

**Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2021**

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

Others Present: Judy Marsh, TSWCD Lacey Townsend, TSWCD
Aaron Shaw, TSWCD Randy Lawrence, CWS
Jessica Wells, NRCS Michael Taylor, NRC

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

Matt Pihl moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Steve VanGrunsven seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

Due to Kelly Dawes' absence there was no financial report given.

Item 3 – Public comment

No public comment was given.

Item 4 – Partner Reports

Randy Lawrence, Clean Water Services (CWS)

- Closed Container Herbicides will be available to contractors soon.
- Vegetation Management Services Master Contract will start on July 1, 2021. This will include the Customer Price Index increase of 1.9%.

Jessica Wells, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

- Jessica has been writing the Conservation Implementation Strategies. She has been working with Aaron Shaw and Nicole Ruggiero to decide what practices the District could fund and what practices NRCS might fund.
- There are 11 applications in for Environmental Quality Incentives Program. The last day to apply is April 16, 2021.
- There are 3 applications in for Regional Conservation Partnership Program.
- Conservation Stewardship Program has one application.
- The Basin Engineer is leaving the end of May.
- The Soil Conservationist, Michael Taylor, is attending the Conservation Planning Course.

Thomas Dierickx arrived at 6:42 pm.

Item 5 – SWCD Program Reports

No reports were given.

Item 6 – Standing Committee Reports

Facilities Committee – Matt Pihl asked if the District was going to locate on Lyle Spiesschaert’s property. Anna Jesse, Chair of the Facilities Committee, informed the Board that the District was not planning to locate an office on Lyle Spiesschaert’s property.

Item 7 – New Business – NRCS Memorandum of Agreement

Jessica Wells presented the NRCS Memorandum of Agreement to the Board. There were corrections to the document that were discussed. Matt Pihl moved to adopt the Memorandum of Agreement Between the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service and the State of Oregon, Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Oregon Department of Agriculture with anticipating corrections of the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District name. Dean Moberg seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

Item 8 – Wrap-Up – Directors’ Reports

Matt Pihl mentioned when he typed “TSWCD” in the search engine it never goes to the website home page, only to Facebook. If he types in the full name it will go to the home page. Lacey Townsend will talk to Charlotte Trowbridge and see if this problem can be fixed.

Dean Moberg said Tualatin Valley Beekeepers have mentioned that the bees have been more active earlier than usual this year.

Thomas Dierickx said he just started up two irrigation sprinklers because the soil is so dry.

Item 9 – Adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Marsh, Operations Assistant.

Attested by: Matt Pihl

Date May 11, 2021