OCTOBER 2025 BOARD MEETING AGENDA

THE KITSAP CONSERVATION DISTRICT WILL HOLD THEIR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025, AT 10:00 AM THROUGH THE INTERNET (SEE LINKS AT BOTTOM OF PAGE) OR VISITORS MAY ATTEND A HYBRID MEETING AT THE KCD OFFICE MEETING ROOM, 10332 CENTRAL VALLEY NE, POULSBO, WA.

Attending:
Board:
Staff:
Start Time:
ADDITIONS TO NEW BUSINESS: **None**

September 2025 Board Meeting Minutes:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

a) September 2025 Financial Report: Vouchers: Checks:
b) Administrative Reports: Joy Garitone: Brian Stahl: Jean Fike:
c) Approve CWK Rain Garden Green Stormwater Solution applications: GR2025-118 to 121 IDs 9/3/2025 – 10/8/2025

RaingardenID	ContactLastName	WatershedName	practiceID	DateID	Estimated Cost
GR2025-118	Nguyen	Miller Bay	Rain Garden	9/16/2025	initial site visit
GR2025-119	Jennings	Upper Hood	Landscape	9/22/2025	w/ GR2024-098
GR2025-120	Oxford	Colvos Passage	Outlet	9/30/2025	with GR2025-060
GR2025-121	Willman	Upper Hood	Rain Garden	10/7/2025	initial site visit

d) Bills to Pay/Grants/Contracts: See summary
e) Cooperator Agreements: Linwick (Bremerton), Bevis (Bremerton), Rice (Bremerton) Jones (Bremerton)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – (3 minutes per person) Public comments may be spoken, written letters, or emailed

OLD BUSINESS

a) Election progress and redo update: FYI Applications will close Oct 10th and ballots will be available starting 8:00 AM on October 16th at our KCD website: Kitsapcd.org
b) NW Area meeting is October 15th at King Conservation District and virtually. Option for lunch is $20 but closes October 10th.

NEW BUSINESS

a) New zoning code proposal: Draft letter to DCD in response to code changes for equine and livestock-dairy management proposal. See Appendix for final draft.
b) Pumpkin patch Event Oct 3rd and 4th for GRACE FYI
c) Healthcare for 2026 – Change in cost $1,076 to $1,156. Those who waived coverage are required to have basic enrollment $172 to $180 Grand total for District coverage currently is $147,265 to 2026 $161,633 (Difference $14,367)

d) **Next Meeting: November 10th**

e) Hatchery Tour November 19th

Grants & ILAs received/asked	Funding	Approval
WSCC RGP 1.0 Beebe	$38,545	
WSCC RPP Maintain Plant Nursery and plant purchases	$21,876	
WSCC RGP 2.0 Education and Outreach	$40,000	
WSCC RGP 3.0 Dogfish Creek	$75,000	
WSCC RGP 4.0 Wendler	$6625	
WSCC Shellfish 1.0 Anunson WSF	$62,500	
WSCC Shellfish 2.0 J. Johnson WSF	$37,500	
WSCC Shellfish 3.0 Crabtree	$56,250	
WSCC Sustainable Farms and Fields 1.0 BioChara Demo	$6,489	
WSCC Sustainable Farms and Fields 2.0 BioChar Kiln Cost Share	$2,179	
CWK 2026 ILA contract	$1,277,400	
Bills to Pay	NONE	

Adjourn:

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Joy Garitone is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: October 13, 2025, Kitsap CD Board meeting

Time: Oct 13, 2025 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89189795357?pwd=ZFrApb3dkcpgzcRNqo1TlScq1QiHx2.1

Meeting ID: 891 8979 5357
Passcode: 747353

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APPENDIX A – OCTOBER 2025 King CD AGENDA

1. WACD Area NW Meeting Agenda, Materials, and Zoom Information

We are looking forward to hosting the WACD NW Area Meeting on October 15th. Attached, please find the agenda and materials for the meeting. I also included a map with the parking area circled and two doorways identified in yellow and red. The black dot is the location of the meeting room. It is called Meeting room A on the signage on the door.

Address: 660 SW 39th St, Suite 104, Renton, WA 98057

Zoom Information:
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85740937678
Meeting ID: 857 4093 7678

One tap mobile
+12532050468,,85740937678# US
+12532158782,,85740937678# US (Tacoma)
Join instructions
https://us06web.zoom.us/meetings/85740937678/invitations?signature=KocopacCuq0LWp5uY-8LDKt3yFPO5MMor2usXSLFb0k
Thank you,

Rosa Méndez-Perez (she/her)
Executive Director

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800 SW 39th St, Suite 150
Renton, WA 98057

2. Draft letter to Kitsap County DCD:

To the Kitsap Board of County Commissioners
Land is the foundation of our food system and land stewards are the key to climate resilience. Local farms are essential to our daily lives. Supporting our agricultural producers, the equine sector and preserving farmland in Kitsap means healthy food for our children, thriving rural economies, and fertile, productive soils. The goals, policies and strategies in the Rural Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan provide a foundation for these outcomes.

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Kitsap Conservation District is a non-regulatory organization working cooperatively with private landowners to help them responsibly and efficiently manage their working lands. We offer technical expertise to help individuals with site-specific plans to achieve land use and conservation goals; consultation on local regulatory requirements; and knowledge of funding sources and free or low-cost services. With that in mind, Kitsap Conservation District offers the following comments on proposed code changes and the Draft Chapter for the Year of the Rural released on September 2, 2025:

Kitsap County Zoning Code: Agricultural Code, Standards and Regulations

As a general recommendation, because code flows from and is supported by the Goals, Policies and Strategies in the Comprehensive Plan, and due to the short timeline from release of the proposed code changes until key decisions are to be made, we recommend all code revisions related to farming and equestrian facilities should be tabled until after an Agricultural Advisory Council is seated. The code revisions represent the type of guidance that an Agricultural Advisory Council are uniquely qualified to provide to the Board of Commissioners and the Department of Community Development.

