

Washington Association of Conservation Districts

Board of Directors January Work Session Minutes

Remote Connection through Zoom

January 18, 2021

Members Remotely Present

Jeanette Dorner, President (Pierce CD)
Mike Mumford, Vice President (Pend Oreille CD)
Dave Fenn, Treasurer (Lewis CD)
Doug Rushton, National Director (Thurston CD)
Mark Craven, Past President (Snohomish CD)
Chris Porter, Northwest Area Director (King CD)
Alan Chapman, Northwest Area Director (Whatcom CD)
Dean Longrie, Southwest Area Director (Clark 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)
Jeff Schibel, Northeast Area Director (Lincoln County CD)
Mary Collins, Southeast Area Director (Palouse CD)

Others Remotely Present

Tom Salzer, WACD Executive Director
Ryan Baye, WACD Legislative & Membership Lead

Jeanette Dorner began the meeting at 6:05 and reminded the board of the restrictions around a work session.

2021 Legislative Session

Ryan Baye reported to the board on the current proceedings of the current legislation session. He detailed some of the legislative practices being adapted to a virtual session, highlighted to Governor's budget as it relates to conservation districts, outlined the staff plan for Legislative Week, and shared a draft version of WACD's Legislative "one pager" of budget and policy priorities for feedback. He answered questions about various legislation.

2021 WACD Committee Actions

Jeanette Dorner addressed the subject of two temporary committees she expected to appoint based on resolutions adopted at the Annual Conference, as well as other potential responsibilities for committees to undertake. She listed some criteria she was considering, and her expected process for her appointments. There was discussion of the value of smaller versus larger committee sizes.

Future Board Meeting Topics

Ryan discussed the potential 2021 board meeting schedule of business meetings and work sessions. He shared some potential work session topics staff had under consideration and asked for additional topics the President and Executive Director could consider.

2021 Annual Work Plan

Tom Salzer presented his draft work plan, built in collaboration with a group of supervisors and managers representing every area association, and answered questions from the board. There was discussion among the board of how to utilize the work plan during the year, the work level for staff and Executives in a single year, what metrics of success could be included, and other work not included in the work plan.

Jeanette ended the meeting at 8:00