

AGENDA REPORT

DATE December 7, 2004

ITEM Reappointment, Cascade County Conservation District Board

INITIATED BY City Commission

ACTION REQUESTED Reappoint One Member

PRESENTED BY City Commission

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RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Commission reappoint John A. Chase as the City of Falls Representative to the Cascade County Conservation District Board of Supervisors.

MOTION: I move the City Commission reappoint John Chase as the City of Great Falls Representative to the Cascade County Conservation District Board for a three-year term, through December 31, 2007.

SYNOPSIS: John A. Chase was appointed as the City of Great Falls representative to fill the remainder of a three-year term on February 18, 2003. That term will expire December 31, 2004. The Conservation District has recommended that John A. Chase be reappointed as the City of Great Falls Representative.

BACKGROUND: The Cascade County Conservation District is a seven member commission, five members elected at-large at the general election, and two appointed by the City Commission. Conservation district officials establish and implement programs to protect and conserve soil, water, prime and unique farmland, rangeland, woodland, wildlife, energy and other renewable resources on local, non-federal lands. Member duties include: identify local conservation needs, and develop, implement, and evaluate programs to meet them; educate and inform landowners and operators, general public, and local, state and federal legislators on conservation issues and programs; supervise other volunteers and paid staff working with the district, coordinate with cooperating agency personnel; administer the district by delegating tasks through a structure of board officers and members, committees, and others, raise and budget district funds and report on activities to the public; coordinate assistance and funding from federal, state and local government district associations and private groups. Desirable member qualifications include an interest and background in conserving renewable natural resources.

Continuing members are:

- Fay Lesmeister
- Dale Marxer
- Rod Pribyl
- Jim Dawson
- Lucy Pettapiece
- Stevie Neuman