

**Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2021**

**Board Members Present:** Eldon Jossi Steve VanGrunsven Jerry Ward  
Thomas Dierickx Anna Jesse Dean Moberg

**Others Present:** Kelly Dawes, TSWCD Judy Marsh, TSWCD  
Lacey Townsend, TSWCD Randy Lawrence, CWS  
Jessica Wells, NRCS Aaron Shaw, TSWCD  
Cristobal Cardenas, Citizen

**Item 1 - Call Meeting to Order**

The Zoom Board Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jerry Ward at 6:32 pm.

**Item 2 - Consent Agenda**

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

**Item 3 - Public comment**

No public comment was given.

**Item 4- Monthly Financial Report and Approval of Bills**

Kelly Dawes reviewed the financial reports. Steve VanGrunsven moved to pay the unpaid bills as of February 9, 2021, in the amount of \$26,956.06. Anna Jesse seconded. **Passed unanimously.** Jerry Ward moved to ratify the pre-approved bills as of January 31, 2021, in the amount of \$248,165.09. Steve VanGrunsven seconded. **Passed unanimously.** January 2021, credit card charges were discussed, and Anna Jesse said she approved all the charges. Steve VanGrunsven moved to receive the financial statements for January 2021, as presented. Dean Moberg seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

Eldon Jossi arrived approximately at 6:40 pm.

**Item 5 - Partner Reports**

*Randy Lawrence, Clean Water Services (CWS)*

- A test run of the new pumping station on Wapato Lake was performed.
- Planting season has started. Half of the bare root plants have been planted.
- Cooler will close on March 19, 2021.
- CWS and the District have been planting at Swallow Tail on McKay Creek.
- CWS is also doing a pollinator pasture which the District is funding.
- CWS continues to distribute PPE to anyone who needs it.

*Jessica Wells, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)*

- Jessica will be sending out save-the-date information on the Annual Local Work Group Meeting, March 4 at 2 pm over Zoom.
- The District staff and Jessica are creating a survey. This will help people who cannot attend have a voice.
- April 16, 2021 is the next sign-up for EQIP.
- Starting to create a CIS. It will probably contain water quality and some of the ideas from the Local Work Group. The SIA area or Source Water Protection Area will probably be the areas the work will be done in.
- Site visits are being done.

### **Item 6 - Conservation Education Program update and highlights**

Charlotte Trowbridge gave a presentation on the Conservation Education Program. She did a broad overview showing all the work categories and gave examples.

### **Item 7 - SWCD Program Reports**

No reports were given.

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

Contract Committee - Aaron Shaw mentioned that there were two VEGBAC projects presented. A VEGBAC project on Clear Creek and an HCP with a VEGBAC project on the Tualatin. He also mentioned working with Stimson Lumber Company and what that would look like with our existing programs.

Easement Committee - Aaron Shaw informed the Board about the new developments on the Tualatin Valley Environmental Easement. The idea of ownership versus just holding the easement on the land was discussed.

### **Item 9 - New Business - District-wide initiatives staff committee**

Lacey Townsend will be creating a District-wide Initiatives Staff Committee. She would like a Director or two on this committee. Steve VanGrunsven moved to appoint Dean Moberg and Jerry Ward to participate in the District-wide Initiatives Staff Committee. Anna Jesse seconded it. **Passed unanimously.**

### **Item 9A - New award in honor of John McDonald**

Dean Moberg communicated with John McDonald by emails and phone conversations to create the criteria for the award. Dean summarized the criteria to the Board. Dean Moberg moved to establish a John McDonald Leadership, Vision, and Collaboration Award as written in the criteria and the description that Dean has presented, with eliminating 6.1 and adding 6.2 in the criteria. Steve VanGrunsven seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

### **Item 10 - Discussion Items - ODA Director Training reminder**

Lacey Townsend mentioned that she had sent out the ODA Director training information awhile ago and she would send it again if needed. The training is February 18-26.

### **Item 11 - Wrap-Up - Director's Reports**

Eldon Jossi would like to have a part of Hutchinson mowed or rolled down in the fall so there would be an area for geese to land. Aaron Shaw will contact CWS and NRCS about doing this.

Dean Moberg mentioned:

- Jerry Ward, Anna Jesse, and he met with Mayor Betta on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. It was discussed to send the Beaverton Climate Action Plan to staff.
- He also attended a seminar on the Willamette Water Supply, and it was about the pipeline that will bring drinking water to the county.
- Dean has signed up for a Land Use Class put on by the 1000 Friends of Oregon.

### **Item 12 - Adjourn the meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Marsh, Operations Assistant.

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Attested by: Steve VanGrunsven

March 9, 2021  
Date