

Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2022

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

Others Present: Lacey Townsend, TSWCD Kelly Dawes, TSWCD
Judy Marsh, TSWCD Aaron Shaw, TSWCD
Briita Pajunas, TSWCD Maura Olivos, TSWCD
Randy Lawrence, CWS Jill Erickson, CWS
Robin Lindsley, Citizen

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

Steve VanGrunsvan moved to adopt the Consent Agenda with corrections. Anna Jesse seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 3 – Presentation from the City of Beaverton’s Mayor

Mayor Lacey Beaty cancelled because of a conflict in her schedule.

Item 4 – Urban Conservation Program Update and Highlights

Briita Pajunas, Urban Conservation Specialist, gave a PowerPoint presentation about what the Urban Conservation Team has been doing. Updates were given on Glencoe Swale, Hall Creek, Butternut Creek Tributary, and Fields Apartments Complex projects. Briita also talked about the Urban Program Priorities, Grant Program Collaboration and the Watershed Navigator Website (which was first known as The Urban Living Handbook).

Item 5 – Monthly Financial Reports and Approval of Bills

Kelly Dawes reviewed the financial reports. Anna Jesse moved to pay the unpaid bills as of February 8, 2022, in the amount of \$84,620.87. Steve VanGrunsvan seconded. Passed unanimously. Dean Moberg moved to ratify the pre-approved bills as of January 31, 2022, in the amount of \$163,940.64. Matt Pihl seconded. Passed unanimously. January 2022 credit card charges were discussed, and all charges were approved by Anna Jesse. Steve VanGrunsvan moved to receive the financial statements as of January 31, 2022, as presented. Thomas Dierickx seconded. Passed unanimously.

Kelly Dawes noted that on the front page of the financial report there is the proposed timeline for the 2022 Budget Committee meetings. A proposed change this year is to send out the FY 2022-23 budget to the Budget Committee a couple weeks ahead of the first meeting. The budget will also be available on the District's website at the same time as the Budget Committee gets their copy.

Kelly Dawes reviewed the reason why there is now a two-factor email authentication for all staff and Directors.

Item 6 – Partner Reports

Randy Lawrence, Clean Water Services (CWS)

- Randy answered a question Matt Pihl had about selective withdrawal from Scoggins' dam. There was a study done on selective withdrawal from the dam but at this time it is not feasible to implement it.
- CWS is doing sewer surveillance. Randy showed a spreadsheet on the COVID levels and how they are dropping.
- CWS still has PPE available.
- There are 530,000 plants in the cooler. Waiting on about another 120,000 plants yet to arrive.
- Randy thanked Briita Pajunas and the District staff for their hard work on the Glencoe Creek.

Jessica Wells, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Lacey Townsend gave Jessica Wells report:

- NRCS has twenty EQIP applications pre-approved for implementation and one RCPP that they are working.
- The Local Work Group meeting will be held on March 3rd via zoom from 10-11:30 am. Partners will be encouraged to give reports/updates. Email invitations will be sent out this week.

Item 7 – Public comment

Robin Lindsey gave a brief history of the Dairy Creek Community Food Web. She also is working on creating community orchards. Maura Olivos, Urban Conservation Technician, will meet with her soon to discuss what the District could help with.

Item 8 - SWCD Program Reports

No staff reports were given.

Item 9 – Standing Committee Reports

Anna Jesse mentioned the Personnel Committee reviewed Short-term Incentive Payment proposals and the results from staff evaluations.

Item 10 – New Business – Reserve Fund Budget Guidance

Kelly Dawes presented the Reserve Fund – Opportunity Proposed Category Guidelines document that was used in the fall. The only changes that were made on the document were money values for the land, buildings, and real state improvements. The Board gave their consent to use this document when creating the FY 2022-23 Budget.

Item 11 – Budget Committee members

Lacey Townsend explained the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District Budget Committee recruitment process. The District received 6 applications for the two positions on the Budget Committee. After discussion, the Board considered Katie McFaddin and Elaine Stewart for the two positions on the Budget Committee. The Board also considered Marie Walkiewicz as alternate in case one of the two applicants are unable to accept the position. Steve VanGrunsven moved to accept Katie McFaddin and Elaine Stewart for the 3-year term on the Budget Committee. Marie Walkiewicz will be considered as alternate. Matt Pihl seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 12 - Wrap-Up – Directors’ Reports

Dean Moberg attended the OACD Working Lands and Advocacy Group meetings. Those two groups along with the Oregon Conservation Agriculture Network are focusing on Senate Bill 1534 that would establish a state policy of increasing carbon sequestration in natural and working lands and waterways. It would set up an advisory committee to measure carbon sequestrations on farms and forest lands.

Jerry Ward mentioned the Soil and Water Conservation Commission meeting will be held on February 16 & 17, 2022. The commission will be reviewing ORS 568 which is the legislation that gives the power for SWCD’s to exist. The commission will discuss changes to ORS 568.

Item 13 – Adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Marsh, Operations Assistant.

Attested by: Matt Pihl

March 8, 2022

Date