Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors Work Session Minutes

June 25, 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. – 5:40 p.m.



Present at Work Session:

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

- 1 **1.** Topic List Review, *All*
- 2. Staff Presentation: Meyer Agricultural Improvement DIP Project, *Katrinka Hibbler*
- 3. WADE Debrief, Doug Rushton, Sarah Moorehead
 - 4. WACD Legislative Workshop Debrief, Sarah Moorehead
- 5. Conservation and Education Center (CEC) Development, All
 - **6.** Riverbend Ranch Project Update, Sarah Moorehead
 - 7. Important Updates & Announcements
 - a. Board of Supervisors, All
 - b. Executive Director, Sarah Moorehead

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Betsie DeWreede, TCD Board Vice Chair

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors Regular Board Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2024

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom Originally Scheduled: 6:30 p.m. – 7:55 p.m. Actual Meeting Time: 6:30 pm – 7:49 p.m.



Present at Meeting:

Betsie DeWreede, TCD Board Vice Chair Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor David Iyall, TCD Board Supervisor Marianne Tompkins, 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

1 • None Taken

- 2 Summary of Motions Passed
- 3 Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the Agenda. Supervisor Tompkins seconded. Motion
- 4 passed unanimously, (4-0).
- 5 Supervisor Iyall moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Tompkins seconded.
- 6 Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).
- 7 Supervisor Iyall moved to adjourn the June 25, 2024 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor Tompkins
- 8 seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).

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9 Welcome & Introductions

- 10 At 6:30 p.m., TCD Board Vice Chair Betsie DeWreede called the June 25, 2024 Regular Board
- 11 Meeting to order. TCD Board, Staff, members of the public, and Legal Counsel were introduced
- by the Board Vice Chair. For each vote, TCD Board Vice Chair DeWreede called out Supervisors
- by name. She announced that the meeting was being video recorded. TCD Supervisors Iyall,
- 14 Rushton and Tompkins and Executive Director Moorehead attended the meeting in person at
- 15 the TCD office. Supervisor DeWreede attended the meeting remotely via Zoom. Supervisor
- 16 Johnson was not in attendance and was excused.

17 Agenda Review

- 18 Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the Agenda. Supervisor Tompkins seconded. Motion
- 19 passed unanimously, (4-0).

20 <u>Consent Agenda</u> 21 A. May 28, 2024, Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes

- 22 B. June 2024 Financial Report
- C. RCO Deschutes Watershed Riparian Analysis Implementation Funding Application
 Authorization Form
- D. FY24 Brumfield Construction, Inc Vendor Contract
- 26 E. FY24-25 Ross Strategic Vendor Contract
- F. 06-2024 Items to Surplus
- 28 Supervisor Iyall moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Tompkins seconded.
- 29 Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).
- 30 **Public Comment**
- 31 No public members were present.
- 32 **Partner Reports**

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- A. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Lynn Khuat
 - Ms. Khuat was not present.
- B. Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Update, Josh Giuntoli
 - Mr. Giuntoli was not present.
 - TCD Executive Director Moorehead gave an update.
 - Mr. Baye gave an update.
- C. Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Update, TCD Supervisor Doug Rushton and Mr. Baye.
 - Supervisor Rushton gave an update.
 - In response to requests from conservation districts around the state, last year WACD signed a legal retainer to offer reduced legal services to WA State conservation districts. This year, WACD agreed to add Information Technology (IT) and Human Resources (HR) help desk services for WA State conservation districts.
 - TCD is scheduled to host the WACD Southwest Area Meeting in October.
 - Mr. Baye asked TCD, as the host, to include an item about the WACD Southwest Area Director vacancy in the October WACD Southwest Area Meeting.
 - A written update was provided to the board.
- D. National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Update, TCD Supervisor and NACD
 Board Member Rushton
 - Supervisor Rushton gave an update.
- A written update was provided to the board.

50	Governance			
57	A. July 23, 2024 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development			
58	Work Session			
59	 Topic List Review, All 			
60	 Staff Presentation: South Sound GREEN 2023-2024 Overview & Successes, Sam 			
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62 63	 Community Partner Presentation: Community Farmland Trust, Rachel Friedman (Co-Chair) 			
64	 Conservation Tour Debrief, Sarah Moorehead, Doug Rushton 			
65	Rates & Charges, Sarah Moorehead			
66	Riverbend Ranch Project Update, Sarah Moorehead			
67	 Conservation & Education Center (CEC) Development, All 			
68	Important Updates & Announcements			
69	 Board of Supervisors, All 			
70	 Executive Director, Sarah Moorehead 			
71	Board Meeting Agenda			
72	 Welcome, Introductions, Audio Recording Announcement 			
73	Agenda Review			
74	Consent Agenda			
75	 June 25, 2024 Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes 			
76	 July 2024 Financial Report 			
77	Public Comment			
78	 Partner Reports (if present) 			
79	 Washington State Conservation Commission 			
80	 Washington Association of Conservation Districts 			
81	 National Association of Conservation Districts 			
82	 Southwest Area Director, Action Item 			
83	 Mid-Year Budget Review, All 			
84	• Governance, All			
85	 TCD Construction Change Order Policy 			
86	 August 27, 2024 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development 			
87	Executive Session:			
88	Executive Session: To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate			
89	RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b) To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease			
90	or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause the likelihood of			
91	increased price.			

92 93 94	The Executive Session opened at 7:07 p.m. to last 15 minutes and concluded at 7:22 p.m. In attendance: TCD Board Members, DeWreede, Rushton, Tompkins and Iyall; TCD Legal Counsel Ben Cushman; Executive Director Moorehead.	
95	Executive Session Report Out:	
96	No action was taken.	
97 98	Closed Session: To Discuss Collective Bargaining Negotiations RCW 30.140(4)(a) Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including	
99 100 101 102 103	contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretations or application of labor agreement; or (b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings while in progress.	
104 105 106 107	The Closed Session began at 7:24 p.m. for 15 minutes. In attendance: TCD Board Members, DeWreede, Rushton, Tompkins and Iyall; TCD Legal Counsel Ben Cushman; Executive Director Moorehead. At 7:39 p.m. the Board extended the Closed Session for 10 minutes. The closed session ended at 7:49 p.m.	
108	Closed Session Report Out:	
109	No action was taken.	
110 111	Supervisor Iyall moved to adjourn the June 25, 2024 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor Tompkin seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).	
112	Adjourn 7:49 pm	

Respectfully,

—signed by: Betsic DeWreede

Betsie DeWreede, TCD Board Vice Chair

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