

**Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2019**

**Board Members Present:** Matt Pihl      Thomas Dierickx      Eldon Jossi  
John McDonald      Jerry Ward

**Others Present:** Kelly Dawes, TSWCD      Judy Marsh, TSWCD  
Randy Lawrence, CWS      Chantel Huff, TSWCD

**Item 1 - Call meeting to order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, John McDonald, at 6:33 pm.

**Item 2 - Agenda**

Eldon Jossi moved to adopt the May 14, 2019, Board Agenda as corrected. Thomas Dierickx seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

**Item 3 - Minutes**

Jerry Ward moved to adopt the April 16, 2019, Board Meeting Minutes. Eldon Jossi seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

**Item 4 - Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Item 5 - Financial Report and Approval of Bills**

Kelly Dawes reviewed the financial reports. Jerry Ward moved to pay the unpaid bills as of May 14, 2019, in the amount of \$22,412.09. Matt Pihl seconded. **Passed unanimously.** Matt Pihl moved to ratify the pre-approved bills as of April 30, 2019, in the amount of \$151,963.39. Thomas Dierickx seconded. **Passed unanimously.** Jerry Ward reviewed and approved all the credit card charges. John McDonald moved to receive the financial statements for April 2019, as presented. Jerry Ward seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

**Item 6 - Partner reports**

*Randy Lawrence, Clean Water Services (CWS)*

- Randy mentioned there will be a new Vegetation Management Services Contract in June 2020.
- A 3-year Bareroot RFP for 2021 was issued this month to growers.
- Seed orders need to be in by the end of May.
- First phase of the Wapato project will be completed this summer.
- Balm Grove dam will not be removed this year.

### **Item 7- SWCD program reports**

*Director of Finance and Operations - Kelly Dawes*

- The position for Invasive Species Technician has been posted.
- Tatiana Taylor, the new Rural Conservation Technician, started Monday.

### **Item 8 - Standing Committee Reports**

Contract Committee - Matt Pihl said the Contract Committee met on May 2, 2019 to discuss the problem with the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) not being available for the rest of the current year. The discussion was to launch a pilot program, Enhanced Vegetated Buffer Areas for Conservation (EVEGBAC), with funding coming from the District. Matt Pihl moved that the District approve the Enhanced Vegetated Buffer Areas for Conservation (EVEGBAC) pilot program in the amount of \$9,699.71 as recommended by the Contract Committee. Jerry Ward seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

### **Item 9 - New Business - Agricultural Fill Placement Permit**

Washington County would like to have the District review Agricultural Fill Placement permits. The District will need to create a committee to review the fill permits and make a recommendation to the Board on their findings. It was discussed that the committee would consist of three Directors and two staff members. Matt Pihl, Steve VanGrunsven, Eldon Jossi, Aaron Shaw and one more staff person will be on the committee. John McDonald appointed Matt Pihl the chair of the committee.

### **Item 10 - New Business - Use of TSWCD Conference Rooms**

It was decided to create a committee to develop a policy on how the public can use the board rooms in the office. The committee will consist of John McDonald, Jerry Ward, Lacey Townsend, and Kelly Dawes. Thomas Dierickx will be a reserve member on the committee. Eldon Jossi moved that the Washington County Citizens Action Network will not be able to use the board room for their next meeting. Matt Pihl seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

### **Item 11 - New Business - Washington County Citizens Action Network Membership**

John McDonald moved that the District not become a member of the Washington County Citizens Action Network. Thomas Dierickx seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

### **Item 12 - Discussion Item - Photography Day**

Chantel Huff mentioned that the District has hired a professional photographer to take urban and rural photos. She wanted to know if the Directors would like to participate in agriculture photos on Wednesday, May 29. Chantel will send out a reminder email.

**Item 13 - Discussion Item - Financial Assistance Awards Summary**

Due to Lacey Townsend's absence this discussion item will be postponed until the June Board Meeting.

**Item 14 - Directors' Reports**

Thomas Dierickx mentioned he received a call from the Hops Baseball club. They would like to do an Ag day at a Hops game. Thomas thought it would be a good idea if the District did something on Ag day at the Hops game to publicize our name and logo.

Matt Pihl was happy to say that he finally has a pair of Osprey on his roost.

John McDonald enjoyed attending the Willamette Partnership dinner.

**Item 15 - Adjourn the meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Marsh, Operations Assistant.

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Attested by: Matt Pihl

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June 11, 2019  
Date