With regard to specific proposed changes to code, we offer the following comments:

· 17.455.070 Livestock and Dairy Management

o The purpose statement in this section was expanded to include the following language: "Operators shall implement Best Management Practices for runoff, dust control, and manure handling in a farm plan as reviewed and approved by the Kitsap Conservation District." The District is non-regulatory and the language as proposed places KCD in a regulatory role.

o Recommended language: "Operators shall use Best Management Practices (BMPs) to address site-specific resource concerns as outlined in a farm plan. A farm plan should include a farm resource inventory, sufficient information and detail to document soil, water, air, personal, and animal resource concerns, recommendations for appropriate science-based Best Management Practices (BMPs) to address those concerns and note
specific regulatory requirements including critical areas, private or public water supplies, and septic systems."

· 17.455.075 Equestrian Facilities

o The proposed code states: "G. Farm plan approval shall be obtained from the Kitsap Conservation District." As per our previous comment, the proposed language places KCD in a regulatory role. The District is a non-regulatory entity that does not enforce compliance or impose penalties and works cooperatively with private landowners to address natural resource concerns.

o Additionally, this proposed code was released without input from the equine sector, thus adoption of this entire section should be deferred until after comprehensive stakeholder input into the development of applicable code can be conducted. The proposed code as written creates significant economic and regulatory barriers to compliance and is at odds with the stated goal in the rural chapter to support the economic viability of rural businesses.

o The proposed code also includes unclear definitions and inconsistent requirements. For example: What constitutes a "paddock"? How does it differ from a pasture? How do facilities on smaller parcels (five acres) comply with a 200 ft set-back?

· 17.455.030 Definitions

o Definitions for "Agricultural Activity", "Agricultural use, primary" and "Farm" specifically exclude gardens for personal or community use. The USDA defines urban agriculture as:
"…the practice of cultivating, processing, and distributing agricultural products within urban and suburban areas, including initiatives like community gardens, rooftop farms, hydroponic and vertical farms."

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The USDA's approach is broad, including various forms of urban farming, aiming to expand access to nutritious foods, create economic opportunities, and foster community engagement. This definition specifically includes both personal and community gardens as agricultural activities. Gardens frequently serve as a steppingstone to agricultural business and community gardens growing for food banks are managed as commercial farms. There seems to be no rationale for exclusion of these activities from agricultural code definitions and minimizes their contribution to a resilient food system.

· 17.110.330 Heavy equipment

o Farm equipment is specifically included in this definition. The Agricultural Working Group recommended exempting farm equipment from the limitations and screening requirement in 17.415.020. Farmers frequently have several pieces of farm equipment including tractors, cultivation equipment, and livestock trailers. As all rural zones are single family zones and farms operate in those rural zones, the code as proposed would put most if not all farmers in violation of the code.

· 17.455.080 2(a) Agriculture Structure Requirements

o Expand the allowable uses for agricultural buildings to include the post-harvest washing, packing, refrigeration and storage of farm produce. To comply with state and federal requirements for post-harvest handling of produce, diversified vegetable farmers need a wash and pack facility. This is an appropriate use for an agricultural building and is not a structure designed for occupancy as a residence or for activities other than defined in this section.

With regard to the Draft Rural Lands and Resources Chapter, specifically the Goals, Policies, and Strategies pertaining to agricultural and working landscapes, we offer the following:

· The Department of Community Development sought input from stakeholder groups. The Agricultural Working Group and other stakeholders offered specific goals, policies and strategies during the Year of the Rural process which would support farm and forestry activities, preservation of working lands, and the economic viability of rural businesses. The Draft Chapter fails to include many of these suggestions which support the economic viability of farms and rural businesses.

· Forming Advisory Councils for Agriculture and Forestry represents an important step in supporting the viability of these businesses. However, the primarily role of these Councils should be to inform the Board of County Commissioners regarding issues of importance and concern for their respective constituents. The strategies as stated will “inform the agricultural / forestry communities about policies, regulations … and resources.” This top-down information flow is at odds with the purposes of community advisory councils and fails to take advantage of their expertise.

· Land use compatibility in rural areas – specifically in Kitsap as all rural zones allow both residential uses and rural businesses – has emerged as a focus in this process and proposed code changes. As written, land use codes unduly burdens rural businesses including equestrian facilities, farms and other agricultural businesses by encumbering them with the responsibility for maintaining harmonious neighbor relationships. While Kitsap’s historic land use planning processes created a patchwork of development patterns in the rural zones, agriculture and forestry are allowed activities in all rural zones and the preferred activity in the Rural Wooded Zone. Educating residents about the permitted activities in the rural zones and promoting peaceful co-existence with adjacent rural businesses should be a priority. One role of the proposed Advisory Councils should be to provide guidance to DCD on how to best accomplish this.

Additionally, the District suggests expanding allowed uses under Rural Commercial zones to include agriculture. Currently agriculture is not a permitted use in the RCO zone which limits the ability of a Farm to Table Restaurant or food processor to grow and produce food on-site on a parcel zoned RCO.

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We appreciate Kitsap County and the Department of Community Development's receptiveness to previous public comments about the Rural Element in the 2024 Comprehensive Plan from the Kitsap Conservation District Board of Supervisors. It is our hope that the spirit of collaboration will continue in this process.

Respectfully,

Albert Allpress

Chair, Kitsap Conservation District Board of Supervisors

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