Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors Work Session Minutes

April 22, 2025

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom Originally Scheduled: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Actual Meeting Time: 5:00 p.m. – 5:57 p.m.



Present at Work Session:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair
David Iyall, TCD Board Supervisor
Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor
Marianne Tompkins, TCD Board Supervisor
Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director
Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff

Alex Papiez, TCD Staff
Kiana Sinner, TCD Staff
Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel
Ryan Baye, Washington Association of
Conservation Districts (WACD)

1 **1.** Topic List Review, *All*

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- 2. Introduction to New TCD Staff, Alex Papiez
- **3.** Staff Presentation: Engaging Thurston County Residents in Oregon Spotted Frog Conservation, *Kiana Sinner*
 - a. Demonstrating the Power of Voluntary Incentive-Based Conservation, *Sarah Moorehead*
- 4. Legislative Update, Executive Director Moorehead
 - a. SHB 1488 Rates & Charges Update
 - b. Puget Sound on the Hill Day
- 10 **5.** Review Policy 1.2: Board of Supervisors Guidelines, *All*
- Required Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) & Public Disclosure Requests (PDR)
 Training, All
 - 7. Long Term Funding Committee, TJ Johnson & Executive Director Moorehead
 - 8. Conservation and Education Center (CEC) Development, All
 - 9. Important Updates & Announcements
 - a. Board of Supervisors, All
 - b. Executive Director, Executive Director Moorehead

Respectfully,



TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2025

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom Originally Scheduled: 6:30 p.m. – 7:50 p.m. Actual Meeting Time: 6:30 pm – 6:48 p.m.



Present at Meeting:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair David Iyall, TCD Board Supervisor Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor Marianne Tompkins, TCD Board Supervisor Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff
Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel
Ryan Baye, Washington Association of
Conservation Districts (WACD)

Summary of Action Items

- 2 Summary of Motions Passed
- 3 Supervisor Iyall moved to approve the Amended Agenda. Supervisor Rushton seconded.
- 4 Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).
- 5 Supervisor Iyall moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Rushton seconded. Motion
- 6 passed unanimously, (4-0).
- 7 Supervisor Iyall moved to approve the April Financial Report. Supervisor Rushton seconded.
- 8 Motion passed unanimously, (4-0)
- 9 Supervisor Tompkins moved to adjourn the April 22, 2025 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor Iyall
- 10 seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).

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- 11 Welcome & Introductions
- 12 At 6:30 p.m., TCD Board Chair TJ Johnson called the April 22, 2025 Regular Board Meeting to
- order. TCD Board, Staff, members of the public, and Legal Counsel were introduced by Board
- 14 Chair Johnson. For each vote, TCD Board Chair Johnson called out Supervisors by name. He
- announced that the meeting was being video recorded. TCD Supervisors Johnson, Rushton,
- 16 Tompkins, Ivall and Executive Director Moorehead attended the meeting in person at the TCD
- office. Supervisor DeWreede was not in attendance and was excused.
- 18 Agenda Review
- 19 Supervisor Rushton asked for *Item B: April Financial Report* to be pulled from the Consent
- 20 agenda.

- Supervisor Iyall moved to approve the Amended Agenda. Supervisor Rushton seconded.
 Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).
- 23 **Consent Agenda**
- A. March 25, 2025, Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
- 25 B. 2025 Annual Work Plan
- 26 C. 2020-2025 Strategic Plan
- D. WA State Department of Health Funding Agreement
- 28 Supervisor Iyall moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Rushton seconded. Motion
- 29 passed unanimously, (4-0).
- 30 April Financial Report
- 31 Supervisor Iyall moved to approve the April Financial Report. Supervisor Rushton seconded.
- 32 Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).
- 33 **Public Comment**
- 34 No public members made comments.
- 35 **Partner Reports**

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- A. National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Update, DaShell Burnham
 - Ms. Burnham was not present.
- 38 B. Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Update, Josh Giuntoli
 - Mr. Giuntoli was not present.
- C. Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Update, TCD Supervisor and
 WACD National Director Doug Rushton and WACD Director of Legislative and
 Membership Services Ryan Baye.
 - Supervisor Rushton gave an update.
 - Director Baye gave an update.
 - WSCC & WACD will co-host an all-district meeting on June 12th in Leavenworth to discuss legislative topics and statewide planning.
- D. National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Update, TCD Supervisor and NACD Board Member Rushton
 - Supervisor Ruston gave a report.
- A written update was provided to the board.
- 51 **Governance**
- 52 A. May 28, 2025 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development
- 53 Work Session
- Topic List Review, All
- Staff Presentation: Olympia Ecosystems Deschutes River Preserve Forest
 Management Plan, Alex Chacon

57	 Community Partner Presentation: Long-Term Chehalis Basin Strategy Outreach, 		
58	Lauren Dennis, Ross Strategic		
59	 Long-Term Funding Committee, TJ Johnso, Executive Director Moorehead 		
60	 Conservation and Education Center (CEC) Development, All 		
61	 Important Updates & Announcements 		
62	 Board of Supervisors, All 		
63	 Executive Director, Sarah Moorehead 		
64	Board Meeting Agenda		
65	 Welcome, Introductions, Audio Recording Announcement 		
66	Agenda Review		
67	Consent Agenda		
68	 April 22, 2025 Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes 		
69	 May 2025 Financial Report 		
70	Public Comment		
71	 Partner Reports (if present) 		
72	 National Resources Conservation Service 		
73	 Washington State Conservation Commission 		
74	 Washington Association of Conservation Districts 		
75	 National Association of Conservation Districts 		
76	 Welcome New Board Supervisor, All 		
77	Officer Elections, All		
78	Governance, All		
79	 June 25, 2025 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development 		
80	• Executive Session: to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real		
81	estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration		
82	would cause a likelihood of increased price.		
83	Supervisor Tompkins moved to adjourn the April 22, 2025 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor Iyall		
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85	Adjourn 6:48 pm		
	Respectfully,		
	Signed by: 1) Johnson		

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair



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