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Staff Reports

Bobbi Lindemulder discussed a critical area plan request associated with the building of a personal residence. The Board of Supervisors didn't feel it was appropriate for the District to engage farm planning services with residential development; however, it would be appropriate to engage with the landowner on the development of a farm plan once any residence was permitted by Snohomish County and built by the landowner.

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Ryan Williams provided the Natural Resources Planning Team report. He provided an update on the Driscoll culvert replacement project.

Committee Reports

Stillaguamish Clean Water District (CWD):

This is still no news on the status of the proposed amendment on CWD funding. It is likely that the amendment will be dealt with during the Snohomish County 2016 budget process.

Citizen Advisory Committee

Clayton Smith might be interested in becoming a member of the Citizen Advisory Committee.

Ag Board

There are some changes pending on the Ag Board. The Ag Board needs to elect a new chair, and they are seeking a new dairy representative for the Ag Board. The Ag Board is scheduling meetings with the County Executive and the County Council. The Ag Board is concerned with the County's administrative fee for the Snohomish Conservation District's assessment.

Farm Bureau

No Snohomish Conservation District representatives were at the August Farm Bureau meeting.

WACD

94 The WACD Annual Meeting will be November 30 – December 2 in
95 Spokane. Some districts from across the state have expressed concerns
96 with WACDs lack of responsiveness to their concerns. The WACD
97 Northwest Area meeting is coming up on October 6. Board resolutions
98 would need to be developed and passed at the September Board of
99 Supervisor’s meeting. Board members are encouraged to attend this
100 meeting.

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102 **Policies**

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104 There will likely be some future policy considerations for the Board of
105 Supervisors. These considerations would be to the Employee Handbook.
106 These changes would be influenced by the implementation of the
107 Handbook and potential operational enhancements/clarifications.

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109 **Building and Office Space**

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111 The Board of Supervisors discussed the need to further evaluate the
112 District’s building and lease options. The Board needs to get all of the
113 building and lease options on the table and lock down a budget amount.
114 This would need to include a budget request for additional outside
115 funding.

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117 **5-Year Plan**

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119 Clayton Smith was interested in finding out more information about the
120 District’s 5-Year Plan.

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122 **Puget Sound Conservation District Caucus**

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124 The PSCDs will be meeting on Monday, August 24. Alan Stromberger,
125 WACD President and Dean Longrie, Washington Conservation
126 Commission member were planning to attend. The PSCDs will be
127 focusing a lot of discussion at that meeting on some key programmatic
128 topics.

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130 **Washington Conservation Commission (WCC)**

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132 The WCC Policy meeting in Ellensburg on August 12/13 were well attended and
133 developed several key policy actions. Mark Craven, Jeff Ellingsen, and Monte
134 Marti attended. A follow-up meeting on long term funding is pending for
135 September 21.

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137 The next WCC Commissioners meeting is scheduled for September 16 (tour)
138 and 17 (meeting) in Yakima.

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140 Shana Joy encouraged the Board to take the leadership needs assessment, and
141 reminded the District about the opportunity to comment on the Election Manual
142 changes. The comment period is open until August 31. She noted that the
143 capital funding allocations will be made soon. The District's annual report is due
144 to the Commission by September 4.

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146 **Snohomish County and Camano Island Assessment Updates**

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148 The Ag Board supports the District position and is interested in pursuing a
149 resolution to the dispute with Snohomish County.

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151 **Financial Reports**

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154 checks #6942 - #6970 totaling \$184,490.64, and to accept and approve the July
155 2015 Receipt Register, Check Register, and Treasurer's Report. Jeff Ellingsen
156 **seconded** the motion. The motion **passed** unanimously.

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158 The Board of Supervisors also reviewed the "Unpaid Invoices" as of August 18,
159 2015 and the "Employee Vacation and Sick Leave" accruals as of August 10,
160 2015. The Board reviewed the detailed charges associated with the VISA
161 account transactions with transaction dates July 8 – August 4, 2015.

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163 Steve Van Valkenburg reviewed the bank statements.

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165 **Agreements and Contracts**

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204 **Manager's Report**

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206 The Puget Sound Partnership Strategic Initiative Transition Team activities
207 continue to move forward. The District is very actively engaged with the Near-
208 Term-Action development processes within both local integrating organizations
209 (Snohomish-Stillaguamish and Island).

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211 Mark and Monte met with County Council member Stephanie Wright on August
212 3. The Board needs to ensure that the dispute with the County is resolved
213 during the 2016 budget process.

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215 **Miscellaneous Reports and Set Next Meeting Date**

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217 There were no miscellaneous reports.

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219 Steve Van Valkenburg moved that the September 2015 Board Meeting be held
220 on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the District office, and that
221 proper notice be distributed to the public; and that the meeting be adjourned.
222 Jeff Ellingsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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224 Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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226 **SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS**

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Secretary Monte K. Manti Date 9-15-15