

Skagit Watershed Council
Board of Directors Meeting
Skagit Watershed Council Conference Room
May 2, 2013

Minutes

Present for all or part of the meeting:

Chair Commissioner Dahlstedt	Bob Carey
Carolyn Kelly	Brenda Cunningham
Steve Hinton	Dave Pflug
Alison Studley	

Quorum present: Yes

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chair Dahlstedt.

The agenda was reviewed.

Brenda Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Steve Hinton to approve the 4/4/13 meeting minutes as presented. After opportunity for discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

There was general discussion on the status of lead entity and habitat work schedule funding and utilizing funds before the end of the fiscal year. It was decided to amend the current contract with SFEG to allow additional work to be performed under the habitat work schedule.

There was general discussion regarding the next fiscal year budget, since the legislature has not passed an official budget yet. It was decided that the Board would consider budget details at the next meeting when hopefully there would be more concrete information.

The financial statements through April 30, 2013 were presented and reviewed. Steve Hinton 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.

There was discussion regarding retaining the services of Jim Reid the lead the search for an Executive Director. The scope of work for Mr. Reid's contract was reviewed.

Bob Carey made a motion, seconded by Steve Hinton, to have a meeting in June with Mr. Reid to finalize the position description. After opportunity for discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

Bob Carey announced that he would be stepping down from the board in June to take advantage of an amazing career opportunity in Columbia, South America. General mayhem and dismay followed, but all did wish Bob the best!

The PSAR capacity list was reviewed, and edited for clarity. It will be submitted for funding.

Alison Studley provided written updates to the Board on technical work. She updated the Board on progress of the SRFB process. There was discussion regarding the final project ranking, and coordination with the July Board meeting, which was currently scheduled for July 4th.

Steve Hinton Made a motion, seconded by Brenda Cunningham to move the regular Board meeting to July 11, with the SRFB project review and ranking meeting to follow immediately thereafter. After opportunity for discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed.

In concert with the discussion on ranking, and the desire of the Board as a whole to have increased citizen participation as per RCO requests, it was agreed that Board members would bring nominees for proposed candidates for citizen invitees to the next meeting. Chair Dahlstedt also requested that panel member be given technical review panel comments in addition to project rankings.

There was discussion on potential projects for SRFB Early Action Funding, and Alison reported that she and Bob Warnier had reviewed the applicants and that there were none to put forward.

Alison updated the Board on the Fir Island project and related that all issues regarding phasing had been resolved. It was decided that the Middle Skagit assessment project would be sponsored as a separate project by the SWC. SRCS has generously offered to provide support for the project.

There was discussion regarding the Dugualla Heights project, and several options were evaluated. Brenda Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Steve Hinton the support option one. After opportunity for discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

Steve Hinton made a motion to adjourn at 11:05 a.m., seconded by Carolyn Kelly. The motion passed without further discussion.