

SPOKANE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
210 N. Havana, Spokane, WA 99202
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 9, 2011

PRESENT

Supervisors: Gerald Scheele, Tom Miller, Jaki Shrauger and Mary Sullivan

Absent: Randy James

SCD Staff: Jim Armstrong, Rich Baden, Vicki Carter, Eric Choker, Garth Davis, Walt Edelen, Jilla Loan, Ty Meyer, Pat Munts, Charlie Peterson, Rachel Rooks, Dan Ross and Stacey Selcho

Guests: None

Chair Scheele called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the regular July 12, 2011, Board meeting had been previously distributed for review.

Motion SHRAUGER/SULLIVAN to approve the July 12, 2011, Board meeting minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Auditor Shrauger presented the Treasurer's Report for July 2011.

ACCOUNT	BEG. BALANCE	DEPOSITS	WITHDRAWALS	END BALANCE	ADJ. BALANCE
Checking	\$-6,657.41	\$475,855.60	\$619,462.07	\$-150,263.88	\$250,000.59
FCAAP DRG- Acct 1090	\$21,973.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,973.74	\$21,973.74
Argonne Mit. Fund	\$92,352.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$92,352.06	\$92,352.06
NW Pipeline Savings Acct	\$61,224.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$61,224.32	\$61,224.32
Sweep Act 6800601091	\$1,133,554.41	\$103,756.28	\$341,168.81	\$896,141.88	\$896,141.88
Bank of Whitman MMA	\$1,589,747.67	\$631.54	\$0.00	\$1,590,379.21	\$1,590,379.21

Auditor Shrauger reported that prior to the meeting she reviewed the Treasurer's Report, which was reconciled with the bank statements.

Motion SULLIVAN/MILLER to approve the July TREASURER'S REPORT CLAIMS# 30049-30150 with VOIDS #30036, 30100, 30121, 30147-150, EFTs # 1037-39, 1052-1064, 1113-14, 1126-1137, 1195-1201, RECEIPTS #7172-7200, PAYROLL #2202-2203 and August ACCOUNTS PAYABLE of \$142,556.52. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS/LINKAGE TO COMMUNITY

Public Comments/Introductions

None

New Zealand Farming Practices

Ty Meyer gave a presentation from the Cross Slot no-tillage conference & tour he recently participated in that was held in New Zealand. He flew into Christchurch, which was the center of an earthquake earlier this year, and he showed pictures of

the damage that crippled most of the downtown area. Ty showed pictures from the various farms he visited, including dairies, pig farms, and fields with different crops, and he talked about how in New Zealand, direct seeding is the most common farming practice, as opposed to our local area.

GOVERNANCE CULTURE

Review/action on revised GC's, BCR, Schedule 22

It was decided to wait to act on the revisions made during the planning session until the September meeting when all of the Supervisors will be present. Vicki Carter will bring the action items from the internal audit requiring Board approval to the September meeting.

BOARD/CEO RELATIONSHIP

Executive Director's Brief

Rich had previously distributed a written copy of his activities to the Board. He discussed the visits that he and Pat Munts made to several potential exhibitors for the trade show at the small farms conference in 2012, which will be held at the Spokane Interstate Fairgrounds. Rich has obtained support from the Spokane Agri-business Council.

Rich reported that the Bank of Whitman was taken over by the Columbia State Bank on Monday, August 8. Eight of the 22 existing branches will remain open throughout the region, and the new branch in Airway Heights will be permanently closed. He received a letter from Nancy Adams, Administrator for the Public Deposit Protection Commission, and spoke with Kathy at the bank to verify that the District's money is safe, which it is. Rich said that he will be reviewing the District's banking needs over the next one-two months and will bring a recommendation to the Board.

Jim Armstrong reported that he and Walt Edelen will be working on a draft of the MOU with the Department of Ecology, and will bring it to the Board after it is reviewed by the District's legal counsel, Brian Werst.

OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

Additions to Staff Reports

Pat Munts invited all Board and staff to stop by the new Public Market, where she will be spending the next few Friday afternoons. She also said that she will be working with Dale Smith on coordinating a tour of his property in the fall.

Garth Davis said that he is holding an all-day workshop for the Pacific NW Society of Arboriculture on Wednesday, August 17, at the WSU Extension Office. *Up by the Roots* will feature renowned arborist James Urban.

Correspondence & Announcements

- An e-mail was received from John Larson who said goodbye as he is leaving the WACD to become the Executive Director of the National Association of Conservation Districts
- Chair Scheele said that he talked with Ray Ledgerwood about the Commission's task force for district efficiencies; Ray invited comments and ideas, and Chair Scheele suggested mentioning the consolidation of certain districts
- We received a notice regarding the NE Area Meeting to be held in Republic, WA, on October 18. The Board was asked to think about who will be attending and possible resolutions, which will be discussed at the September Board meeting
- Jim received a thank you note from a 12-year-old member of the Sport Horse and Pony Club he met with to discuss the Conservation Futures program and specifically noxious weed removal
- Rachel Rooks, and the District, received a thank you note from a teacher who attended the Dig It workshop, and a thank you note for the workshop was received from the Commission
- Vicki discussed the Commission's FY 2012 Amendment for \$25,000. She gave the breakdown of: \$14k to be spent on best management practices, \$2k for technical assistance, \$1k for the rain garden installation, \$6k for ongoing

stream gage monitoring and maintenance, and \$2k for groundwater monitoring; she noted that the SCD will not be using any funds for the election and appointment process

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READING OF THE MOTIONS

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The regular Board meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Rachel Rooks

Gerald Scheele, Chair

Jaki Shrauger, Auditor