

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Work Session Minutes

January 28, 2026

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom

Originally Scheduled: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00p.m.

Actual Meeting Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:05 p.m.



Present at Work Session:

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

Tina Wagner, TCD Staff
Nora Carman-White, TCD Staff
Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel
Ryan Baye, Washington Association of
Conservation Districts (WACD)
Rachel Friedman, Community Farmland
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- 1 **1.** Topic List Review, *All*
- 2 **2.** Staff Presentation: Farm My Yard, *Tina Wagner*
- 3 **3.** Legislative Session & WACD Legislative Day Prep, *All*
- 4 a. Important Bills (CD Elections, CD Purchase of Ag Lands, other)
- 5 b. Legislative appointment Schedule
- 6 c. Other
- 7 **4.** Voluntary Stewardship Program, *Executive Director Sarah Moorehead*
- 8 **5.** Important Updates & Announcements
- 9 a. Board of Supervisors, *All*
- 10 b. Executive Director, *Executive Director Moorehead*

Respectfully,

Signed by:

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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

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

January 28, 2026

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom

Originally Scheduled: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Actual Meeting Time: 6:30 pm – 7:19 p.m.



Present at Board Meeting:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

Marianne Tompkins, TCD Board Vice Chair

Doug Rush Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor

David Iyall, TCD Board Supervisor

Jennifer Colvin, 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)

Josh Giuntoli, Washington State

Conservation Commission (WSCC)

Summary of Action Items

- 1 • None.

Summary of Motions Passed

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- 3 *Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the amended Agenda. Supervisor Tompkins seconded.*
- 4 *Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).*
- 5 *Supervisor Tompkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Rushton seconded.*
- 6 *Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).*
- 7 *Supervisor Colvin moved to approve the TCD Resolution #2026-01 Cost of Living Adjustment.*
- 8 *Supervisor Tompkins second. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).*
- 9 *Supervisor Iyall moved to adjourn the January 28, 2026 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor*
- 10 *Tompkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).*

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11 **Welcome & Introductions**

12 At 6:30 p.m., TCD Board Chair TJ Johnson called the January 28, 2026 Regular Board Meeting to
13 order. TCD Board, Staff, members of the public, and legal counsel were introduced by Board
14 Chair Johnson. He announced that the meeting was being video recorded. TCD Supervisors,
15 Johnson, Tompkins, Rushton, Iyall and Colvin and Executive Director Moorehead attended the
16 meeting in person at the TCD office.

17 **Agenda Review**

18 TCD Board Chair Johnson proposed amending the agenda by adding items: *7.B Annual Plan*
19 *Development, 7.C Strategic Plan Outreach, and 7.D Conservation and Education Center* to the

20 agenda. He also proposed removing items 10: *Executive Session: to consider the selection of a*
21 *site or the acquisition of real estate* and the corresponding item 11: *Executive Session Report*
22 *Out* from the Agenda.

23 ***Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the amended Agenda. Supervisor Tompkins seconded.***
24 ***Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

25 **Consent Agenda**

- 26 A. December 17, 2025, Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
27 B. January 2026 and 2025 Year-End Financial Report
28 C. WSCC 2026 Riparian Grant Funding Advance Pre-approval
29 D. Wild Fish Conservancy Chehalis Tributary Data Collection Vendor Agreement
30 E. RCO Thompson Creek Salmon Recovery Funding Agreement
31 F. WA State Department of Ecology Riverbend Ranch Funding Agreement

32 ***Supervisor Tompkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Rushton seconded.***
33 ***Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

34 **Public Comment**

35 No public members made comments.

36 **Partner Reports**

- 37 A. National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Update, TBD
38 B. Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Update, Josh Giuntoli
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 - Mr. Giuntoli gave an update.
 - This year's WACD Legislative Day is scheduled for February 10, 2026.

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41 C. Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Update, Sarah Moorehead,
42 Ryan Baye.
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 - Ryan Baye gave an update.

