

Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Improvement District (WID)

Hearing for the 2020 Assessment and Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

November 20, 2019

6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

Opening: Siri Erickson-Brown called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:09 p.m. at Carnation City Hall in Council Chambers.

Commissioners present: Patrick McGlothlin, Siri Erickson-Brown, Andrew Stout (phone, part time), Jason Roetcisoender (part time).

Commissioners absent: David Andrews.

Others present: Cynthia Krass (staff), Erin Ericson (staff), David Rice, Daniel Royal, Steve Van Ess.

1. Public Hearing of the Board of Equalization regarding the 2020 assessment (RCW 87.03.255). Hearing opened at 6:04 and closed at 6:09.
2. Agenda approved. Motion to move 10a before Item 7. Motion to approve modified agenda made, seconded and approved 4:0.
3. Adoption of 2020 Assessment Roll. Motion to approve resolution 2019-6 to adopt the 2020 Assessment Roll made seconded and approved 4:0.
4. Declaration of Daniel Royal elected as commissioner (RCW 87.03.075). Staff reported that the Secretary had received a valid petition from Daniel Royal, and as per statute, Daniel Royal was declared Commissioner, Position 5.
5. September and October meeting minutes. Motion to approve September and October meeting minutes made, seconded and approved 4:0.
6. Consent agenda approved. Motion to move consent agenda item b to 12 b with 2020 budget discussion. Motion to approve consent agenda as modified made seconded and approved 4:0.
7. Public comment: None
8. Irrigation and water supply update: David Rice from Anchor QEA presented the background and the summary of the scope of work for next phase of the storage analysis proposal from Anchor QEA. Referring to the earlier phase of work, David reported on the WID's feedback from Tribes and Ecology to look at storage locations outside of basins closed to further appropriation (year-round closures). Final deliverable of small-scale storage study including the Goose and Gander manure lagoon and the Green Crow forest property. SVWID received from Ecology Streamflow Restoration Act to conduct a larger storage study. Tasks include designs for a natural storage project, web-based application depicting potential storage sites/layers, and 15-25 sites described in a storage study report, including costs, permitting. Motion to approve the agreement with Anchor made, seconded and approved 2:0.

9. Drainage Program Update:

- a. 2020 spending priorities. Motion to approve KCFCD contract pending chair signature approved 2:0.
- b. Contract with ESA for board approval: motion to delegate of authorization of ESA contract in the same way (chair) approved 2:0.

10. Strategic Planning

- a. Update on Drainage and Conservation Planning, partnerships. The SVWID is developing the concept. Other entities, including the SVPA may support parts of this program; funding for easements was discussed specifically. No formal board action was taken, but there was general agreement that SVWID should be leading the initiative, but that the board is interested in having others, including SVPA, support the work as long as it is defined. Erin is researching the USDA/NRCS Regional Partnership Program, and Tues, Nov 19 there was a meeting with Snoqualmie Indian Tribe staff to gauge interest in formally participating. They are interested, but need more detail. Staff will continue to research and develop the proposal.
- b. Update on Ecology Streamflow Committee: updates were primarily focused on the process, and Ecology's commitment to ensuring entities have adequate time to approve the proposed plan for adoption in June 2021. Staff will continue to report on progress, particularly on matters directly affecting the SVWID interests.

11. Staff Report: Motion to approve KCFCD CWM grant agreement for continuation of the fish screening program made, seconded, and approved 2:0.

12. 2020 Budget discussion: No budget was presented; Cynthia and board discussed guiding principles for budgeting. The 2020 budget will have sufficient detail to facilitate proper oversight from the board, including staff salaries. Cynthia reported a strong conviction for promotions and raises for staff members Erin Ericson and Andy Obst, due to their excellent performance, backed up by research into market comparisons and the desire to retain these highly valuable employees. Andy is a thorough and professional environmental scientist, and has demonstrated the capacity to take on more program development and management responsibilities. Erin is highly effective at championing the SVWID's interests among the environmental community, and has been acting in a capacity far beyond a program manager. Both of these employees frequently conduct activities that would otherwise be done by consultants at a much higher bill rate.