

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Work Session Minutes

March 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. – 5:54 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

Rachel Friedman, Community Farmland Trust (CFLT)

Rich Jones, member of the public

- 1 **1.** Topic List Review, *All*
- 2 **2.** Farmland Preservation Program Development, *Executive Director Sarah Moorehead*
- 3 **3.** Annual Plan Development, *Executive Director Sarah Moorehead*
- 4 **4.** Legislative Update, *Executive Director Sarah Moorehead*
- 5 **5.** Strategic Planning Outreach, *Executive Director Sarah Moorehead*
- 6 **6.** Conservation and Education Center (CEC) Development, *All*
- 7 **7.** Important Updates & Announcements
 - 8 a. Board of Supervisors, *All*
 - 9 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

March 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 – 7:31 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

National Resource Conservation Service,

Audrey Mechtenberg

Rich Jones, member of the public

Summary of Action Items

- 1 • None.

Summary of Motions Passed

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

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

7 *Supervisor Rushton moved to adjourn the March 25, 2026 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor*
8 *Thompkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).*

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9 Welcome & Introductions

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

15 Agenda Review

16 *Supervisor Iyall moved to approve the Agenda. Supervisor Colvin seconded. Motion passed*
17 *unanimously, (5-0).*

18 **Consent Agenda**

- 19 A. February 25, 2026, Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
20 B. March 2026 Financial Report
21 C. WA State Dept of Ecology Scatter Creek Funding Agreement
22 D. FY26-27 Wolf Water Resource Vendor Agreement

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

25 **Public Comment**

26 Rich Joans, Tumwater resident, commented that he would like to see more public visibility of
27 TCD and asked what kind of outreach TCD was doing in this regard.

28 **Partner Reports**

- 29 A. National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Update, Audrey Mechtenberg
30 • Audrey Mechtenberg gave an update.
31 • A written update was provided.
32 B. Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Update, Josh Giuntoli
33 • Mr. Giuntoli was not present.
34 • Executive Director Moorehead gave an update.
35 • WSCC is pursuing updates to the section of the Conservation District WA State
36 Administrative Code (WAC) on conservation district elections process with
37 guidance from the Attorney General's Office.
38 C. Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Update, Sarah Moorehead
39 • Executive Director Moorehead gave an update.

40 **Governance**

- 41 A. Rates and Charges Update.
42 B. April 22, 2026 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development.

43 **Work Session**

- 44 • Topic List Review, *All*
45 • Staff Presentation: Overview of TCD's Growing Habitat Program, *Paul Cereghino*
46 • Community Partner Presentation, *TBD*
47 • FY26 Annual Plan, *Executive Director Moorehead*
48 • Legislative Update, *Executive Director Moorehead*
49 • FY26-30 & Beyond Strategic Planning Outreach, *Executive Director Moorehead*
50 • Conservation and Education Center (CEC) Development, *All*
51 • Important Updates & Announcements
52 ○ Board of Supervisors, *All*
53 ○ Executive Director, *Sarah Moorehead*

54 **Board Meeting Agenda**

- 55 • Welcome, Introductions, Audio Recording Announcement
- 56 • Agenda Review
- 57 • Consent Agenda
- 58 ○ March 25, 2026 Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
- 59 ○ April 2026 Financial Report
- 60 • Public Comment
- 61 • FY26 Annual Adoption Plan
- 62 • Partner Reports (if present)
- 63 ○ National Resources Conservation Service
- 64 ○ Washington State Conservation Commission
- 65 ○ Washington Association of Conservation Districts
- 66 • Governance, *All*
- 67 ○ Rates & Charges Update
- 68 ○ May 27, 2026 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development
- 69 • **Executive Session:** to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real
- 70 estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration
- 71 would cause a likelihood of increased price.
- 72 • **Executive Session:** to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency
- 73 litigation or potential litigation.

74 **Executive Session: To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate**

75 RCW 42.30.110 (1b) To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease
76 or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of
77 increased price.

78 The Executive Session opened at 7:04 pm to last for no more than 10 minutes and concluded at
79 7:14 pm. In attendance: TCD Board members Johnson, Tompkins, Rushton, Iyall and Colvin, and
80 Executive Director Moorehead and legal counsel Ben Cushman.

81 **Executive Session Report Out**

82 No action was taken.

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

84 RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential
85 litigation.

86 The Executive Session opened at 7:15 pm to last for no more than 15 minutes and concluded at
87 7:30 pm. In attendance: TCD Board members Johnson, Tompkins, Rushton, Iyall and Colvin, and
88 Executive Director Moorehead and legal counsel Ben Cushman.

89 **Executive Session Report Out**

90 No action was taken.

- 91 ***Supervisor Rushton moved to adjourn the March 25, 2026 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor***
92 ***Tompkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

93 **Adjourn 7:31 pm**

Respectfully,

Signed by:



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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

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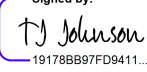
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