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45 D. National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Update,
 - Executive Director Moorehead gave an update.

46 **TCD Resolution #2026-01: 2026 Cost of Living Adjustment**

47 ***Supervisor Colvin moved to approve the proposed TCD Resolution #2026-01 2026 Cost of***
48 ***Living Adjustment. Supervisor Tompkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

49 **Governance**

- 50 A. TCD Elections Update, *Executive Director Moorehead*
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 - Elections are proceeding with one candidate on the ballot – David Iyall.
 - TCD is conducting a mail-in-only election.
 - Polling officers are receiving ballot requests and mailing out ballots. Ballots
52 must be returned and post-marked by March 17.

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- 55 • The District is conducting election outreach via TCD’s website election page, the
56 District’s newsletter, and social media.

57 B. Annual Plan Development, *Executive Director Moorehead*

- 58 • Staff have been participating in conversations about metrics, impacts and
59 initiatives.
- 60 • The deadline for Annual Plan board adoption is May. TCD’s target for board
61 adoption in March.
- 62 • Annual Plan metrics, priority initiatives, and storytelling will align with the
63 Strategic Plan.

64 C. Strategic Plan Outreach, *Executive Director Moorehead*

- 65 • Staff is developing a comprehensive Communications Strategy to inform the
66 public about TCD’s Strategic Plan.

67 D. Conservation and Education Center, *Executive Director Moorehead*

- 68 • TCD is working with the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) to
69 apply for a Planning Grant for the CEC.

70 E. February 25, 2026 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development

71 **Work Session**

- 72 • Topic List Review, *All*
- 73 • Staff Presentation: Overview of TCD’s Growing Habitat Program, *Paul Cereghino*
- 74 • Community Partner Presentation: Sentinel Landscape Program, *Dan Calvert*
- 75 • NACD Report Out, *Doug Rushton, Executive Director, Moorehead*
- 76 • Legislative Day Meetings Report Out, *All*
- 77 • Strategic Planning Outreach, *Executive Director Moorehead*
- 78 • Annual Plan, *Executive Director Moorehead*
- 79 • Conservation and Education Center (CEC) Development, *All*
- 80 • Important Updates & Announcements
 - 81 ○ Board of Supervisors, *All*
 - 82 ○ Executive Director, *Sarah Moorehead*

83 **Board Meeting Agenda**

- 84 • Welcome, Introductions, Audio Recording Announcement
- 85 • Agenda Review
- 86 • Consent Agenda
 - 87 ○ January 28, 2026 Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
 - 88 ○ February 2026 Financial Report
- 89 • Wildlife Farmer of the Year Award Recognition: Riverbend Ranch
- 90 • Land Steward of the Year Award Recognition: Betsie De Wreede
- 91 • Public Comment
- 92 • Partner Reports (if present)
 - 93 ○ National Resources Conservation Service

- 94 ○ Washington State Conservation Commission
- 95 ○ Washington Association of Conservation Districts
- 96 ● Governance, *All*
- 97 ○ March 25, 2026 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development
- 98 ● **Executive Session:** to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real
- 99 estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration
- 100 would cause a likelihood of increased price.
- 101 ● **Executive Session:** to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency
- 102 litigation or potential litigation.

103 **Executive Session: To discuss potential litigation**

104 *RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or*

105 *potential litigation.*

106 The Executive Session opened at 7:09 pm to last for no more than 10 minutes and concluded at

107 7:19 pm. In attendance: TCD Board members Johnson, Tompkins, Rushton, Iyall and Colvin, and

108 Executive Director Moorehead and legal counsel Ben Cushman.

109 **Executive Session Report Out**

110 No action was taken.

111 ***Supervisor Iyall moved to adjourn the January 28, 2026 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor***

112 ***Tompkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

113 **Adjourn 7:19 pm**

Respectfully,

Signed by:



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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

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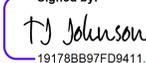
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