

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Work Session Minutes

February 25, 2026

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom

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

Actual Meeting Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:02 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

Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel

Dan Calvert, Joint Base Lewis McChord
Sentinel Landscape

Betsie DeWreede, member of the public


Kevin Jensen, member of the public

Krystal Jensen, member of the public

Andrew Moiseff, Community Farmland
Trust (CFLT)

- 1 **1.** Topic List Review, *All*
- 2 **2.** Awards Presentation
- 3 a. WACD Wildlife Farmer of the Year: Riverbend Ranch
- 4 **3.** Partner Presentation: Update on the Sentinel Landscape Partnership, *Dan Calvert*
- 5 **4.** Awards Presentation
- 6 a. TCD 2025 Land Steward of the Year: Betsie DeWreede
- 7 **5.** NACD Report Out, *Executive Director Sarah Moorehead*
- 8 **6.** TCD Resolution #2026-02: 2026 Community Economic Development Revitalization Board
- 9 **7.** TCD Policy 4.6.2 On-Call Services Rosters, *Executive Director Sarah Moorehead*
- 10 **8.** Strategic Planning Outreach, *Executive Director Sarah Moorehead*
- 11 **9.** Legislative Day Debrief, *All*
- 12 **10.** Important Updates & Announcements
- 13 a. Board of Supervisors, *All*
- 14 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**

February 25, 2026

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom

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

Actual Meeting Time: 6:30 pm – 7:16 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

Josh Giuntoli, Washington State

Conservation Commission (WSCC)

Summary of Action Items

- 1 • None.

Summary of Motions Passed

3 *Supervisor Iyall moved to approve the Agenda. Supervisor Rushton seconded. Motion passed*
4 *unanimously, (5-0).*

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

7 *Supervisor Tompkins moved to approve the TCD Resolution #2026-02: Community Economic*
8 *Development Revitalization Board Grant Application Resolution. Supervisor Iyall second.*
9 *Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).*

10 *Supervisor Tompkins moved to adjourn the February 25, 2026 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor*
11 *Colvin seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).*

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12 **Welcome & Introductions**

13 At 6:30 p.m., TCD Board Chair TJ Johnson called the February 25, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
14 to order. TCD Board, Staff, members of the public, and legal counsel were introduced by Board
15 Chair Johnson. He announced that the meeting was being video recorded. TCD Supervisors,
16 Johnson, Tompkins, Iyall and Colvin and Executive Director Moorehead attended the meeting in
17 person at the TCD office. TCD Supervisor Rushton attended the meeting virtually.

18 **Agenda Review**

19 ***Supervisor Iyall moved to approve the Agenda. Supervisor Rushton seconded. Motion passed***
20 ***unanimously, (5-0).***

21 **Consent Agenda**

- 22 A. January 28, 2026, Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
23 B. February 2026 Financial Report
24 C. FY25-27 NFWF Improving Salmon Habitat Funding Agreement
25 D. FY25-29 Ecostudies Diversity & Resilience of Rural Communities Funding Agreement
26 E. RCO Scatter Creek Riparian Restoration Applicant Authorization
27 F. TCD Policy 4.6.2 On-Call Services Rosters

28 ***Supervisor Tompkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Colvin seconded.***
29 ***Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

30 **Award Presentation Recap**

- 31 A. Wildlife Farmer of the Year Award: Riverbend Ranch.
32 B. Land Steward of the Year Award: Betsie DeWreede

33 **Public Comment**

34 No public members made comments.

35 **Partner Reports**

- 36 A. National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Update, TBD
37 • Executive Director Moorehead gave an update.
38 • The local working group held a kick-off meeting and will schedule a meeting with
39 local producers in the spring.
40 • Supervisor Johnson asked to have an in person or written update monthly.
41 B. Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Update, Josh Giuntoli
42 • Mr. Giuntoli gave an update.
43 C. Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Update, Sarah Moorehead,
44 • Executive Director Moorehead gave an update.
45 • WACD Leadership is working to create/update a legislative/policy playbook to
46 interact better with all CD's throughout the state.
47 • Supervisor engagement survey is coming out soon.
48 D. National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Update,
49 • Executive Director Moorehead gave an update.

50 **TCD Resolution #2026-02: 2026 Community Economic Development Revitalization Board**
51 **Grant Application Resolution**

52 ***Supervisor Tompkins moved to approve the proposed TCD Resolution #2026-02 2026***
53 ***Community Economic Development Revitalization Board Grant Application Resolution.***
54 ***Supervisor Iyall seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

55 **Governance**

56 A. March 25, 2026 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development.

57 **Work Session**

- 58 • Topic List Review, *All*
- 59 • Staff Presentation: Overview of TCD's Growing Habitat Program, *Paul Cereghino*
- 60 • Community Partner Presentation, *TBD*
- 61 • Annual Plan, *Executive Director Moorehead*
- 62 • Legislative Update, *Executive Director Moorehead*
- 63 • Strategic Planning Outreach, *Executive Director Moorehead*
- 64 • Conservation and Education Center (CEC) Development, *All*
- 65 • Important Updates & Announcements
 - 66 ○ Board of Supervisors, *All*
 - 67 ○ Executive Director, *Sarah Moorehead*

68 **Board Meeting Agenda**

- 69 • Welcome, Introductions, Audio Recording Announcement
- 70 • Agenda Review
- 71 • Consent Agenda
 - 72 ○ February 25, 2026 Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
 - 73 ○ March 2026 Financial Report
- 74 • Public Comment
- 75 • Partner Reports (if present)
 - 76 ○ National Resources Conservation Service
 - 77 ○ Washington State Conservation Commission
 - 78 ○ Washington Association of Conservation Districts
- 79 • Governance, *All*
 - 80 ○ Rates & Charges
 - 81 ○ April 25, 2026 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development
- 82 • **Executive Session:** to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real
83 estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration
84 would cause a likelihood of increased price.
- 85 • **Executive Session:** to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency
86 litigation or potential litigation.

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

88 *RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential*
89 *litigation.*

90 The Executive Session opened at 6:50 pm to last for no more than 25 minutes and concluded at
91 7:15 pm. In attendance: TCD Board members Johnson, Tompkins, Rushton, Iyall and Colvin, and
92 Executive Director Moorehead and legal counsel Ben Cushman.

93 **Executive Session Report Out**

94 No action was taken.

95 ***Supervisor Tompkins moved to adjourn the February 25, 2026 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor***
96 ***Colvin seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

97 **Adjourn 7:16 pm**

Respectfully,

Signed by:



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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

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