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Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors
Work Session Minutes

September 23, 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. – 6:12 p.m.

Present at Work Session:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair
Marianne Tompkins, TCD Board Vice Chair
Dough Rushton, TCD Board Auditor
Kevin Cornell, TCD Board Supervisor
Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director
Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff
Nora Carman-White, TCD Staff
Stephanie Bishop, TCD Staff
Kirsten Hill, TCD Staff
Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel
Rachel Stendahl, Chehalis Basin Education Consortium
Rachel Freidman, Community Farm Land Trust

1. **Topic List Review,** *All*
2. **Welcome New Board Member,** *All*
3. **Staff Presentation: Green Stormwater,** *Stephanie Bishop*
4. **Community Partner Presentation: Chehalis Basin Education Consortium,** *Rachael Stendahl*
5. **Board Recruitment Process & Interviews,** *All*
6. **WACD Business,** *All*
    a. Proposed Resolutions
    b. Ways & Means Committee Update
7. **Year End Board Meeting Dates,** *All*
8. **Harvest Dinner & Fund Raiser,** *All*
9. **Legislative Tour Debrief,** *Executive Director Moorehead*
10. **Conservation & Education Center (CEC) Development,** *All*
11. **Important Updates & Announcements**
    a. Board of Supervisors, *All*
    b. Executive Director, *Executive Director Moorehead*

Respectfully,

Signed by:
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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

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Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2026
Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom
Originally Scheduled: 6:30 p.m. – 7:40 p.m.
Actual Meeting Time: 6:30 pm – 7:17 p.m.

Present at Board Meeting:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair
Marianne Tompkins, TCD Board Vice Chair
Doug Rushton, TCD Auditor
Kevin Cornell TCD Board Supervisor
Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director
Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff
Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel
Josh Giuntoli, Washington State Conservation Commission

Summary of Action Items

Summary of Motions Passed

Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the amended Agenda. Supervisor Cornell seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).

Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Cornell seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).

Supervisor Tompkins moved to adjourn the September 23, 2026 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor Cornell seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).

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Welcome & Introductions

At 6:30 p.m., TCD Board Chair Johnson called the September 23, 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, Cornell and Executive Director Moorehead attended the meeting in person at the TCD office.

Agenda Review

The item to Welcome the New Board Member was moved from the Board Meeting agenda to the Work Session agenda. The Board of Supervisors also moved the Rates & Charges and Farmland Preservation conversation from the Work Session agenda to the Board Meeting agenda after the Partner Reports item and before the Governance item.

Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the amended Agenda. Supervisor Cornell seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).

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Consent Agenda

A. August 26, 2026, Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
B. September 2026 Financial Report
C. FY24-27 Olympia Ecosystems Vendor Agreement Amendment
D. FY26-27 Placekeep Vendor Agreement
E. FY26-27 South Sound Green Inspire Olympia Funding Agreement
F. TCD Policy 5:10 Light Refreshments and Meals

Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Cornell seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).

Public Comment

No member of the public gave comment.

Partner Reports

A. National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Update, Tara Donohoe
    - Ms. Donohoe was not present.
B. Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Update, Josh Giuntoli
    - Mr. Giuntoli was present and gave an update.
    - The Commission approved the updates to the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 135-110 on Conservation District Elections. WACD will continue to pursue legislation to revise and update conservation district elections process.
C. Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Update, Sarah Moorehead
    - Executive Director Moorehead was present. No update was given.

2027 – 2036 Rates and Charges and Farmland Preservation

- The hearing date for the Thurston County Commissioners to consider TCD's Rates and Charges proposal has been set for October 20, 2026 at 3:30pm at the County Commissioners Office. The District has been collecting letters of support from local jurisdictions for TCD's proposal. TCD has been supporting the County's public notice statutory requirements and preparing their presentation for the hearing.
- The District will prioritize on the ground farmland preservation efforts in 2027, including researching existing farmland preservation programs to develop plans, policies, and programs to preserve farmland in Thurston County.

Governance

A. October 28, 2026 Work Session Topic List and Meeting Agenda Development

Work Session

- Topic List Review, *All*
- Community Partner Presentation: *TBD*
- Staff Presentation: Growing Community*, Aimee Richardson*
- WACD Business: Southwest Area Meeting Debrief and Annual Conference, *All*

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- TCD County Commissioner Conservation Tour Debrief, *Executive Director Moorehead*
- TCD Harvest Dinner & Fund Raiser Debrief, *Executive Director Moorehead*
- Rates and Charges Update*, Chair TJ Johnson and Executive Director Moorehead*
- Conservation and Education Center Update (CEC) Development*, All*
- Important Updates & Announcements
  - Board of Supervisors, *All*
  - Executive Director, *Sarah Moorehead*

Board Meeting Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions, Audio Recording Announcement
- Agenda Review
- Welcome New Board Supervisor
- Consent Agenda
  - September 23, 2026 Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
  - October 2026 Financial Report
- Public Comment
- Partner Reports (if present)
  - National Resources Conservation Service
  - Washington State Conservation Commission
  - Washington Association of Conservation Districts
- Governance, *All*
  - November 18, 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 the performance of the executive director. To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

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

RCW 42.30.110 (1b) 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.

The Executive Session opened at 7:07pm to last for no more than 10 minutes and concluded at 7:17pm. In attendance: TCD Board Members Johnson, Tompkins, Rushton and Cornell and Executive Director Moorehead, and legal counsel Ben Cushman.

Executive Session Report Out

No action was taken.

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Supervisor Tompkins moved to adjourn the September 23, 2026 TCD Board Meeting.

Supervisor Cornell seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).

Adjourn 7:17 pm

Respectfully,

Signed by:

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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

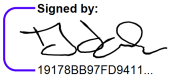
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