Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors Work Session Minutes

April 23, 2024

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom Originally Scheduled: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Actual Meeting Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:11 p.m.



Present at Work Session:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair Helen Wheatley, TCD Board Supervisor Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor David Iyall, TCD Board Supervisor Marianne Tompkins, Board Member-Elect Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff Tina Wagner, TCD Staff
Nora Carman-White, TCD Staff
Kirsten Hill, TCD Staff
Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel
Levi Keesecker PhD, WSCC
Ronda Larson Kramer, Member of the Public

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

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- 2. Staff Presentation: Growers Conference Recap, Tina Wagner and Nora Carman-White
- **3.** WSCC All Districts Meeting Debrief, *Sarah Moorehead and Doug Rushton*
- 4 **4.** Rates and Charges, *Sarah Moorehead*
 - **5.** Community Partner Presentation, WSCC Science Hub, Levi Keesecker, PhD, Science Hub Lead
 - 6. Conservation and Education Center (CEC) Development, All
 - 7. Important Updates & Announcements
 - a. Board of Supervisors, All
 - b. Executive Director, Sarah Moorehead

Respectfully,

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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2024

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom Originally Scheduled: 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Actual Meeting Time: 6:30 pm – 7:00 p.m.



Present at Meeting:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair Helen Wheatley, TCD Board Supervisor Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor David Iyall, TCD Board Supervisor Marianne Tompkins, Board Member-Elect Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel Ronda Larson Kramer, Member of the Public

Summary of Action Items

- **1** None.
- 2 Summary of Motions Passed
- 3 Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the Agenda. Supervisor Wheatley seconded. Motion
- 4 passed unanimously, (4-0).
- 5 Supervisor Wheatley moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Iyall seconded.
- 6 Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).
- 7 Supervisor Wheatley moved to approve the Brumfield Construction Inc. Vendor Agreement.
- 8 Supervisor Iyall seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).
- 9 Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the Thurston Conservation District 2024 Annual Plan.
- 10 Supervisor Iyall seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).
- 11 Supervisor Iyall moved to adjourn the April 23, 2024 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor Wheatley
- 12 seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).

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- 13 Welcome & Introductions
- 14 At 6:30 p.m., TCD Board Chair TJ Johnson called the April 23, 2024 Regular Board Meeting to
- order. TCD Board, Staff, members of the public, and Legal Counsel were introduced by the
- 16 Board Chair. For each vote, TCD Board Chair Johnson called out Supervisors by name. He
- announced that the meeting was being video recorded. TCD Supervisors Johnson, Iyall, Rushton
- 18 and Wheatly and Executive Director Moorehead attended the meeting in person at the TCD
- 19 office. Supervisor DeWreede was not in attendance and was excused.

20 Agenda Review

- 21 Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the Agenda. Supervisor Wheatley seconded. Motion
- 22 passed unanimously, (4-0).
- 23 Consent Agenda
- A. March 26, 2024, Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
- 25 B. April 2024 Financial Report
- 26 C. FY24-26 Anchor QEA Vendor Agreement
- D. FY24-25 Bishop Contracting LLC Vendor Agreement
- E. FY24-27 WA State Department of Health (DOH) Eld Inlet Manure Management Funding
 Agreement
- 30 F. FY24-25 WSCC Irrigation Efficiencies Funding Agreement
- G. FY22-27 ASRP Riverbend Phase 2 Funding Agreement-Budget Amendment
- 32 Supervisor Wheatley moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Iyall seconded.
- 33 Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).
- 34 **Public Comment**
- 35 Ronda Larson Kramer commented by sharing her concern for rural and conservation land loss
- due to the 2022 Urban Growth Area (UGA) Land Swap Law.

Partner Reports

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- A. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Lynn Khuat
- Ms. Khuat was not present.
- 40 B. Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Update, Jean Fike
 - Ms. Fike was not present.
- 42 C. Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Update, TCD Supervisor Doug
 43 Rushton
- Supervisor Rushton provided an update.
- WACD has a draft of their work plan for 2025 and is asking for comments by May 10th.
 - A written update was provided to the board.
- D. National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Update, TCD Supervisor and NACD Board Member Rushton
- A written update was provided to the board.

51 Appreciation of Board Service

- 52 Appreciation of service for Helen Wheatley, TCD Board Supervisor whose term ends in June
- 53 2024.

Contract Award		
A. Brumfield Construction Inc. Vendor Agreement.		
TCD awarded Brumfield Construction Inc. a contract for large-scale restoration		
construction under the Aquatic Species Restoration Plan (ASR) along the Skookumchuck		
River at Riverbend Ranch.		
Supervisor Wheatley moved to approve the Brumfield Construction Inc. Vendor Agreement.		
Supervisor Iyall seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).		
<u>Governance</u>		
A. 2024 Election Update		
B. Thurston Conservation District 2024 Annual Plan		
Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the Thurston Conservation District 2024 Annual Plan.		
Supervisor Iyall seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).		
C. June 25, 2024 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development		
Work Session		
Topic List Review, All		
 Staff Presentation: Plant Sale Recap, Kiana Sinner 		
 Community Partner Presentation: TBD 		
 Conservation & Education Center (CEC) Development, All 		
 Important Updates & Announcements 		
 Board of Supervisors, All 		
 Executive Director, Sarah Moorehead 		
Board Meeting Agenda		
 Welcome, Introductions, Audio Recording Announcement 		
Agenda Review		
Consent Agenda		
 April 23, 2024 Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes 		
 May 2024 Financial Report 		
Public Comment		
Partner Reports (if present)		
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Rates and Charges		
Governance, All		

June 25, 2024 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development
 Executive Session: To discuss potential legal action with counsel.
 Supervisor Iyall moved to adjourn the April 23, 2024 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor Wheatley seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).
 Adjourn 7:00 pm

Respectfully,
Docusing red by:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

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