

Skagit Watershed Council  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Skagit Watershed Council Conference Room  
October 3, 2013

Minutes

Present for all or part of the meeting:

Chair Commissioner Dahlstedt

Carolyn Kelly

Dave Pflug

Alison Studley

Brenda Cunningham

Steve Hinton

Quorum present: Yes

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chair Dahlstedt.

The agenda was reviewed.

Brenda Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Dave Pflug to approve the September meeting minutes as amended. After opportunity for discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

The financial statements through September 30, 2013 were presented and reviewed. Brenda Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Dave Pflug, to accept the financial report as presented. After opportunity for further discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

There was discussion regarding an upcoming competitive grant opportunity for a project(s) not to exceed \$200,000, from the PSAR funds. Applications(s) are due by November 8, 2013. It was decided that as soon as the final grant application was received, it would be forwarded to our general membership, with the specific criteria highlighted. Applications will be due to the SWC by or before COB on October 31, 2013. Suggested participants for the ad hoc committee were discussed, and it was anticipated that the new Executive Director, would be lead on this task.

Steve Hinton made a motion, seconded by Brenda Cunningham, that the SWC will establish an ad hoc committee to receive and review PIDA applications as soon after October 31 as possible, but prior to November 7 in order to make a recommendation to the Board.

Technical Report:

Alison provided a written report to the Board. In addition, the following was discussed:

The SRFB Technical Review Panel has noted that the Similk project needs more information, due to landowner change. The Swinomish tribe is the new landowner. Skagit County is the project sponsor. Steve Hinton met with Dan Berentsen, Skagit County Interim Public Works Director regarding the project. Steve stated there may be some minor changes to the proposal but those would not affect the overall project scope or budget. He stated that the intent and spirit of the proposal would remain the same. The county will remain as project sponsor.

In regards to Dugualla bay, Chair Dahlstedt noted that the Whidbey Lead Entity folks would like to meet with our Board sometime in the near future to discuss future partnership opportunities. Richard will be tasked with following up on the final disposition of the Dugualla project and the funding involved, as some may be returned to the SWC.

The request from Brian Williams, WDFW, for review/input on work completed thus far on the Fir Island project was discussed. It is anticipated that individual entities as well as the SWC will respond. In November we will bring the topic back to the table to discuss how we might respond in the future to such requests. Carolyn will talk to Brian regarding opening the dialogue. There was a discussion regarding managing future council work that needs to be completed prior to Richard coming on full time.

Steve Hinton made a motion, seconded by Brenda Cunningham, to extend two existing contracts through 2013 with appropriate deliverables and not to exceed amounts of \$2,500 and \$3,000 as proposed with Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group to provide technical and Habitat Work Schedule support, respectively. After opportunity for discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Board had a discussion regarding prioritizing critical pieces of the transition with a new Executive Director coming on board. Carolyn will meet with Richard as soon as he is available to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40