

46 Sarah Tanuvasa (NRCS District Conservationist) provided a written report. She
47 will link up with Cindy Dittbrenner to provide a training session for Snohomish
48 Conservation District staff.

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50 **Staff Reports**

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52 Bobbi Lindemulder discussed her conversations with Linda Neunzig about the
53 Focus on Farming Conference. The keynote speakers are already set. The
54 Board of Supervisors would like to see specific changes to the length and cost of
55 the conference. They also need to see an increase in the participation of
56 Snohomish County agriculture producers. Bobbi and Monte Marti also met with
57 WSU Extension to talk about the future of the Cultivating Success program and
58 other landowner engagement opportunities.

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60 Ryan Williams presented is Ag Forestry Leadership Program training proposal.

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62 Steve Van Valkenburg **moved** to accept Ryan Williams' training proposal. Karl
63 Hereth **seconded** the motion. The motion **passed** unanimously.

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65 **Committee Reports**

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67 **Stillaguamish Clean Water District (SCWD):**

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69 Snohomish County is looking to dissolve the SCWD and the Advisory
70 Board, and create a single (consolidated) rate utility for all of Snohomish
71 County. The SCWD parcels will be included in the District's rate proposal.

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74 consolidation proposal. Karl Hereth **seconded** the motion. The motion
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77 **Citizen Advisory Committee**

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79 Committee members will continue to be informed of activities associated
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82 **Ag Board**

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84 The Ag Board discussed agriculture related fact sheets and permitting
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87 **Farm Bureau**

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89 The Farm Bureau discussed the Snohomish Conservation District rate
90 proposal and youth education opportunities. They will further discuss a
91 letter of support for the proposal at their May meeting.

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WACD

The WACD executive director will be leaving and the WACD Executive Committee will start the search in the near future. WACD will be hosting a tribal/conservation district training session on May 23 in Ellensburg.

Policies

Policy updates will be identified and updates brought back to the Board by the end of 2017.

Building and Office Space

Ryan Williams discussed the current status of the building acquisition opportunity. Financial institutions will be engaged to identify loan options.

Karl Hereth moved to advance the offer of \$1,650,000 for the building at 114 Avenue C in Snohomish. Steve Van Valkenburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5-Year Plan

The 5-Year Plan will be updated by June 30, 2018. The process has already started with the planning tied to the rate proposal.

Puget Sound Conservation District (PSCD) Caucus

The next PSCD Caucus meeting will be Monday, April 24, 2017. The Snohomish Conservation District Board of Supervisors will have PSCD priorities to evaluate by the May 2017 board meeting.

Washington Conservation Commission (WCC)

The next WCC meeting will be in Ritzville May 16 - 18. It will include a May 17 planning session.

Snohomish County and Camano Island Assessment Updates

The public meetings were held on April 3, 4, and 11. There were not proposed changes to the rate proposal based upon public input.

Steve Van Valkenburg moved to advance the 2018 rates and charges proposal to the County Council and County Executive. Karl Hereth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

138 **Financial Reports**

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140 Karl Hereth moved for the payment of vouchers/warrants: EFT's and checks
141 #7940 - #7989 totaling \$340,225.92, and to accept and approve the March 2017
142 Receipt Register, Check Register, and Treasurer's Report. Steve Van
143 Valkenburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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145 The Board of Supervisors reviewed the "Outstanding Invoices" as of April 17,
146 2017 and the "Employee Vacation and Sick Leave" accruals as of April 10, 2017.

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148 Steve Van Valkenburg reviewed the bank statements.

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150 The Board of Supervisors reviewed the VISA report for transaction dates March
151 9, 2017 – April 8, 2017; and the Chevron and Texaco Business Card reports for
152 starting date February 22, 2016 – March 21, 2017.

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154 **Agreements and Contracts**

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156 Karl Hereth moved to approve the cost share agreements with:

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- 158 • Qualco Energy/A. Werkhoven
- 159 • M. Frohning

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- 167 • City of Mill Creek for Surface Water Education Services
- 168 • Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for Kristoferson Creek Fish
169 Passage Improvements
- 170 • Snohomish County for the Stillaguamish Clean Water District and Youth
171 Education amendment
- 172 • The Nature Conservancy for Photovoice project
- 173 • The Nature Conservancy for a contract extension to June 30, 2017
- 174 • Washington State Conservation Commission for the Master Agreement
175 for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019
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Manager's Report

Dan Bartelheimer expressed a potential desire for the Snohomish Conservation District to provide annual visits and compliance checks for farmland easements tied to the Conservation Futures.

Karl Hereth moved to secure a new canopy for the new pick-up. Steve Van Valkenburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The total purchase price for the new pick-up (purchase price plus taxes, fees, license, etc.) was \$35,525.99.

Steve Van Valkenburg moved to provide a \$300 recognition award to Cameron Coronado for his revamping of the Lawns-to-Lettuce program and the on-boarding of the Veteran's Corp crew. Karl Hereth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Monte Marti will be meeting with the Crosswater Homeowners Association on May 16.

Karl Hereth moved to send a letter of support for the King Conservation District Washington State Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grant proposal. Steve Van Valkenburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the first quarter budget comparisons.

We are still trying to schedule meetings with County Council Member Ryan and County Executive Somers.

The March 29, 2017 Snohomish County Growers Alliance meeting was successful.

Miscellaneous Reports and Set Next Meeting Date

There were no miscellaneous reports.

Karl Hereth moved that the May 2017 Board Meeting be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the District office, and that proper notice be distributed to the public; and that the meeting be adjourned. Steve Van Valkenburg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS

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Chairman Mark Crum Date 5/16/17
Secretary Monte H. Marti Date 5-16-17