

SAN JUAN ISLANDS CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

July 22, 2020

Location: Zoom Meeting

In Attendance (Via Zoom)

Supervisors: Deanna Eltinge, Vicki Heater

David Bill, Lynn Bahrych, Carson Sprenger

Staff: Mike Ramsey, Tony Fyrqvist,

Matt Claussen, Cathi Winings, Bruce Gregory, Ryan Palmateer, Erin Licata

Partners: Jean Fike, WSCC Puget Sound Regional Manager, Allen Chapman, WACD
NW Region Representative

Public: Kai Hoffman-Krull, SJICD Contractor

Location: Zoom Meeting

MEETING SUMMARY-Final

Vicki Heater convened the regular meeting at 10:00 am via Zoom.

June 24 Meeting Summary – Action Item: Lynn moved to approve the June 24 Meeting Summary. Deanna moved to second. Motion approved.

June Financial Statements Review: Financial statements were received late. They will be reviewed in Special Meeting on 7/30/2020.

Cost Share Projects Review – Update: Matt reported that not too many changes have occurred since last month. State is very slow with approvals which is anticipated to be due to COVID-19. Plans submitted 2 months ago still not approved due to state furloughs. Working to secure additional funding.

Board Positions – Action Item: Vicki proposed discussion regarding the vacant Vice Chair position. After open discussion about the specifics of the position backing up the Chair, and goals of the Board to promote a fun, effective and collaborative environment empowering the staff to do their jobs and not micromanaging the District the Board decided – by consensus – to have David assume the position of Vice Chair.

Implementation Funding: This was added as a new agenda item and sent to the Board. No comments were received. Deanna requested more detail on the components allocated for education, administration and the approval process. David was also interested in knowing how the funds would be utilized. Vicki reiterated that she wanted to know how the funds are prioritized between staff and work plan.

Energy Program 2019 – 2020 Deliverables – Discussion: Ryan screen shared a PowerPoint Presentation consisting of 55 slides outlining the Scope, Projects and Deliverables of the Energy Program.

During the presentation Bruce pointed out that the SJICD building has undergone an Energy Audit. In the question and answer period Deanna initiated a conversation about how much could updating the energy system for the building potentially save.

Ryan confirmed to David that the progress for 2020 is on track.

YCC Program Update – Discussion: According to Erin YCC has currently enrolled 30 youths - with 10 on the wait list - who are actively engaged in trail maintenance and noxious weed eradication. They have 2 seasonal crew leaders on each island, and the work started on 7/6/2020 and will continue Mo-Th from 9am-4pm until 8/27/2020.

COVID screening is done daily with temperature checks and masks required for the participants.

The budget for the year shows secured funding of \$141,116 exceeding projected expenses of \$105,143.

Forest Health Program Update - Discussion: Kai discussed the two components of the program

- Orcas Island Community Foundation
- Countywide program with AmeriCorps/VISTA

Key partners in the program will be Western Washington University and Northwest Indian College.

Bruce and Mike discussed the District's link to the program, with David stating that the salary for Kai would be covered. The planning staff would be integrated into the program.

A motion was made by David, and seconded by Lynn, to continue to support Kai's effort with the Orcas Island Community Foundation program. Motion was approved.

The AmeriCorps/VISTA program was initially endorsed by the Board, the motion was made by David, seconded by Lynn, to move forward with Kai's work on the countywide program. Motion was approved.

A special mention was made to promote applicants from disadvantaged situations.

ED Goals Special Meeting Date – Action Item:

Objectives and process will be discussed on Thursday 7/30/2020:

11:00am – 12:00noon	Executive Session
12:00noon – 1:00pm	Special Meeting

Written report prepared by Mike regarding goals set earlier in the year to be completed by Tuesday or Wednesday.

Partner Reports: Jean Fike from WSCC reminded the Board about the SCC Budget Webinar 9:00am -11:00am on July 30, 2020. The Commission has stated that the Budget will be cut by 15%. The Legislature may impose further cuts, but no Special Legislative Session has been declared yet. Operating funds will be scarce for the year. SCC had budgeted \$30-\$40MM for Technical Assistance but is expecting this to be reduced to \$5MM. Capital Budget is expected to remain unchanged. No furloughs at the Commission at this time.

Alan Chapman, the WACD NW Area Representative, discussed the Annual Conference being virtual this year. Also, he briefly discussed their strategic plan and the related mission, vision, and priorities of the organization to be adopted at the 9/15/2020 Board meeting; and the movement to a subscriber-based system for sharing information. He also reiterated the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion in organizational decisions.

Public Comments: None.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Next Meeting via Zoom: Thursday, July 30, 2020.

Executive Session from 11:00am – 12:00noon.
Special Session from 12:00noon – 1:00pm.