

**Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2020**

Board Members Present: Eldon Jossi Matt Pihl Steve VanGrunsven Jerry Ward
Thomas Dierickx Anna Jesse Kieran Sikdar

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

Item 1 - Call Meeting to Order

The Zoom Board Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jerry Ward at 6:31 pm.

Item 2 - Consent Agenda

Steve VanGrunsven moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Anna Jesse seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

Item 3 - Public Comment

No public comment.

Item 4 - Financial Report and Approval of Bills

Kelly Dawes reviewed the financial reports. Thomas Dierickx moved to pay the unpaid bills as of October 10, 2020, in the amount of \$125,605.60. Steve VanGrunsven seconded. **Passed unanimously.** Steve VanGrunsven moved to ratify the pre-approved bills as of September 30, 2020, in the amount of \$259,222.00. Thomas Dierickx seconded. **Passed unanimously.** Kelly reviewed the charges with the Board. Anna Jesse said she reviewed and approved all the September credit card charges. Eldon Jossi moved to receive the financial statements for September 30, 2020, as presented. Steve VanGrunsven seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

Kelly Dawes explained what the Gainshare is that the District receives from the county. Gain Share funds are a share of the state income tax revenues generated from the creation of jobs related to Strategic Investment Program (SIP) agreements.

All financial information is into the Auditor. He is behind because of COVID-19 but will have the audit finished before the end of the year.

Item 5 – Partner Reports

Randy Lawrence, Clean Water Services (CWS)

- All plant containers, plugs, and seed are in stock and are moving out to project sites.
- Construction on projects has been delayed because of poor air quality from all the smoke.
- CWS continues to distribute PPE to anyone who needs it.

Jessica Wells, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

- The new Soil Conservationist, Michael Taylor, started today.
- Jessica is making calls to landowner that are holding NRCS contracts to see if they have completed their contract contributions.
- Jessica is gathering information on the wildfire areas to see if there is any financial assistant needed for seeding, mulching, or erosion control.

Item 6 – Urban Conservation Program Update and Highlights

Briita Pajunas gave a PowerPoint presentation on the focus groups that are helping to identifying how TSWCD can help the urban population. She also explained about a survey that was done to connect with all walks of life. She ended with an update on the progress of the Urban Handbook.

Item 7 – SWCD Program Reports

No SWCD Program Reports were given.

Item 8 – Standing Committee Reports

No committee reports were given.

Item 9 – New Business -Resolution 2020-2

Jerry Ward read the resolution to the Board. Jerry Ward moved to adopt Resolution 2020-2 establishing the date of the Tualatin SWCD's Annual Meeting. Eldon Jossi seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

Item 10 – New Business – Remove John McDonald from Heritage Bank

Matt Pihl moved to approve the removal of John McDonald's name as a signer on the District's checking account with Heritage Bank. Eldon Jossi seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

Jerry Ward moved to approve the removal of John McDonald's name from the Local Government Investment Pool. Matt Pihl seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

Item 11 - Wrap-Up - Director's Reports

Matt Pihl voiced his concern about the wine industry in Oregon because of the wildfire smoke.

Thomas Dierickx mentioned attending the Tualatin Valley Irrigation District (TVID) Board Meeting this morning. TVID is looking for a new partner to help finance the Ayr-Met weather station in Verboort (Forest Grove). Another project TVID would like to upgrade is one of the flow meters in Gaston. Thomas will bring more information about the Ayr-Met weather station and the upgrade on the flow meter to the next Board Meeting. Thomas will also ask the Director of TVID to come give a presentation at a Board Meeting.

Kieran Skidar said acquaintances of his, Rob and Neil Sampson, wrote a book on "Committed to Conservation: 50 years of Work to Help Protect America's Soil and Water". He recommended the book. He says it contains good information.

Item 16 - Adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Marsh, Operations Assistant.

Attested by: Matt Pihl

November 10, 2020
Date