

Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2022

Board Members Present: Thomas Dierickx Matt Pihl Dean Moberg Jerry Ward
Eldon Jossi

Others Present: Lacey Townsend, TSWCD Kelly Dawes, TSWCD
 Judy Marsh, TSWCD Aaron Shaw, TSWCD
 Bethany Lund, TSWCD Mary Meier, TSWCD
 Randy Lawrence, CWS Kieran Sikdar-Associate Director

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

Eldon Jossi moved to adopt the Consent Agenda with corrections. Matt Pihl 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. Jerry Ward moved to pay the unpaid bills as of June 14, 2022, in the amount of \$280,494.89. Eldon Jossi seconded. Passed unanimously. Matt Pihl moved to ratify the pre-approved bills as of May 31, 2022, in the amount of \$367,593.56. Dean Moberg seconded. Passed unanimously. May 2022 credit card charges were discussed, and all charges were approved in advance by Anna Jesse. Dean Moberg moved to receive the financial statements as of May 31, 2022, as presented. Eldon Jossi seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 5 – Partner Reports

Randy Lawrence, Clean Water Services (CWS)

- Balm Grove Dam open house happened last week. The Request For Proposal to remove the dam is posted on the CWS website.
- CWS is in the process of hiring two Water Resource Specialists for the Stewardship division.
- Request For Proposal for herbaceous plants is now on the CWS website.
- Randy's department budget will go to the CWS Board next week. Work for the next fiscal year will be on hold until budget passes.

Item 6 – Habitat Program Update and Highlights

Bethany Lund, Habitat Program Coordinator, and Mary Meier, Conservation Specialist gave the board updates on new and ongoing projects. Also, Bethany gave a recap on how many projects and acreage each project manager manages. Mary talked about the Egger expansion project and the new Upper Bledsoe project.

Item 7 – SWCD Program Reports

Director of Natural Resources – Aaron Shaw

- The Jessie HQ project has started and will, hopefully, soon be able to invite the Board out for a tour.

Operations Assistant – Judy Marsh

- Judy did a summary of the Candidate Packet for SWCD Director Election instructions. She will place an ad in the newspaper to inform the public that there are positions open.

Executive Director – Lacey Townsend

- Lacey updated the Board on the legislative hearing for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Wildlife Habitat Tax Deferral Program with the House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Committee that was held on June 1, 2022. Committee feedback was very positive.

Item 8 – Standing Committee Reports

Policy and Procedure Committee

- The committee will schedule a meeting soon.

Easement Committee

- A meeting has been scheduled for June 23, 2022, at 10:30 am.

Item 9 – New Business – Adopt FY23 Budget and Resolution 2022-1

Kelly Dawes asked to board to adopt the FY23 Budget and Resolution 2022-1.

1. I, Eldon Jossi, moved to adopt Resolution 2022-1 to adopt the total budget of \$20,859,213. Dean Moberg seconded. Passed unanimously.
2. I, Jerry Ward, moved to adopt the resolution to appropriate \$3,537,188 for the Natural Resources Program. Matt Pihl seconded. Passed unanimously.
3. I, Matt Pihl, moved to adopt the resolution to appropriate \$3,073,391 for the Grants & Partnerships Program. Eldon Jossi seconded. Passed unanimously.
4. I, Dean Moberg, moved to adopt the resolution to appropriate \$130,000 for the Conservation Education Program. Eldon Jossi seconded. Passed unanimously.
5. I, Eldon Jossi, moved to adopt the resolution to appropriate \$3,480,622 for District Operations. Dean Moberg seconded. Passed unanimously.

6. I, Jerry Ward, moved to adopt the resolution to appropriate \$3,307,340 for the Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program. Matt Pihl seconded. Passed unanimously.
7. I, Matt Phil, moved to adopt the resolution to appropriate \$1,592,330 for the Special Revenue Fund – Grants. Jerry Ward seconded. Passed unanimously.
8. I, Dean Moberg, moved to adopt the resolution to appropriate \$109,018 for the Special Revenue Fund – Easements. Eldon Jossi seconded. Passed unanimously.
9. I, Eldon Jossi, moved to adopt the resolution to appropriate \$5,009 for the Special Revenue Fund – Conservation Stewardship. Dean Moberg seconded. Passed unanimously.
10. I, Jerry Ward, moved to adopt the resolution to appropriate \$5,624,315 for the Reserve Fund – Opportunity. Matt Pihl seconded. Passed unanimously.
11. I, Matt Pihl, moved to adopt the resolution that the following ad valorem property taxes are her by imposed for tax year 2022-2023 upon the assessed value of all taxable property within the District in the amount of \$4,903,171. Thomas Dierickx seconded. Passed unanimously.
12. I, Eldon Jossi, moved that the taxes imposed are hereby categorized for purposes of Article XI section 11b as permanent rate tax of \$4,903,171. Thomas Dierickx seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 10 – Discussion – Strategic Planning

Lacey Townsend mentioned to the Board that she would like to start the strategic planning process a year earlier. Lacey has sent out a request for proposal for a consultant to help with the process. Lacey would like to create a Staff Strategic Planning Committee that would review drafts and content. The staff committee then would bring the completed Strategic Plan draft to the Board for approval. The Staff Strategic Plan committee will consist of the leadership team: Lacey Townsend, Kelly Dawes, and Aaron Shaw. Kieran Sikdar expressed interest in being on the Staff Strategic Planning Committee. Lacey will reach out to directors individually for their interest.

Item 11 – Wrap-Up – Directors' Reports

Dean Moberg mentioned on May 28, he and Jen Shih gave a presentation to Sunset High School on climate change. June 1, he attended the Graywater Webinar put on by Andrew Felton. Today, Dean attended Dairy Creek Community Food Web Garden dedication. Maura Olivos and Adriana Lovell were also in attendance.

Kieran Sikdar helped with workshops at the Swallowtale School on mosses in the environment and the importance moss plays in the eco system. They are going to present this presentation at different locations around the area.

Thomas Dierickx attended the Tualatin Valley Irrigation District (TVID) Board meeting. They were talking about the possibility of replacing some of the pumps in Scoggins Dam. The TVID will be looking for partnership to help with the cost of updating those pumps. TVID also talked about raising the dam and closing the

road on top of the dam for six years. It will take six years to raise and retrofit the dam.

Jerry Ward mentioned he attended the Soil and Water Conservation Commission meeting. Jerry explained the workings of the commission. The commission has been reviewing eligibility that District Directors are required to meet to be able to run for the different soil and water conservation district boards.

Item 10 – Adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Marsh, Operations Assistant.

Attested by: Steve VanGrunsvan

July 12, 2022
Date