

Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2021

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

Others Present: Judy Marsh, TSWCD Kelly Dawes, TSWCD
Briita Pajunas, TSWCD Maura Olivos, TSWCD
Aaron Shaw, TSWCD Randy Lawrence, CWS
Michael Taylor, NRCS

Item 1 – Call Meeting to Order

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

Introductions were made.

Item 2 – Consent Agenda

Matt Pihl moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Eldon Jossi 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. Dean Moberg moved to pay the unpaid bills as of June 8, 2021, in the amount of \$87,134.81. Eldon Jossi seconded. Passed unanimously. Eldon Jossi moved to ratify the pre-approved bills as of May 31, 2021, in the amount of \$134,195.96. Steve VanGrunsven seconded. Passed unanimously. May 2021 credit card charges were discussed, and all charges were approved by Anna Jesse. Steve VanGrunsven moved to receive the financial statements for May 2021, as presented. Anna Jesse seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 5 – Partner Reports

Randy Lawrence, Clean Water Services (CWS)

- Seed requests need to be in by June 15, 2021.
- The 3-year RFP for plugs has gone out to respective clients.
- Chicken Creek construction is almost finished.
- COVID mobilization for contractors will be removed from the master agreement contracts in FY2021-22.

Michael Taylor, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

- Jessica & Michael are staying busy contracting.
- The Soil Conservationist Position is opened to receive applications.
- There is a new program coming EQIP Contract Incentives Contracts (CIC). It will allow for selective enrollment of fields, rather than requiring the whole farm to be enrolled in CSP.

Item 6 – Urban Conservation Program update and highlights

Maura Olivos introduced herself and gave a brief description of her background. Briita Pajunas gave a PowerPoint to the Board about the Urban Conservation Program. She gave a brief description on the projects that had been completed and some projects that are in the planning phase.

Item 7 – SWCD Program Reports

No reports were given.

Item 8 – Standing Committee Reports

Contract Committee – Matt Pihl mentioned the committee recommended moving forward with the Intergovernmental Agreements with Clean Water Services for the Urban Stewardship and the Joint Water Commission for Hutchinson perimeter.

Item 9 – New Business – Adopt FY 22 Budget and Resolution 2021-1

Kelly Dawes asked the Board to adopt the FY22 Budget and Resolution 2021-1.

1. Jerry Ward moved to adopt Resolution 2021-1 to adopt the total budget of \$20,892,790. Matt Pihl seconded. Passed unanimously.
2. Eldon Jossi moved to adopt the resolution to appropriate \$2,867,376 for the Natural Resources Program. Steve VanGrunsven seconded. Passed unanimously.
3. Anna Jesse moved to adopt the resolution to appropriate \$2,757,569 for the Grants & Partnerships Program. Eldon Jossi seconded. Passed unanimously.
4. Matt Pihl moved to adopt the resolution to appropriate \$174,500 for the Conservation Education Program. Anna Jesse seconded. Passed unanimously.
5. Steve VanGrunsven moved to adopt the resolution to appropriate \$3,138,406 for District Operations. Anna Jesse seconded. Passed unanimously.
6. Dean Moberg moved to adopt the resolution to appropriate \$4,806,000 for the Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program. Matt Pihl seconded. Passed unanimously.

7. Steve VanGrunsven moved to adopt the resolution to appropriate \$1,940,655 for the Special Revenue Fund - Grants. Eldon Jossi seconded. Passed unanimously.
8. Eldon Jossi moved to adopt the resolution to appropriate \$113,775 for the Special Revenue Fund - Easements. Anna Jesse seconded. Passed unanimously.
9. Matt Pihl moved to adopt the resolution to appropriate \$5,094,509 for the Reserve Fund - Opportunity. Eldon Jossi seconded. Passed unanimously.
10. Dean Moberg moved to adopt the resolution that the following ad valorem property taxes are hereby imposed for tax year 2021 – 2022 upon the assessed value of all taxable property within the District in the amount of \$5,998,435. Anna Jesse seconded. Passed unanimously.
11. Anna Jesse moved that the taxes imposed are hereby categorized for purposes of Article XI section 11b as permanent rate tax of \$5,998,435. Steve VanGrunsven seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 10 – New Business – Morton-Oshi Aquatic Project

Aaron Shaw gave a brief description of what is contracted in the Morton-Oshi Aquatic Project. Matt Pihl said the Contract Committee recommended approval to move forward with this project. Matt Pihl moved that the District approve funding for the Morton-Oshi Aquatic Project in the amount of \$150,000. Eldon Jossi seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 11 – Discussion – Facilities Committee Update and Board Feedback

Anna Jesse, Chair of the Facilities Committee, explained to the Board how the Facilities Committee came up with some criteria on what the District is looking for in an office/place. There was discussion on the survey that was given to the staff to fill out. Thoughts on maybe an office in town and a demonstration farm somewhere in Washington County were mentioned.

Item 12 - Wrap-Up – Directors' Reports

Eldon Jossi mentioned his irrigation guns are ready to be moved.

Dean Moberg said he checked the Hagg Lake's website, and the lake is now 95% percent of its average level. Southern Oregon water capacity is only at 30% of its average level.

Item 13 – Adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Marsh, Operations Assistant.

Attested by: Matt Pihl

July 13, 2021
Date

