

Skagit Watershed Council
Board of Directors Meeting
Skagit Watershed Council Conference Room
July 11, 2013

Minutes

Present for all or part of the meeting:

Chair Commissioner Dahlstedt	Bob Everett
Carolyn Kelly	Brenda Cunningham
Dave Pflug	Alison Studley

Quorum present: Yes

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Chair Dahlstedt.

The agenda was reviewed.

Bob Everett made a motion, seconded by Brenda Cunningham to approve the 6/6/13 meeting minutes as presented. After opportunity for discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

It was announced that Leah Kitner was selected to be out new PSP liaison. Bob Wariner, Steve Hinton, and Dan Berentson all participated on the inview panel and the feedback on her selection was extremely positive.

There was an update on the hiring process for the new executive director. It was noted that applications are already coming in. A sub-group of Dave Pflug, Steve Hinton, and Carolyn Kelly will work review those applications that Mr. Reid suggests that are of the highest caliber for interviews.

There was general discussion on the SWC's path forward as it relates to direction for the new executive director.

The Tetra Tech membership application was presented for review. Bob Everitt made a motion, seconded by Brenda Cunningham to accept Tetra Tech as a new member of the Skagit Watershed Council. Discussion ensued regarding membership in general, and the expectation that the new executive director would be tasked with completing an overall review of members and expectations for active membership. It was noted that we should be completing reviews to see if members are indeed active, and should also be clear to the membership in general of expectations. After opportunity for future discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Suiattle Rip-rap project change was presented. There was much discussion on whether this was a new project or a change. It was decided to support the project “change” but that a letter would be sent to the USFS requesting assurances that the projects included will proceed to completion. They will also need to sign a new landowner agreement as per SRFB policy. They should be mindful that \$30,000 has already been spent on project development and while we value our relationship with them, we still have to maintain our credibility.

Bob Everett made a motion, seconded by Dave Pflug to accept the project scope change contingent on new landowner agreements. After opportunity for further discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Habitat Work Schedule was completed and submitted by Alison Studley and Bob Wariner.

An update on the WDFW Watershed Steward Program was given by Bob Everett. He gave an overview of the program, and funding history. Bob Wariner will remain that position for the Skagit.

There was general discussion on future Board recruitment. Chair Dahlstedt noted we should all be proactive in looking for new Board members. Folks brainstormed about what kinds of backgrounds and skills would enhance the depth and effectiveness of the current Board.

Bob Everett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brenda Cunningham. The motion passed.