

**Drainage Improvement District- 7
Clark County, Washington
18821 NE Fourth Plain Rd.
Vancouver, WA 98682**

September 11, 2018

Marc Boldt, Chair of the Board of County Councilors

1300 Franklin Street,
PO Box 5000,
Vancouver, WA 98666-5000

Dear **Board of County Councilors:**

We would like you to reactivate Drainage Improvement District-7 (DID-7) along with appointing the present acting commissioners. This would be followed by a special election in 90 days. We are requesting the board of county counselors to have a public hearing on reactivating our drainage district. The district is proposing not to assess any property owners in the district. The district will operate through grants, volunteers, existing resources and cooperative projects.

Presently the district operations have been suspended. The district was suspended on May 25th, 1999 by the County Commissioners following a public hearing. The district is presently needed to: provide maintenance and operation of storm water facilities; handle flood water; provide drainage; provide water quality in the Lacamas Creek watershed. Flooding, drainage and water quality problems currently exist in the Lacamas Creek basin. The district is ready to help property owners in the district. We propose to keep people informed as well as keeping good public records. This planning and engineering will provide a clear path forward. We have the resources such as: experienced people, equipment and natural resources. This will revive the district to serve the public interest. Our District provides drainage for an approximately 65 square-mile drainage basin which flows through the district.

We feel that to reactivate the district would be in the public interest and provide more than the minimal service the County has provided since the suspension. We propose to adequately address our finances and records keeping. The District would be best managed by the property owners in the district with the help of the county. This reactivation would provide a substantial benefit to the property owners in the district and outside the district. The Councilors could adopt a resolution finding such action (the reactivation) to be in the public interest. Since the district had drainage and flood control improvements, the county accepted responsibility for operation and maintenance of the improvements during the suspension period. These

functions would be done by the District now if reactivated which would be a benefit to the County and the public.

Since this would be in the public interest the county should reactivate the district, so it can be run by the people in the district instead of run by the county only. *After holding a public hearing on the proposed reactivation of a special district that has had its operations suspended, the county councilors may reactivate the special district by adopting a resolution finding such action to be in the public interest (process prescribed by RCW 85.38.220).*

The District would provide the following services and benefits to the property owners: drainage; flood control; water quality treatment; assist farmers and ranchers; maintenance and operation of existing storm water facilities; designing and building new SWF's as needed; providing for wildlife habitat; plant riparian buffer along creeks; help prevent damage to property; native planting along creeks; handle flood water; development of resources to operate the district and agency coordination and research.

The *district has the following resources* to carry out its responsibility: Equipment; staff, property owners, farmers, and natural resources. We have people on board now to assist with clear reports and structuring our finances. The District plans to coordinate with the County, Clark County Conservation District and other districts.

Thank You,

Ryan Seekins



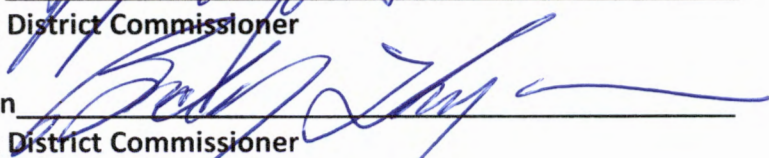
Present Acting District Commissioner

Joe Thompson



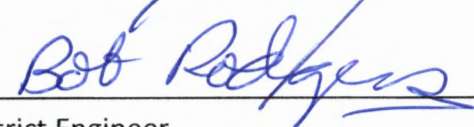
Present Acting District Commissioner

Brad Thompson



Present Acting District Commissioner

Bob Rodgers, PE



Present Acting District Engineer

RESOLUTION NO. 1999-05-22

A RESOLUTION to suspend the operations of the special purpose district Clark County Drainage Improvement District No. 7 as provided for by RCW 85.38.220.

WHEREAS, a group of citizens presented a petition to the Board of County Commissioners calling for the dissolution of Drainage Improvement District #7, and also calling for the suspension of operations in the event that dissolution of the district did not occur; and

WHEREAS, RCW 85.38.220 requires the Board of County Commissioners to hold a hearing to determine whether suspension of the district is in the public interest upon receipt of a valid petition; and

WHEREAS, the Elections Division of the Clark County Auditor's Office certified the petition as meeting the requirements set forth in RCW 85.38.220; and

WHEREAS; the Board of County Commissioners held a hearing on Monday, May 10, 1999, at Pacific Jr. High which developed substantial testimony on behalf of and in opposition to the suspension/dissolution of Drainage Improvement District #7; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners continued the May 10, 1999, hearing until May 18, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room in order to allow staff to research answers to questions posed by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners deliberated to a decision

WHEREAS; now, therefore,

BASED UPON THE TESTIMONY AND OTHER INFORMATION PRESENTED TO THE BOARD IN ORAL OR DOCUMENT FORM, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLARK COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Suspension of Operations. The operations of Clark County Drainage Improvement District No. 7 are hereby suspended as of May 19, 1999, at 5:00 p.m. This suspension is effective until the Board of County Commissioners performs the reinstatement process prescribed by RCW 85.38.220.

Section 2. In the Public Interest. The suspension of the operations of Drainage Improvement District No. 7 is in the public interest because Drainage Improvement District No. 7 does not have in place appropriate financial records and procedures, methods of following up on its statutory obligations regarding elections notification, or other records keeping functions that allow the district to meet all of its statutory duties and functions.

Section 3. Reactivation of Drainage Improvement District No. 7. The Board of Commissioners of Clark County will consider reactivation of Drainage Improvement District No. 7 if the Commissioners of the district can come forth with proposals for how they will structure their finances, records keeping, and other issues developed during the hearing on this matter should the district be reactivated. Also, any plan the District has for consolidation with other districts or how to correct the developing situation in the watershed will be considered in the decision on whether to proceed in the reactivation process.

ADOPTED this 25th day of May, 1999.

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Janis Richards
Clerk to the Board

BY: _____
Judie Stanton, Chair

Approved as to Form Only
ARTHUR D. CURTIS
Prosecuting Attorney

BY: *Betty Sue Morris*
Betty Sue Morris, Commissioner

BY: *Scott S. Anders*
Scott S. Anders
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

BY: *Craig A. Bridemore*
Craig Bridemore, Commissioner

**CLARK COUNTY
STAFF REPORT**

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Commissioners' Office
DATE: 5/21/99
REQUEST: Approve Resolution
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 7

BACKGROUND:

This Resolution enacts the motion made by the Board of Commissioners on the above-mentioned case. The Public Hearing was held May 18, 1999.


Clerk of the Board
Clark County Commissioners