
Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2016
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Opening: The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:09 pm at Carnation City Hall by Siri Erickson-Brown.

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

Commissioner not present: Jason Roetcisoender.

Staff present: Cynthia Krass, Leah Litwak

1. **Approval of agenda:** Approved as presented, 4:0
2. **Approval of Aug 10, 2016 meeting minutes:** Approved as presented, 4:0
3. **Public Hearing – Board of Equalization:** Bobbi Lindemulder (made a comment-in favor of the assessment as recommended-property owner); other attendees introduced themselves but made no comment: Erin Ericson, Wendy Thomas, Bruce Aylward, David Pilz, Amanda Cronin. Chair closed public comment at 6:12.
4. **Finalization of Assessment Roll (board action):** Mrs. Krass reported that there were no comments about level of the proposed \$7 assessment rate, just three inquiries from WID members seeking more information, which they received. Resolution was read by Secretary Andrews. Motion made to approve resolution. **Approved 4:0**

Mrs. Erikson-Brown reported that the WID has operated since Dec. 2015 with funding from KCD and SVPA. KCD and SVPA are to thank for organizational efforts and support with accomplishments thus far.

5. **Irrigation subcommittee update:**
 - a. **AMP Insights presentation and discussion:** Mr. Pilz, of AMP Insights, presented a presentation about the water bank design project. The slides from the presentation are attached.

Discussion included: a reminder that the project is funded by the Dept of Ecology instream flow program, so instream flow benefit will need to be considered throughout (Mrs.Krass); there is a low flow assessment planned, and the WID should participate in that initiative (Ms. Ericson-Brown); delivering water supply cheaply will be difficult because sellers will be motivated if there is a high opportunity cost to making water available (Mr. Aylward, AMP Insights).

6. **Drainage subcommittee update:**

- a. **Mapping Tool Ready for release:** Mrs. Krass advised that the mapping tool will be available for release within the next few days. It will be distributed by word of mouth and by email.

7. Strategic plan project update:

- a. **Recommendation for visioning exercise:** Mrs. Krass gave an update: Visioning exercise in spring wasn't well attended. The initial plan was to have one in the fall as well; the Commissioners agreed that we don't need to schedule a similar meeting for the fall. Another way to get community input could be to have an online survey or combine this with another outreach event.

8. Administrative update:

- a. **Election:** Commissioner position #5, currently held by Secretary David Andrews, expires the first Tues in January 2017 (RCW 87.03.080). The process to conduct the election is as follows:
 - i. Candidates must file a petition for nomination, signed by ten qualified electors of the district, by 5:00 p.m. on the first Monday in November (RCW 87.03.075).
 - ii. The Board establishes the polling location for the election, and also an election board, made up of one inspector and two judges.
 - iii. WID provides ballots, and they must be of "uniform size and quality." State law does not specify that ballots must be mailed.
 - iv. Election is conducted by election board by second Tues in Dec (Dec 13); WID board certifies election on following Monday (Dec 19, 2016).
- b. Mrs. Erikson-Brown commented that we could potentially hold a public election as an outreach opportunity.
 - i. This needs to happen on a day when the commissioners don't typically meet (Dec. 17th). Mr. Andrews reports that he plans to run again.

- 9. Staff Report:** Mrs. Krass gave an update: Insurance is paid through next year (from funding that launched the first year). An email list has been created to make public aware of what is going on, and work is being done to create email addresses for commissioners for WID work. We are on pace to spend most of KCD funding with some funds left for Jan./Feb. More information will be available once the quarterly report is done at end of September. The current agreement with Dept. of Ecology is that Feb. 2017 is when that period ends, however there is potential for extending.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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

Minutes submitted by: Cynthia Krass and Leah Litwak