

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

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

Others Present: Judy Marsh, TSWCD Kelly Dawes, TSWCD
Aaron Shaw, TSWCD Kristina Peterson, TSWCD
Randy Lawrence, CWS Jessica Wells, NRCS
Adriana Lovell, CWS Charlotte Trowbridge, TSWCD

Item 1 – Call Meeting to Order

The Zoom Board Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jerry Ward, at 6:33 pm.

Introductions were made. Kristina Peterson and Adriana Lovell gave a brief history about themselves.

Thomas Dierickx arrived.

Item 2 – Consent Agenda

Steve VanGrunsven moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Eldon Jossi seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 3 – Public comment

No public comment was given.

Item 4 – Monthly Financial Reports and Approval of Bills

Kelly Dawes reviewed the financial reports. Matt Pihl moved to pay the unpaid bills as of November 9, 2021, in the amount of \$208,755.63. Anna Jesse seconded. Passed unanimously. Dean Moberg moved to ratify the pre-approved bills as of November 9, 2021, in the amount of \$207,779.11. Anna Jesse seconded. Passed unanimously. October 2021 credit card charges were discussed, and all charges were approved by Anna Jesse. Steve VanGrunsven moved to receive the financial statements for October 2021, as presented. Anna Jesse seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 5 – Partner Reports

Randy Lawrence, Clean Water Services (CWS)

- Jill Erickson, the new division manager, will be starting on Monday.

- CWS is helping with an HCP project that Briita Pajunas and Maura Olivos have been working on. Combining Vegetated Corridor Enhancement Fee with HCP funds to provide a better project at a site in the Tigard area.
- CWS's annual report is out and can be viewed on the website.

Jessica Wells, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

- Visiting people with projects to ensure they are completing them.
- Training for new employees has started.
- Doing site visits to see if landowners would like to apply for funding.
- Jessica has been receiving calls from people asking about pesticide applications. They would like to know where to find applicators that do not use excessive pesticide when they spray. Also, there were calls about Bio-Char.

Item 6 – SWCD Program Reports

No reports were given.

Item 7 – Standing Committee Reports

Personnel Committee will be meeting soon. Kelly Dawes will schedule the date.

Easement Committee – Aaron Shaw mentioned that the committee met in late October. The committee reviewed the Tualatin Valley Mitigation Bank Easement, what has been completed and what still needs to be done.

Facilities - Kelly Dawes will schedule a meeting sometime next month.

Item 8 – New Business – OACD Election Ballot

Jerry Ward reviewed with the Board the OACD Election Ballot. There are only two people running unopposed for the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts Board. Anna Jesse moved to vote yes for each unopposed position. Thomas Dierickx seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 9 – New Business – Reserve Fund Guidelines

Kelly Dawes reviewed with the Board the changes to the draft Reserve Fund- Opportunity Guidelines that were discussed in the work session. Matt Pihl moved to adopt the draft Reserve Fund – Opportunity Guidelines that was presented on November 9, 2021. Anna Jesse seconded. Passed unanimously. Kelly Dawes, as Finance Officer, will inform the Budget Committee that the District has addressed their concerns about the Reserve Fund. The concerns will be presented at the first Budget Committee Meeting.

Item 10 - Wrap-Up – Directors' Reports

Dean Moberg mentioned he attended a Soil Health Field Day on October 13, 2021. On October 27, 2021, he also attended a zoom seminar “Farming with Soil Life” put

on by the Xerces Society. He thanked Jerry Ward for the wonderful job he did on his Soil and Water Conservation Commission presentation at the OACD convention. Dean received a phone call from Theresa Matson of Benton SWCD, she appreciates the work Aaron Shaw and Bethany Lund are doing on some conservation work outside of our county with Benton SWCD.

Thomas Dierickx said the District should investigate the cost of a field sprayer. The newer field sprayers do a better job because of individual spray nozzles which gives it a more exact application.

Anna Jesse agreed that the newer sprayers use less herbicide because they can target specific plants.

Steve VanGrunsvan said it comes down to technology, replaces older technology with newer more accurate technology. It fits into our mission at the soil and water district.

Jerry Ward mentioned the next meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission will be November 17, 2021. The meeting will be presented on Microsoft Teams, and everyone is invited. One of the topics will be on the budgeting process for ODA and how it will affect SWCDs.

Item 11 – Adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Marsh, Operations Assistant.

Attested by: Matt Pihl

December 14, 2021

Date