

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Work Session Minutes

May 27, 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. – 6:04 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

Susan Shelton TCD Staff

Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel

Tara Donohue, National Resource

Conservation Service (NRCS)

Brooke Tacia, FCS Group, A Bowman
Company

Jack Hamilton, FCS Group, A Bowman
Company

- 1 **1.** Topic List Review, *All*
- 2 **2.** Rate Study Presentation, *FCS Group and Executive Director, Sarah Moorehead*
- 3 **3.** Rates & Charges Proposal Development, *All*
- 4 **4.** Important Updates & Announcements
- 5 a. Board of Supervisors, *All*
- 6 b. Executive Director, *Executive Director Moorehead*

Respectfully,

Signed by:

TJ Johnson

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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors Regular Board Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2026

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom

Originally Scheduled: 6:30 p.m. – 7:35 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

Susan Shelton, TCD Staff

Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel

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 amended Consent Agenda. Supervisor Iyall***
6 ***seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

7 ***Supervisor Rushton moved to approve FY26-28 Community Farmland Trust Vendor***
8 ***Agreement. Supervisor Tompkins seconded. Motion passed, (4-0). Supervisor abstained from***
9 ***voting.***

10 ***Supervisor Rushton moved to nominate TJ Johnson as board chair. Supervisor Tompkins***
11 ***seconded. Motion passed, (4-0). TJ Johnson abstained from voting.***

12 ***Supervisor Iyall moved to nominate Marianne Tompkins as board vice chair. Supervisor***
13 ***Rushton seconded. Motion passed, (4-0). Supervisor Tompkins abstained from voting.***

14 ***Supervisor Tompkins moved to nominate Doug Rushton as auditor. Supervisor Iyall seconded.***
15 ***Motion passed, (4-0). Supervisor Rushton abstained from voting.***

16 ***Supervisor Tompkins moved that TCD propose to Thurston County Commissioners that TCD's***
17 ***Rates & Charges be set at twenty-five dollars per parcel and ten cents per acre for 10-years***
18 ***effective 2027. Supervisor Rushton seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

19 ***Supervisor Johnson moved that TCD dedicate a minimum of one million dollars a year of***
20 ***increased Rates and Charges funding for farmland preservation for 10 years effective 2027.***
21 ***Supervisor Rushton seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

22 ***Supervisor Tompkins moved to adjourn the May 27, 2026 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor Iyall***
23 ***seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

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Welcome & Introductions

At 6:30 p.m., TCD Board Chair TJ Johnson called the May 27, 2026 Regular Board Meeting to order. TCD Board, Staff, members of the public, and legal counsel were introduced by Board Chair Johnson. He announced that the meeting was being video recorded. TCD Supervisors, Johnson, Tompkins, Rushton and Executive Director Moorehead attended the meeting in person at the TCD office. Supervisors Iyall and Colvin attended virtually.

Agenda Review

The board of supervisors removed from the Consent Agenda the *FY26-28 Community Farmland Trust Vendor Agreement* to be voted on separately.

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

Consent Agenda

- A. April 22, 2026, Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
- B. May 2026 Financial Report
- C. FY26-27 WF Baird and Associates LTD Vendor Agreement
- D. FY26-27 Anchor QEA Vendor Agreement
- E. FY26-28 Capitol Land Trust Vendor Agreement
- F. FY26-28 Nisqually Land Trust Vendor Agreement

Supervisor Tompkins moved to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Supervisor Iyall seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).

FY26-28 Community Farmland Trust Vendor Agreement

Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the FY26-28 Community Farmland Trust Vendor Agreement. Supervisor Tompkins seconded. Motion Passed, (4-0). Supervisor Johnson abstained from voting.

Public Comment

No member of the public gave comment.

Partner Reports

- A. National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Update, Tara Donohue
 - Tara Donohue was not Present.
 - Tara Donohue provided a written update in the Zoom chat.

B. Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Update, Josh Giuntoli

- Mr. Giuntoli was not present.
- Executive Director Moorehead gave an update.
- TCD is on target to meet its Conservation Accountability & Performance Program (CAPP) goals with WSCC.

C. Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Update, Sarah Moorehead

- Executive Director Moorehead gave an update.

Governance

A. Board Officer Elections

Supervisor Rushton moved to nominate TJ Johnson as board chair. Supervisor Tompkins seconded. Motion passed, (4-0). TJ Johnson abstained from voting.

Supervisor Iyall moved to nominate Marianne Tompkins as board vice chair. Supervisor Rushton seconded. Motion passed, (4-0). Supervisor Thompkins abstained from voting.

Supervisor Tompkins moved to nominate Doug Rushton as auditor. Supervisor Iyall seconded. Motion passed, (4-0). Supervisor Rushton abstained from voting.

B. Rates and Charges Public Hearing and Community Engagement

Supervisor Tompkins moved that TCD propose to Thurston County Commissioners that TCD's Rates & Charges be set at twenty-five dollars per parcel and ten cents per acre for 10-years effective 2027. Supervisor Rushton seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).

Supervisor Johnson moved that TCD dedicate a minimum of one million dollars a year of increased Rates and Charges funding for farmland preservation for 10 years effective 2027. Supervisor Rushton seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).

C. June 24, 2026 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development.

Work Session

- Topic List Review, *All*
- Staff Presentation: Crew Project Update: *Taylor Sherrow*
- Community Partner Presentation: Native Plant Salvage Foundation, *Erica Guttman*
- TCD Policy for Public Access to District Facilities and Events
- WADE Debrief, *Executive Director Moorehead*
- Conservation and Education Center (CEC) Development, *All*
- Important Updates & Announcements
 - Board of Supervisors, *All*
 - Executive Director, *Sarah Moorehead*

Board Meeting Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions, Audio Recording Announcement
- Agenda Review
- Consent Agenda
 - May 27, 2026 Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
 - June 2026 Financial Report
- Public Comment
- Partner Reports (if present)
 - National Resources Conservation Service
 - Washington State Conservation Commission
 - Washington Association of Conservation Districts
- TCD Resolution #2026-03: Proposing a System of Rates & Charges
- TCD Resolution #2026-04: Establishing Landowner Rates & Charges Appeals Process
- Governance, *All*
 - July 22, 2026 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development
- **Executive Session:** to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.
- **Executive Session:** to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation.

Executive Session: To discuss potential litigation

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

The Executive Session opened at 7:09 pm to last for no more than 10 minutes and concluded at 7:19 pm. In attendance: TCD Board Members Johnson, Tompkins, Rushton, Iyall, Colvin and Executive Director Moorehead and legal counsel Ben Cushman.

Executive Session Report Out

No action was taken.

Supervisor Tompkins moved to adjourn the May 27, 2026 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor Iyall seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).

Adjourn 7:19 pm

Respectfully,

Signed by:



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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

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