

Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2022

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

Others Present: Lacey Townsend, TSWCD Kelly Dawes, TSWCD
Judy Marsh, TSWCD Aaron Shaw, TSWCD
Randy Lawrence, CWS Jessica Wells, NRCS

Item 1 – Call Meeting to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jerry Ward, at 6:35 pm.

Item 2 – Consent Agenda

Matt Pihl moved to adopt the Consent Agenda with corrections. 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. Anna Jesse moved to pay the unpaid bills as of May 10, 2022, in the amount of \$94,763.04. Matt Pihl seconded. Passed unanimously. Matt Pihl moved to ratify the pre-approved bills as of May 10, 2022, in the amount of \$155,354.44. Anna Jesse seconded. Passed unanimously. April 2022 credit card charges were discussed, and all charges were approved by Anna Jesse. Dean Moberg moved to receive the financial statements as of April 30, 2022, as presented. Steve VanGrunsven seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 5 – Partner Reports

Randy Lawrence, Clean Water Services (CWS)

- Seed requests are due by June 15 to be able to participate in the CWS Seed Request For Quotes.
- Balm Grove Dam is scheduled for removal this summer. \$270,000 was allocated for the removal.
- Request For Proposals for native herbaceous plants have been issued. CWS will be using more bareroot plants this year.
- Request For Proposal for an Ecological Management Unit will soon be issued. This will be to manage the older CWS projects.

- Randy's department budget was presented to the CWS Board, and it was approved. It has an almost 24% increase from last year. Mostly due to new positions that will be filled in the next fiscal year.

Jessica Wells, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

- Jessica thanked the District staff for all their work on the proposal for the RCPP that will help, if funded, aquatic and fish habits upstream from Balm Grove dam.
- RCPP Accomplishments:
 - The District Staff wrote 26 contracts which obligated over \$500,000. One Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) Contract, 25 were Enhanced Quality Incentives Program contracts. The staff planned 18 different practices and two enhancement practices (for CSP for pollinators). Twelve of the 26 contracts were completed. Overall, the staff planned 150 practices and 87 have been certified and completed. Only 11 were deleted or cancelled.

Item 6 - SWCD Program Reports

Executive Director – Lacey Townsend

- Lacey mentioned at the June 2022 Board Meeting there will be a staff presentation from the Habitat program. The Invasives program will be giving a presentation at the July Board Meeting. At the August Board Meeting, there will be a presentation from the Conservation Education program.
- Lacey mentioned she had an update on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Wildlife Habitat Tax Deferral Program. TSWCD signed an MOU with West Multnomah, East Multnomah, Clackamas, Yamhill, and Polk SWCDs a few years ago with the hopes of finding funding for the program. There is now a legislative hearing on the program with the House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Committee on June 1. There will be testimony on the benefits of funding this program presented to the committee.

Director of Finance & Operations – Kelly Dawes

- Kelly mentioned the Budget was released on April 28, 2022, and the first Budget Committee meeting will be held on May 19 on Zoom.
- The Rural Program would like to buy a new implement before the end of this fiscal year. They would like to purchase a Mill Creek 57G manure spreader that is ground driven. The cost will be around \$9,500.

Item 7 – Standing Committee Reports

Personnel Committee

- Kelly mentioned the Information System Coordinator position will be reposted.

Contract Committee

- Will be scheduling a meeting.

Item 8 – New Business – Board Committee Member Voting Rights

Kelly mentioned she found out through a public meeting notice training about committees. All committee members established by the Board have voting rights within their committees. District staff are listed as employee representatives on specific committees. Currently, those employees do not vote during a committee meeting. However, by listing their name on the committee, they have a right to vote. After a long discussion, Jerry Ward moved that all assigned to a standing committee have voting rights and all Staff listed on the standing committees are no longer members. Eldon Jossi seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 9 – Wrap-Up – Directors’ Reports

Thomas Dierickx is wondering where he could recycle the used 2 1/2-gallon herbicide jugs. Lacey Townsend will research the name of the company that took the empty jugs during the District’s herbicide recycling events a few years ago.

Dean Moberg mentioned attending an OWEB public hearing where they are collecting comments on the new resolution that says all OWEB grants will now need to include climate-focused criteria.

Item 10 – Adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.
Respectfully submitted by Judy Marsh, Operations Assistant.

Attested by: Matt Pihl

June 14, 2022
Date