

Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2022

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

Others Present: Lacey Townsend, TSWCD Kelly Dawes, TSWCD
Aaron Shaw, TSWCD Jessica Wells, NRCS
Tatiana Taylor, TSWCD Nicole Ruggiero, TSWCD
Randy Lawrence, CWS Jim Anderson, public
Luke VanderZanden, public

Item 1 – Call Meeting to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jerry Ward, at 6:32 pm. There were technical difficulties in Zoom and the meeting was not recorded.

Introductions were made.

Item 2 – Consent Agenda

Anna Jesse moved to adopt the Consent Agenda with minor changes. Thomas Dierickx seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 3 – Presentation: Fiscal Year 2022 Audit

Richard Winkel, CPA presented the audit report for FY 2022. There were no concerns in the audit report. The only question that came up was that John McDonald is still listed as the TSWCD's registered agent. This is something that needs to be changed with the Secretary of State, but does not affect the audit.

Item 4 – Public Comment

No Public Comment was given.

Item 5 – Monthly Financial Report and Approval of the Bills

Kelly Dawes reviewed the financial reports. Dean Moberg moved to pay the unpaid bills totaling \$38,735.27. Eldon Jossi seconded. Passed unanimously. Steve VanGrunsven moved to ratify the pre-approved bills in the amount of \$534,917.07. Anna Jesse seconded. Passed unanimously. November 1-30, 2022, credit card charges were discussed, and all charges were approved by Anna Jesse. Anna Jesse moved to receive the financial statements as of November 30, 2022. Thomas Dierickx seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 6 – Partner Reports

Randy Lawrence, Clean Water Services (CWS)

- CWS has moved plants into the cooler, a bit earlier than usual.
- A quarantine for ash species in Washington County begins next week to stop the spread of Emerald Ash Borer.

Jessica Wells, Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS)

- 34 EQIP applications were recently received and staff are busy with site visits right now.
- The Soil Conservationist position has been filled, with a new person starting in March.

Item 7 – Rural Conservation Program Update and Highlights

Nicole Ruggiero and Tatiana Taylor, Rural Conservation Program, gave updates on their program.

- They showed a map and results of the Strategic Implementation Area in Lower Gales and Carpenter Creek watersheds and went through some priority resource concerns for Fiscal Year 2023.
- The equipment rental program is going well, with a no-till drill and manure spreader available to rent.
- The Conservation Easement board policy needs to be updated and will be discussed at an upcoming committee meeting.
- The program is working with the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts as part of a working lands cohort to learn from others about easements.
- The program is doing some outreach for conservation easements and showed a prioritization effort currently happening.
- Small Farm School will be held at PCC Rock Creek in the spring.
- Pesticide Collection Event will be held at Valley Ag on February 4.
- Nicole will be managing Hutchinson now since Mary's departure.

Item 8 – SWCD Program Reports

Executive Director – Lacey Townsend

- Lacey gave a brief update on the Strategic Planning process. A couple meetings have been added in February, slightly extending the process.

Director of Finance and Operations – Kelly Dawes

- Nothing additional to report.

Director of Natural Resources – Aaron Shaw

- Jerry asked Aaron about Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) funding. TSWCD received \$1.5 million from the NRCS RCPP for fish barrier projects in Washington County.

Item 9 – Standing Committee Reports

Personnel Committee:

There will be a meeting next month.

Steve VanGrunsvan left the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Item 10 – Approve Fiscal Year 2022 Municipal Audit

Anna Jesse moved to approved the Fiscal Year 2022 Municipal Audit. Dean Moberg seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 11 – Removed from agenda

Item 12 – Annual Meeting and Resolution 2022-3

Dean Moberg moved to adopt Resolution 2022-3 to establish the date of TSWCD's Annual Meeting. Eldon Jossi seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 13 – Director Reports

Thomas attended the Tualatin Valley Irrigation District's board meeting today and discussed the CWS proposal to spread biosolids.

Dean gave a presentation with Peter Hayes (forester) to the Board of Forestry on the new Climate Smart Forestry Report.

Anna is on a committee for the 1000 Farmers and encourage the TSWCD to get involved and pay attention to that group.

Jerry thanked Anna for her time on the board and presented her with a plaque for her years of service. Jerry reminded everyone about officer elections and committee assignments next month.

Item 14 – Adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lacey Townsend, Executive Director.

Attested by: Steve VanGrunsvan

Date