

**Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2019**

Board Members Present: Matt Pihl John McDonald Eldon Jossi
Anna Jesse

Others Present: Kelly Dawes, TSWCD Judy Marsh, TSWCD
Lacey Townsend, TSWCD Jessica Wells, NRCS
Randy Lawrence, CWS

Item 1 - Call meeting to order

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

Item 2 - Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was accepted with corrections to the Board Agenda and the addition of the Contract Committee Notes.

Item 3 - Public Comment

No public comment.

Item 4 - Financial Report and Approval of Bills

Kelly Dawes reviewed the financial reports. Eldon Jossi moved to pay the unpaid bills as of September 10, 2019, in the amount of \$16,339.69. Anna Jesse seconded. **Passed unanimously.** Matt Pihl moved to ratify the pre-approved bills as of August 31, 2019, in the amount of \$1,554,649.42. Anna Jesse seconded. **Passed unanimously.** Jerry Ward was not in attendance, the credit card charges for August will be reviewed at the October 8, 2019 Board Meeting. Matt Pihl moved to receive the financial statements for August 31, 2019, as presented. Eldon Jossi seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

Item 5 - Partner reports

John Goetz, III, Clean Water Services (CWS)

- Chicken Creek construction is almost finished. New channel is dug, and the wood structures are in.
- B Street project will place wood structures along the slope of the bank to help prevent more erosion.
- Container plants will be arriving next week. The plant give-away will happen at the end of September. Plugs will arrive sometime in October.
- Fish and Wildlife Service is issuing a notice to proceed with the pump replacement at Wapato Lake.
- Paseos Verdes had seven successful nature walks this year with one more scheduled walk this weekend. CWS will finalize a report on how well the nature walks did and distribute it to all the partners.

Jessica Wells, Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)

- Payments are going out to farmers for work that has been done.
- Contacting farmers with contracts that are coming due or that have projects that need to be done.

Item 6 – SWCD program reports

Operations Assistant - Judy Marsh

- There were two names suggested for The Cooperator of the Year Award and neither one quite fit the description. John McDonald asked Lacey Townsend to work with FSA and NRCS to come up with a nominee.
- Four names were discussed for the Max M. Reeher Award. Eldon Jossi moved to nominate Bruce Roll to receive the Max M. Reeher Award. Anna Jesse seconded. **Passed unanimously.**
- Ag in the Classroom Fall Harvest Dinner is October 19, 2019. To sponsor a table of eight it will cost \$500. John McDonald moved to approve \$500 to buy a table at the Ag in the Classroom Fall Harvest Dinner. Matt Pihl seconded. **Passed unanimously.**
- Judy mentioned that some of the staff (Briita Pajunas, Chantel Huff, Tatiana Taylor, and Juli Waarvik) received a taste of what it is like to be a dairy farmer. The staff that took part in the dairy adventure decided they would not quit their day jobs.

Executive Director - Lacey Townsend

- An update was given on the Oregon Fish and Wildlife tax incentive programs.

Item 7 – Standing Committee Reports

No reports were given.

Item 8 – New Business – Sponsorship of the Wetlands Conservancy’s Wetlands and Wellies Event

Lacey Townsend explained that the District sponsored the Wetlands Conservancy’s Wetlands and Wellies event last year for \$2,000. John McDonald moved to approve the Wetlands Conservancy’s Wetlands and Wellies event CRAB sponsorship for \$2,000. Eldon Jossi seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

Item 9 – New Business – OACD Bylaws Amendments

John McDonald described the changes in the OACD Bylaws. The Board voted on each change after much discussion.

Item 10 New Business – Form New Committees

The Board formed a new committee to discuss the mitigation bank issues. The new committee would also review the current state of the easement program and give feedback on how to best move forward. Anna Jesse (Chair), Jerry Ward and Steve VanGrunsven will make up the committee.

Incubator Farm Committee will explore the idea of having a farm in the Gales Creek area. The Board decided that Anna Jesse, Eldon Jossi and John McDonald will be members on this committee.

Item 11 - Discussion - Urban Conservation Video Series

Lacey Townsend showed the five you-tube conservation videos that were created to outreach to the urban audience. The videos will be on the website.

Item 12 - Discussion - Financial Assistance Awards Summary

Lacey Townsend said there were updates to the June and July Financial Assistance Award summary sheet. The August summary sheet also includes the TREE grants information.

Item 13 - Discussion - Information System Update

Kelly Dawes gave an update on the new data system. The discovery phase has been completed for the information system. Next thing to do is to prioritize the phases in the system.

Item 14 - Directors' Reports

John McDonald asked for well wishes for Ginger.

Item 15 - Adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Marsh, Operations Assistant.

Attested by: Matt Pihl

October 8, 2019
Date