

Washington Association of Conservation Districts

Remote Connection through Zoom

May 20, 2020

Summary of Board Actions

Motion: Mark Craven moved WACD host a virtual conference and business meeting in 2020, and renegotiate current contract with Hotel Murano for 2021. Second by Amy McKay. Motion carried.

Board of Directors May Meeting Minutes

Members Remotely Present

Jeanette Dorner, President (Pierce CD)
Amy McKay, Secretary (Whitman CD)
Dave Fenn, Treasurer (Lewis CD)
Doug Rushton, National Director (Thurston CD)
Mark Craven, Past President (Snohomish CD)
Alan Chapman, Northwest Area Director (Whatcom CD)
Libby Reed, Northwest Area Director (Snohomish CD)
Dean Longrie, Southwest Area Director (Clark CD)
John Keatley, Southwest Area Director (Cowlitz CD)
John Preston, North Central Area Director (Grant County CD)
John McLean, North Central Area Director (Foster Creek CD)
Cindy Reed, South Central Area Director (North Yakima CD)
Barbara Bailey, South Central Area Director (Underwood CD)
Mike Mumford, Northeast Area Director (Pend Oreille CD)
Jeff Schibel, Northeast Area Director (Lincoln County CD)
Mary Collins, Southeast Area Director (Palouse CD)
Renee Hadley, WADE President (Walla Walla County CD)

Others Remotely Present

Tom Salzer, WACD Executive Director
Ryan Baye, WACD Legislative & Membership Lead
Lori McLaughlin, WACD Financial Accountant & HR Administrator

Jeanette Dorner gavelled the meeting to order at 7:33.

Ryan Baye conducted a roll call to confirm a quorum was present.

2020 Annual Conference

Ryan Baye presented the survey of the membership on the topic of a 2020 virtual or in-person conference, discussing the common themes among survey comments and the responses. Tom Salzer presented the staff recommendation to shift conference at Hotel Murano to 2021 and

hold a virtual conference this year, based on public health concerns, coronavirus impact on districts, and the survey results.

Board members asked about other virtual conferences WACD could learn from and the amount of time required to execute a good event. Several members agreed based on the survey results and their conversations with districts a virtual conference this year was appropriate. Mark Craven moved WACD host a virtual conference and business meeting in 2020, and renegotiate current contract with Hotel Murano for 2021. Second by Amy McKay. Motion carried.

Annual Conference Planning Team

Ryan Baye outlined the duties for planning team members and the goal for the planning team to have a representative from each area based on area director recommendations. He asked directors to discuss amongst themselves and contact Tom Salzer by the 27th. Board members made suggestions or volunteered themselves.

There was additional discussion on questions surrounding a new conference format and how October area meetings would proceed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22.