

Washington State Conservation Commission Regular Meeting

FINAL MINUTES

Lacey, Washington
December 12, 2012

The Washington State Conservation Commission (Commission/WSCC) met in regular session on December 12, 2012 in Lacey, Washington. Commissioner Colvin called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

ATTENDEES

Fred Colvin, Chair
Jim Peters, Vice Chair
Dave Guenther, Member
Lynn Bahrych, Member
Lynn Brown, Member
Clinton O'Keefe, Member
Josh Baldi, Member
Jaclyn Ford, Member

COMMISSION STAFF

Mark Clark, Executive Director
Ron Shultz, Policy Director
Ray Ledgerwood, District Services Manager
Debbie Becker, Financial Services Manager
Megan Finkenbinder, Program Specialist
Stu Trefry, NW Regional Manager
Josh Giuntoli, OFP Program Coordinator

PARTNERS REPRESENTED DURING THIS MEETING:

Dave Vogel, Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD)

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Peters moved to approve the consent agenda, Commissioner O'Keefe second.

Motion adopted.

Pacific Conservation District Supervisor Appointment

Commissioner Brown moved to appoint Mr. Loughheed to the Pacific Conservation District Board of Supervisors, Commissioner Peters second.

Motion adopted.

San Juan Islands Conservation District Supervisor Appointment

Commissioner Guenther moved to appoint April Lalan to the San Juan Islands Conservation District Board of Supervisors, Commissioner Bahrych second.

Motion adopted.

Good Governance Report – Ray Ledgerwood, SCC Staff, gave a report on the status of Good Governance. At this time, a letter is being developed that will go to all conservation districts asking that they review the current checklist and encouraging each district to conduct a self-audit.

Conservation District Audit Policy – Commission staff presented the revised policy on Conservation District Audits. Staff reviewed with members the comments received from conservation districts and how those were incorporated into the revised policy.

Commissioner Bahrych moved to adopt policy #12-17, Conservation District Audits, Commissioner Brown second.

Motion adopted.

Nutrient Management Options Paper Update – Ron Shultz, SCC Staff, provided an update on the Nutrient Management Options Paper. He reported that the manure management legislation is still in the conceptual process and folks are currently seeking input and doing outreach.

Commissioner Bahrych moved to direct staff to write a letter to the Governor that would indicate the Commission respecting what the other two regulatory agencies need to do, however, the Commission needs additional time to work with conservation districts on the voluntary piece and on the legislation before it comes out. The letter should also include an emphasis on what the leadership thinks where conservation districts should be involved. Prior to this letter being sent, the executive committee will need to review and approve. Commissioner Brown second.

Motion adopted.

3DT Update – Commission members agreed to hold a special meeting on January 7th to address this topic.

Commission Operations

2:35 p.m. – Commissioners went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters as allowed by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)

3:00 p.m. – General meeting was resumed

Commissioner Peters moved to establish a review committee to look at our process for an interim director during the three months while the current Executive Director is on leave. Commissioners Peters, Brown, Ford and Bahrych have agreed to be on the review committee. The Committee will bring back their ideas to the full board via a special meeting. Commissioner O’Keefe second.

Motion adopted.

Chair/Vice-Chair Elections

Commissioner Bahrych nominated Commissioner Peters for Chair and Commissioner Colvin for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Baldi second.

Motion adopted.

Adjournment

Commissioner Colvin adjourned the meeting at 3:10.