

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Work Session Minutes

June 24, 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. – 6:03 p.m.



Present at Work Session:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

Marianne Tompkins, TCD Board Vice Chair

Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor

Jennifer Colvin, TCD Board Supervisor

Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director

Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff

Taylor Sherrow, TCD Staff

Ashley Lewis, TCD Staff

Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel

Tara Donohue, National Resource

Conservation Service (NRCS)

Erica Guttman, WSU, Native Plant Salvage
Foundation

- 1 1. Topic List Review, *All*
- 2 2. Partner Presentation: Native Plant Salvage Foundation, *Erica Guttman*
- 3 3. Staff Presentation: Crew Project Update, *Taylor Sherrow & Ashley Lewis*
- 4 4. TCD Policy 5.9 Public Access to District Facilities and Events
- 5 5. WADE Debrief, *Executive Director Moorehead & Doug Rushton*
- 6 6. Conservation and Education Center (CEC) Development, *All*
- 7 7. Local Jurisdiction Work Session Presentations, *All*
- 8 8. Board Member Recruitment & Succession Planning, Executive Director Morehead &
- 9 Chair Johnson
- 10 9. Important Updates & Announcements
- 11 a. Board of Supervisors, *All*
- 12 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

June 24, 2026

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom

Originally Scheduled: 6:30 p.m. – 8:05 p.m.

Actual Meeting Time: 6:30 pm – 7:10 p.m.



Present at Board Meeting:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

Marianne Tompkins, TCD Board Vice Chair

Doug Rush Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor

Jennifer Colvin, TCD Board Supervisor

Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director

Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff

Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel

Tara Donohue, National Resource

Conservation Service (NRCS)

Summary of Action Items

- 1 • None.

Summary of Motions Passed

- 3 ***Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the amended Agenda. Supervisor Colvin seconded.***
4 ***Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).***
- 5 ***Supervisor Tompkins moved to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Supervisor Rushton***
6 ***seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).***
- 7 ***Supervisor Rushton moved to approve TCD Resolution #2026-03: Proposing a System of Rates***
8 ***and Charges. Supervisor Colvin seconded. Motion passed, (4-0).***
- 9 ***Supervisor Tompkins moved to approve TCD Resolution #2026-04: Establishing Landowner***
10 ***Rates and Charges Appeals Process. Supervisor Rushton seconded. Motion passed, (4-0).***
- 11 ***Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the amended TCD Policy 5.9 Public Access to District***
12 ***Facilities and Events. Supervisor Tompkins seconded. Motion passed, (4-0).***
- 13 ***Supervisor Colvin moved to adjourn the June 24, 2026 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor***
14 ***Thompkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).***

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15 **Welcome & Introductions**

16 At 6:30 p.m., TCD Board Chair TJ Johnson called the June 24, 2026 Regular Board Meeting to
17 order. TCD Board, Staff, members of the public, and legal counsel were introduced by Board
18 Chair Johnson. He announced that the meeting was being video recorded. TCD Supervisors,
19 Johnson, Tompkins, Rushton, Colvin and Executive Director Moorehead attended the meeting
20 in person at the TCD office. Supervisors Iyall was absent and excused.

21 **Agenda Review**

22 The Board of Supervisors removed from the Consent Agenda the *TCD Policy 5.9 Public Access to*
23 *District Facilities and Events* to be voted on separately. The Board of Supervisors also decreased
24 the length of time from 15 minutes to 10 minutes for item 9 Executive Session: To consider the
25 selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate.

26 ***Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the amended Agenda. Supervisor Colvin seconded.***
27 ***Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).***

28 **Consent Agenda**

- 29 A. May 27, 2026, Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
30 B. June 2026 Financial Report
31 C. FY25-27 WA State Dept of Ecology Stormwater Funding Agreement
32 D. FY26-27 Thurston County Net Ecological Gain Funding Agreement

33 ***Supervisor Tompkins moved to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Supervisor Rushton***
34 ***seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).***

35 **Public Comment**

36 No member of the public gave comment.

37 **Partner Reports**

- 38 A. National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Update, Tara Donohue
39 • Ms. Donohue gave an update.
40 B. Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Update, Josh Giuntoli
41 • Mr. Giuntoli was not present.
42 C. Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Update, Sarah Moorehead
43 • Executive Director Moorehead gave an update.

44 **TCD Resolution #2026-03: Proposing a System of Rates and Charges**

45 ***Supervisor Rushton moved to approve TCD Resolution #2026-03: Proposing a System of Rates***
46 ***and Charges. Supervisor Colvin seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).***

47 **TCD Resolution #2026-04: Establishing Landowner Rates and Charges Appeals Process**

48 ***Supervisor Thompkins moved to approve TCD Resolution #2026-04: Establishing Landowner***
49 ***Rates and Charges Appeals Process. Supervisor Rushton seconded. Motion passed***
50 ***unanimously (4-0).***

51 **Governance**

- 52 A. TCD Policy 5.9 Public Access to District Facilities and Events

53 ***Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the amended TCD Policy 5.9 Public Access to District***
54 ***Facilities and Events. Supervisor Tompkins seconded. Motion passed, (4-0).***

B. July 22, 2026 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development

Work Session

- Topic List Review, *All*
- Staff Presentation: Firewise USA: *Jae Townsend*
- Community Partner Presentation: BioCellulose as an Alternative to Plastic, *Leslie Melnyk*
- Board Recruitment Update, *All*
- 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
 - June 24, 2026 Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
 - July 2026 Financial Report
- Public Comment
- Partner Reports (if present)
 - National Resources Conservation Service
 - Washington State Conservation Commission
 - Washington Association of Conservation Districts
- Governance, *All*
 - Mid-year Budget Review
 - August 26, 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 consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate

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

The Executive Session opened at 6:49 pm to last for no more than 10 minutes and concluded at 6:59 pm. In attendance: TCD Board Members Johnson, Tompkins, Rushton, Colvin and Executive Director Moorehead and legal counsel Ben Cushman.

Executive Session Report Out

No action was taken.

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

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

96 The Executive Session opened at 7:00 pm to last for no more than 10 minutes and concluded at
97 7:10 pm. In attendance: TCD Board Members Johnson, Tompkins, Rushton, Colvin and
98 Executive Director Moorehead and legal counsel Ben Cushman.

99 **Executive Session Report Out**

100 No action was taken.

101 ***Supervisor Colvin moved to adjourn the June 24, 2026 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor***
102 ***Thompkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously,(4-0).***

103 **Adjourn 7:10 pm**

Respectfully,

Signed by:

 TJ Johnson

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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

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