San Juan Islands Conservation District

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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| Date: | August 22, 2025  |
| Time: | 9:00am – 11:00am |
| Place: | 915 Spring St. Friday Harbor, WA 98250And online via Zoom |
| Attending Supervisors: | David Bill, Lynn Bahrych, Claire Crawbuck, Roger Bairstow |
| Partners: | Jean Fike, WSCC Puget Sound Regional Manager; Alan Chapman, WACD NW Region Representative; Robin Buckingham NRCS Resource Conservationist |
| Staff: | Paul Andersson, Tony Fyrqvist, Mike Rosekrans |
| Public: |   |

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|  | **Welcome and Introductions**  |
|  | Lynn agreed to chair the meeting. |
| **1**  | **Agenda Approval**  |
|  | The agenda was approved by consensus subject to the addition of items under Agenda item 9:* WACD NW Area Meeting on Oct 15
* Puget Sound Leadership Council Meeting on Aug 20
* Senator Murray staff member visit to SJCID office on Aug 18
* Farm Tours
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| **2** | **Minutes Approval: July 25 Regular Meeting**  |
|  | **Action Item:** David made a motion to approve the July-25 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Claire. The motion was approved. |
| **3** | **Public Comments**  |
|  | None. |
| **4** | **Partner Reports** |
|  | **Discussion:****NRCS, Robin Buckingham*** Winding down Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/25 with average volume.
* Inflation Reduction Act funding levels renewed for the next fiscal year under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act passed by US Congress.
* Robin continues to serve Skagit, Island and San Juan Counties.
* Discussed the possibility of a NRCS staffer at SJICD offices.
* EQIP applications will be available in a few weeks.

**WSCC, Jean Fike:*** Commission is working on 2026 Decision Packages to be provided to state legislature.
* Commission is working on reappropriations of funds left over from previous biennium.

**WACD, Alan Chapman:*** Area meeting is scheduled for mid Oct-25.
* Time to submit resolutions is approaching.
* Dues invoices have been sent out with an additional request for state program funding.
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| **5** | **Financial Report – June Financials**  |
|  | **Action Item:** The Financial Manager reviewed the 6/30/25 Financial Summary as presented. 7/31/25 numbers were not available due to the District working on upgrading the accounting system. Claire made a motion to approve the financial statements with the projected revenue increase as stated in the Financial Summary and was seconded by Roger. The motion passed.  |
|  | **Discussion:** Discussed grants on the Grant Pipeline Report and FY26 budget outlook.  |
| **6** | **Old Business**  |
|  | **Discussion:** * 8/1/25 District held a public hearing on the proposal to increase the annual per parcel rate to $25.00 as allowed by Substitute House Bill 1488 as signed into law by the Governor on 5/13/25.
* 9/23/25 - The Executive Director will present the proposal for Rates and Charges to the County Council.
* 10/21/25 – County Council Public Hearing on updated Rates and Charges.
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| **7** | **New Business**  |
|  | **Discussion on District hosting a WSCC Meeting in Mar 18-19, 2026:*** Lodging alternatives.
* Transportation, ferry challenges if bringing a vehicle.
* Last time hosted in 2017.
* Opportunity to network with partners and other districts.
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| **8** | **Staff and Program Reports**  |
|  | **Report on YCC 2055 Summer Season:** * 38 crew members with 3,055 Stewardship and 1,000 Environmental Education hours at 47 locations, and 3 outreach events with 100 total attendees.
* 55.3% were returning crew members, 44.7% were new crew members.
* 30 days habitat restoration, 29 days noxious weed control, 17 days trail maintenance, 6 days of lighthouse repairs on Patos Island, 6 days of waste removal largely at San Juan County Fair and 5 days of community outreach.
* Total of 22 nonprofit, county, federal and state and private partners. 9 of the partners provide funding with 6 providing full funding.
* Total revenues amounted to $171,830 with the largest share provided by partner contracts but with the largest growth being from private donations. Total expenses amounted to $216,658 with the largest category being for Coordinator time.
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| **9** | **Recent & Upcoming Trainings/Webinars/Events**  |
|  | **Discussion:** * Booth at SJC Fair generated interest particularly with landowners and members of the public concerned about wildfire preparedness.
* Placing a pin on the map specifying property location was popular.
* Location next to SJC Noxious Weeds was favorable.
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| **10** | **Idea Pot**  |
|  | **Discussion:*** Benefits of septic education and outreach for homeowners.
* No-till drill signup calendar.
* Review of projects funded through the District.
* Usage of pond and rainwater catchment for irrigation. Construction of ponds.
* Irrigation needs by agriculture.
* NRCS funding for irrigation tends to go to large systems.
* Measure agricultural water use in the county and study water use resources.
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| **11** | **Adjournment 11:00 am**  |
| Next Meeting: | Regular Meeting - Friday, September 26, 2025, from 9:00am to 11:00am. |