

Meeting Minutes March 24, 2023

Approved May 18, 2023

Special Business Meeting ~

The Washington State Conservation Commission (Commission/SCC) met virtually on March 24, 2023. Chairman Daryl Williams called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Note: All meeting materials can be found on our **meetings webpage**. You will find the meeting packet with background information, presentations and past meeting information.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Daryl Williams, Chairman, *Governor Appointee* **Larry Cochran**, Vice-Chairman, *elected eastern region rep.*

Brooke Beeler, Department of Ecology Cherie Kearney, Governor Appointee Dean Longrie, elected west region rep. Harold Crose, elected central region rep. Perry Beale, Department of Agriculture Jim Kropf, Washington State University

Quorum present.

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT

Ron Shultz, Interim Executive Director Kaisha Walker, Administrative Assistant Lori Gonzalez, Executive Assistant Josh Giuntoli, Southwest Regional Manager Sarah Groth, Fiscal Manager Shana Joy, District Operations Manager

PARTNERS REPRESENTED

Doug Rushton, *National Association of Conservation Districts* **Tom Salzer**, *WA Association of Conservation Districts*

GUESTS ATTENDED

Please see "Attachment A" for full list of attendees.

COMMISSION OPERATIONS

Discussion began regarding the next steps to appoint an Interim Executive Director

Motion by Commissioner Longrie to appoint Kirk Robinson as our Interim Executive Director, effective March 27, 2023, until a new Executive Director has been appointed, or by September 30th, whichever comes first. Seconded by Commissioner Giglio. Motion passed unanimously.

Further discussion takes place in regards to the recruitment process of hiring a permanent Executive Director. The Board agrees it would be a good idea to have a diverse list of members on a selection committee. Volunteers listed below:

- 1. Daryl Williams Commission Chair
- 2. Larry Cochran Commission Vice Chair
- Perry Beale Commissioner
- 4. Mike Mumford Commissioner
- 5. Linda Lyshall Snohomish CD
- 6. Brook Beeler Dept of Ecology (Commissioner starting April 1)
- 7. Josh Giuntoli SCC Staff
- 8. Renee Hadley Walla Walla CD
- 9. Bob Gilby Kitsap CD

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.