

## Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors

### Work Session Minutes

September 24, 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. – 6:00 p.m.



#### Present at Work Session:

Betsie DeWreede, TCD Board Vice Chair

Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor

Marianne Tompkins, Board Supervisor

Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director

Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff


Kenna Fosnacht, TCD Staff

Karin Strelloff, TCD Staff

Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel

- 1        **1.** Topic List Review, *All*
- 2        **2.** Welcome Kenna Fosnacht, Natural Resource Specialist, *All*
- 3        **3.** Staff Presentation: Introduction to Deschutes Preserve Restoration, *Karin Strelloff*
- 4        **4.** Year-end Board Meeting Schedule, *All*
- 5        **5.** Fall Legislative Tours, *Sarah Moorehead*
- 6        **6.** Harvest Festival Update *All*
- 7        **7.** WACD Resolutions Review, *Sarah Moorehead*
- 8        **8.** Riverbend Ranch Project Update, *Sarah Moorehead*
- 9        **9.** Conservation and Education Center (CEC) Development, *All*
- 10       **10.** Important Updates & Announcements
- 11            a. Board of Supervisors, *All*
- 12            b. Executive Director, *Sarah Moorehead*

Respectfully,

Signed by:  
  
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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

**Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

September 24, 2024

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom

Originally Scheduled: 6:30 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.

Actual Meeting Time: 6:30 pm – 6:55 p.m.



**Present at Meeting:**

Betsie DeWreede, TCD Board Vice Chair

Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor

Marianne Tompkins, Board Supervisor

Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director

Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff

Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel

Josh Giuntoli, Washington State

Conservation Commission (WSSC)

DaShell Burnham, National Resources

Conservation Service (NRCS)

**Summary of Action Items**

- 1 • None.

**Summary of Motions Passed**

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- 3 *Supervisor Tompkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Tompkins seconded.*
- 4 *Motion passed unanimously, (3-0).*
- 5 *Supervisor Tompkins moved to adjourn the September 24, 2024 TCD Board Meeting.*
- 6 *Supervisor DeWreede seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (3-0).*

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7 **Welcome & Introductions**

8 At 6:30 p.m., TCD Board Member Doug Rushton called the September 24, 2024 Regular Board  
9 Meeting to order. TCD Board, Staff, members of the public, and Legal Counsel were introduced  
10 by Board Member Rushton. For each vote, TCD Board Member Rushton called out Supervisors  
11 by name. He announced that the meeting was being video recorded. TCD Supervisors Rushton  
12 and Tompkins attended the meeting in person at the TCD office. Supervisor DeWreede and  
13 Executive Director Moorehead attended the meeting virtually. Supervisors Iyall and Johnson  
14 were not in attendance and were excused.

15 **Agenda Review**

16 Executive Director Moorehead amended the agenda by adding the National Resources  
17 Conservation Service (NRCS) to the Partner Reports.

18 **Consent Agenda**

- 19 A. August 27, 2024, Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes  
20 B. September 2024 Financial Report  
21 C. WSCC Sustainable Farms and Fields Funding Addendum  
22 D. NACD Bucoda Community Farm Funding Agreement  
23 E. WSCC Supplemental Engineering Funding Addendum  
24 F. Mason Conservation District Vendor Contract

25 ***Supervisor Tompkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor DeWreede seconded.***  
26 ***Motion passed unanimously, (3-0).***

27 **Public Comment**

28 No public members were present.

29 **Partner Reports**

- 30 A. National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Update, DaShell Burnham  
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  - Ms. Burnham introduced herself and gave an update.  
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  - New fiscal year 2025 funding applications for the Agricultural Conservation  
33
  - Easement Program (ACEP), Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) &  
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  - Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) deadline is October 22, 2024.  
35 B. Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Update, Josh Giuntoli  
36
  - Mr. Giuntoli gave an update.  
37
  - The Commission hired Hilary Aten as the coordinator of the Office of Farmland  
38
  - Preservation.  
39
  - WSCC is looking to hire a legislative director before the session starts.  
40 C. Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Update, TCD Supervisor Doug  
41 Rushton.  
42
  - Supervisor Rushton gave an update.  
43
  - A written update was provided to the board.  
44 D. National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Update, TCD Supervisor and NACD  
45 Board Member Rushton  
46
  - Supervisor Rushton gave an update.  
47
  - A written update was provided to the board.

48 **Governance**

- 49 A. October 22, 2024 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development

50 **Work Session**

- 51
  - Topic List Review, *All*  
52
  - Staff Presentation: Eld Inlet Bulkhead Removal Project, *Karin Strelhoff & Katrinka*  
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  - Hibler*  
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  - Community Partner Presentation: TBD  
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  - Legislative Update, *All*

- 56 • Riverbend Ranch Project Update, *Sarah Moorehead*
- 57 • Conservation & Education Center (CEC) Development, *All*
- 58 • Important Updates & Announcements
- 59 ○ Board of Supervisors, *All*
- 60 ○ Executive Director, *Sarah Moorehead*

61 **Board Meeting Agenda**

- 62 • Welcome, Introductions, Audio Recording Announcement
- 63 • Agenda Review
- 64 • Consent Agenda
  - 65 ○ September, 2024 Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
  - 66 ○ October 2024 Financial Report
  - 67 ○ Riverbend Ranch Fence Change Order
- 68 • Public Comment
- 69 • Partner Reports (if present)
  - 70 ○ National Resources Conservation Service
  - 71 ○ Washington State Conservation Commission
  - 72 ○ Washington Association of Conservation Districts
  - 73 ○ National Association of Conservation Districts
- 74 • WACD
  - 75 ○ SW Area Meeting Debrief
  - 76 ○ Annual Conference, Spokane WA
- 77 • Elections Memo - *Action Item*
- 78 • Governance, *All*
  - 79 ○ November 19, 2024 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 • **Closed Session:** to discuss collective bargaining sessions with employee
- 84 organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and
- 85 discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or
- 86 (b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or
- 87 adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the
- 88 course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or
- 89 mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or
- 90 proceedings while in progress.

91 ***Supervisor Tompkins moved to adjourn the September 24, 2024 TCD Board Meeting.***

92 ***Supervisor DeWreede seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (3-0).***

93 **Adjourn 6:55 pm**

Respectfully,

Signed by:  


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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

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