

Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2021

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

Others Present: Lacey Townsend, TSWCD Judy Marsh, TSWCD
Kelly Dawes, TSWCD Tyler Pedersen, TSWCD
Eli Staggs, TSWCD Aaron Shaw, TSWCD
Kadie Robinson, CWS Jessica Wells, NRCS
Barbie Minor, Citizen

Item 1 – Call Meeting to Order

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

Judy Marsh performed roll call.

Item 2 – Consent Agenda

Matt Pihl moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as corrected. Anna Jesse seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 3 – Public comment

Barbie Minor wanted to thank the Board for taking action on the DEI matter that the Budget Committee had suggested. The Budget Committee would like to see the District involve Washington County citizens of all walks of life to know about the District and get involved.

Item 4 – Monthly Financial Reports and Approval of Bills

Kelly Dawes reviewed the financial reports. Anna Jesse moved to pay the unpaid bills as of August 10, 2021, in the amount of \$11,151.33. Matt Pihl seconded. Passed unanimously. Dean Moberg moved to ratify the pre-approved bills as of July 31, 2021, in the amount of \$127,710.72. Anna Jesse seconded. Passed unanimously. July 2021 credit card charges were discussed, and all charges were approved by Anna Jesse. Dean Moberg moved to receive the financial statements for July 2021, as presented. Steve VanGrunsven seconded. Passed unanimously.

Kelly Dawes mentioned that she hoped to have the FY20-21 Audit done by the September Board Meeting.

Thomas Dierickx arrived.

Item 5 – Partner Reports

Kadie Robinson, Clean Water Services (CWS)

- Janella St. Pierre has been working on Urban Intergovernmental Agreement, which now has been approved. It included funding for the Urban Living Handbook and Watershed Navigator.
- There is a new plant material management module in Terra Trak.
- CWS is requiring masks inside and are limiting indoor gatherings. Mask and sanitizer are available and free to community members. They can contact Kadie Robinson and can be picked up at CWS Farm.
- Upgrading the turf facility to minimize the transmission of plant disease.

Jessica Wells, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

- Jessica reminded the Board that the in-person meeting concerning the Hutchinson project was tomorrow, August 11, 2021. Everyone will meet at the Quonset Hut.
- There are two new employees at the Hillsboro NRCS office. The replacement for Travis is Adriana Campagna, Basin Engineer, who will start on the 15th of August. The new Soil Conservationist will be arriving soon in the Hillsboro office.
- Michael Taylor and Jessica are continuing to learn the new CIC program.
- Jessica is finishing up contracting and will be doing site visits to landowners with projects to evaluate their progress.

Item 6 – Invasive Species Program Update and Highlights

Eli Stagg, the new Invasive Species Technician gave a brief history about himself.

Tyler Pedersen presented a PowerPoint on the invasive species program. Tyler informed the Board about the new EDRR Guide that has been updated, the new Aquatic Invasive Species Guide and about the paddle trip and workshop activities that the Invasive Species Team has attended. Tyler presented a virtual map that shows where the invasive species are and the progress the team has made to eradicate the species.

Item 7 – SWCD Program Reports

Operations Assistant – Judy Marsh

Judy mentioned to the Directors that the Celebration Picnic with Clean Water Services is on September 11, 2021, at the Tualatin River Farm. (If COVID allows.) She would like any staff and Directors to attend that feel comfortable attending. At this time, the District will be presenting John McDonald with his “Special Service” award.

Item 8 – Standing Committee Reports

No reports were given.

Item 9 – New Business - Annual Meeting ad Resolution

Judy Marsh reminded the Board that a resolution needed to be approved to be able to hold the annual meeting. Jerry Ward moved to accept the Annual Meeting Resolution #2021-2. Matt Pihl seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 10 – New Business – Contract Committee authority

Matt Pihl was concerned about what action the Contract Committee could take without going to the Board for approval. It was decided that the Contract Committee would review documents and bring recommendations to the full Board for approval.

Item 11 – Discussion Items – Annual Awards

Judy Marsh asked the Board if they would like to present awards this year. Last year, because of COVID, it was decided not to have awards. The Directors are to send suggestions to Judy to be voted on at the September Board Meeting.

Item 12 – Discussion Items – Budget Committee DEI outreach motion

Jerry Ward mentioned that he and Lacey Townsend discussed DEI outreach. A summary of steps for completing the tasks and the rationale behind the task were presented to the Board and discussed. Kelly Dawes and Lacey Townsend will approach the Staff DEI Committee for help with the tasks.

Item 13 - Wrap-Up – Directors’ Reports

Dean Moberg mentioned Hagg Lake is at 80% of normal.

Matt Pihl said that just brushing up against evergreen trees will cause the needles to fall off. Due to the heat and no summer rain, there will be a lot of dead or dying evergreens in the Willamette Valley.

Jerry Ward thanked everyone that attended the zoom August Board Meeting. Hopefully, in September there will be an in-person meeting with the option of zoom.

Item 11 – Adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Marsh, Operations Assistant.

Attested by: Matt Pihl

September 14, 2021
Date