

Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2021

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

Others Present: Judy Marsh, TSWCD Kelly Dawes, TSWCD
Brandy Saffell, TSWCD Randy Lawrence, CWS
Jessica Wells, NRCS Michael Taylor, NRC
Tom Nygren, Citizen Sandi Hiatt, ODA

Item 1 – Call Meeting to Order

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

Introduction were made.

Item 2 – Consent Agenda

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

Item 3 – Public comment

Sandi Hiatt, Oregon Department of Agriculture, mentioned she is just a guest at this meeting.

Item 4 – Monthly Financial Report and Approval of Bills

Kelly Dawes reviewed the financial reports. Dean Moberg moved to pay the unpaid bills as of May, 2021, in the amount of \$57,145.23. Anna Jesse seconded. Passed unanimously. Eldon Jossi moved to ratify the pre-approved bills May 11, 2021, in the amount of \$650,513.80. Dean Moberg seconded. Passed unanimously. March & April 2021 credit card charges were discussed, and all charges were approved by Anna Jesse. Steve VanGrunsven moved to receive the financial statements for March & April 2021, as presented. Anna Jesse seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 5 – Partner Reports

Randy Lawrence, Clean Water Services (CWS)

- Updating the Terra Trak material management module.
- Released water from Hagg Lake on May 3, 2021. Earliest release date in 40 years.
- Seed requests need to be in by June 15, 2021.
- A new project for “Tree for All” will be posted on CWS website.

- Aaron Shaw with CWS is using Netmap to help map and prioritize restoration activities.
- Thanked Lacey Townsend for attending the Tualatin Conservation Partner Group meeting.

Jessica Wells, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

- NRCS will be releasing a new program shortly. It will be a cross over between Environment Quality Incentive Program and Conservation Stewardship Program. It will contain a soil health incentive portion.
- EQIP rating for the second signup is about finished.
- There are two RCPP contracts.
- Basin Engineer position has been posted.
- There will be another Soil Conservationist in the Hillsboro NRCS office.

Item 6 – Forest Conservation Program update and highlights

Brandy Saffell updated the Board about the help she is giving to forest landowners in our watershed. Brandy also updated the Board on the Wildfire Protection Program.

Item 7 – SWCD Program Reports

No reports were given.

Item 7A – New Business – FY 22 Budget Committee Nominations

Kelly Dawes asked the Board to appoint the FY22 Budget Committee. Dean Moberg moved to appoint the seven electors as shown in the FY22 Budget Committee Member Appointment Table to the terms as shown in the table to serve on the F22 budget committee. Matt Pihl seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 8 – Standing Committee Reports

No reports were given.

Item 9 – Wrap-Up – Directors’ Reports

Steve VanGrunsven mentioned he attended a field trip organized by Mike Conroy on beavers. They discussed how beavers relate to conservation sites, agriculture lands, and future projects.

Dean Moberg said he checked the Hagg Lake’s website and the lake, as of May 1, 2021 is 101 percent of its average level.

Jerry Ward mentioned the first budget committee meeting will be tomorrow at 6:15 pm.

Item 10 – Adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Marsh, Operations Assistant.

Attested by: Matt Pihl

June 8, 2021
Date

