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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Special MEETING MINUTES

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| Date: | May 13, 2025 Special Board Meeting |
| Time: | 9:00pm – 10:00pm |
| Place: | 915 Spring St. Friday Harbor, WA 98250  And online via Zoom |
| Attending Supervisors: | David Bill, Lynn Bahrych, Roger Bairstow, Vicki Heater, Claire Crawbuck |
| Partners: |  |
| Staff: | Paul Andersson, Tony Fyrqvist |
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|  | **Welcome and Introductions** |
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| **1** | **Agenda Approval** |
|  | David called the meeting to order 9:00 am. The Agenda was approved by consensus. |
| **2** | **Public Comments** |
|  | None. |
| **3** | **New Business** |
|  | **Action Item:** Lynn made a motion to approve all Cash Advance Payment requests for WSCC Cost Share project payouts, at the discretion of Executive Director, unless Payments negatively impact District financials, in which case board approval will be required. Vicki provided the second, and the motion passed with Roger Bairstow abstaining from voting. |
| **4** | **Old Business** |
|  | Discussion Item - Annual Budget Report:   * The District budget is due to WSCC by 5/30/25. The Governor has until 5/20/25 to take sign the State Budget which has been passed by the Legislature. * Due to the uncertainty with State funding, the FY26 Budget was presented with projected low and high scenarios. * A large decline is expected in Forest Health funding, however, Riparian and Agriculture funding could remain stable. * The increase in Rates and Charges to $25/parcel has been approved by State Legislature. County approval would result in substantial improvement in District capacity building, building maintenance and administration. * There are currently a large amount of cost share projects in the pipeline. * Discussion about expenses included the staff COLA pay adjustments and possible adjustment in workweek hours. * The final budget will be refined and presented with only one set of numbers |
|  | Discussion Item - Impact of Americorps Funding Cut to ICC:   * A new ICC Budget was presented that shows the potential for cost recovery and no net loss. * ICC crew members have been hired by the District through 7/11/25. * The program will start again in September 2025 with work on specific projects already under discussion with key landowners. |
|  | **Action Item:** Roger made a motion to approve the “Board Action Requested” Column on the “2026-2027 Cost Share Project Exception Summary” excluding the first 2 projects:   1. Three Meadows HOA Commons – San Juan Island. 2. Rohde-Halaburka (in Three Meadows HOA).   Vicki seconded the motion. The discussion revolved around the importance of cooperator cash and labor contributions to each project. Realizing the benefits to the community presented by each project, along with the landowner readiness and scoring criteria performed by the District, it was still felt that additional discussion is warranted on the first 2 projects. The motion passed. |
| **5** | **Adjournment 10:00am** |