

Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2022

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

Others Present: Lacey Townsend, TSWCD Judy Marsh, TSWCD
Kelly Dawes, TSWCD Aaron Shaw, TSWCD
Briita Pajunas, TSWCD Jessica Wells, NRCS

Item 1 – Call Meeting to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jerry Ward, at 6:31 pm.

Item 2 – Consent Agenda

Anna Jesse moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Eldon Jossi seconded. Passed unanimously.

Thomas Dierickx signed into the meeting.

Item 3 – Public Comment

No Public Comment was given.

Item 4 – Monthly Financial Report and Approval of the Bills

Kelly Dawes reviewed the financial reports. Anna Jesse moved to pay the unpaid bills as of October 11, 2022, in the amount of \$120,661.28. Matt Pihl seconded. Passed unanimously. Dean Moberg moved to ratify the pre-approved bills as of September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$125,743.08. Anna Jesse seconded. Passed unanimously. September 1-30, 2022, credit card charges were discussed, and all charges were approved by Anna Jesse. Jerry Ward moved to receive the financial statements as of September 30, 2022, as presented. Eldon Jossi seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 5 – Partner Reports

Jessica Wells, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

- NRCS is starting their new fiscal year.
- NRCS team has been reviewing end of year and new year tasks.
- Some practices have a Corona Virus Release Payment attached to them. This will be paid to clients when their task has been completed.
- Processing Conservation Stewardship Program and Environmental Quality Incentives Program payments.
- Updating outreach forms and maps.

- Irrigation program has expanded to ground water in limited areas of Washington County.

Item 6 – Urban Conservation Program update and highlights

Briita Pajunas, Urban Conservation Specialist, updated the Board with a PowerPoint presentation on Funding Programs, Direct Financial Assistant, Naturescaping / Raingardens, Habitat Conservation Plan, Community Engagement, and Watershed Navigator Website launching. Since 2019, there have been 35 projects enrolled in the Urban program. There are 10 new projects enrolled for this fiscal year. Briita showed before and after pictures of some of the different conservation projects that have been completed. Some of the community engagement she mentioned was the community planting party & plant giveaway with the Cross Creek Home Owner Association members, Fernhill Wetlands Native Plant Inspiration Tour, and floating on the river with the Tango youth group from the Tigard School District. She finished her presentation by showing the Board the new Watershed Navigator Website and how to use it.

Steve VanGrunsven has signed into the meeting.

Item 7 – SWCD Program Reports

Director of Finance and Operations – Kelly Dawes

- The Audit is almost finished. It will hopefully be presented at the November 8, 2022, Board Meeting.
- Mary Meier, Conservation Specialist, is leaving the District on November 4, 2022, for another job. The Conservation Specialist position was announced internally today and tomorrow it will be announced externally.

Director of Natural Resources – Aaron Shaw

- Thanked Briita Pajunas, Urban Conservation Coordinator, and Maura Olivos, Urban Conservation Specialist for all the work they have done with increasing urbanite's awareness of what the District has to offer them and the many projects they are working on now.
- Mary Meier, Habitat Program Specialist, will be greatly missed on the Habitat Team.

Item 8 – Standing Committee Reports

No Standing Committee Reports were given.

Item 9 – Discussion – Strategic Planning

At the first meeting, Jensen Strategies went through an environment scan. That is where they interviewed the Board, Leadership Team, Partner Organizations and sent out an online survey to staff. Lacey Townsend will send out the results of the

interviews and survey to the Board. Also, discussed at this meeting was the District's mission, values, pillars, and characteristics.

At the second meeting, eleven draft goals for the 2022 strategic planning project were created. Lacey explained the goals. The second of three staff surveys was sent out.

Item 10 – Wrap-Up – Directors' Reports

Jerry Ward mentioned he will be attending the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts' Annual Meeting October 31, November 1 & 2 at Newport, Oregon. He will also attend the Soil and Water Conservation Commission Meeting. One item that will be discussed is District Zone Directors eligibility.

Dean Moberg attended the Great Grains Feast Event with Kristina Peterson, Mike Conroy, Adriana Lovell, and Mary Meier at Lyle Spiesschaert's place on September 24, 2022. It was a great event to inform the public about the District's programs. Dean is continuing to work with Peter Hayes on the Climate Smarter Forestry Project. They conducted four tours this summer. Some legislators are interested in the work Dean and Peter are doing.

Thomas Dierickx mentioned his farm was featured on the Agriculture in the Classroom virtual tour last month.

Item 11 – Adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Marsh, Operations Assistant.

Attested by: Matt Pihl

November 8, 2022
Date