

Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2023

Board Members Present: Eldon Jossi, Dean Moberg, Jerry Ward, Thomas Dierickx  
Steve VanGrunsvan, Luke VanderZanden, Olivia Duren

Others Present: Lacey Townsend, TSWCD Kelly Dawes, TSWCD  
Judy Marsh, TSWCD Aaron Shaw, TSWCD Bethany Lund, TSWCD  
Jessica Wells, NRCS Jill Erickson, CWS Jim Anderson, Citizen

Item 1 – Call Meeting to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jerry Ward, at 6:34 pm.

Introductions were made.

Item 2 – Consent Agenda

Steve VanGrunsvan moved to adopt the Consent Agenda with corrections. Eldon Jossi seconded. Passed unanimously.

Thomas Dierickx has arrived at 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. Steve VanGrunsvan moved to pay the unpaid bills as of April 11, 2023, in the amount of \$73,602.36. Eldon Jossi seconded. Thomas Dierickx, Steve VanGrunsvan, Jerry Ward, Olivia Duren, Luke VanderZanden, and Eldon Jossi voted Yes. Dean Moberg abstained. Olivia Duren moved to ratify the pre-approved bills of March 2023, in the amount of \$339,437.14. Steve VanGrunsvan seconded. Passed unanimously. March 2023 credit card charges were discussed, and all charges were approved by Dean Moberg. Steve VanGrunsvan moved to receive the financial statements for March 2023. Eldon Jossi seconded. Passed unanimously.

Item 5 – Partner Reports

Jill Erickson, Clean Water Services (CWS)

- The Climate Adapted Plant Materials Program – Mike Conroy, TSWCD. presented it at the National Native Seed Conference in Washington DC and Randy Lawrence, CWS, presented it at the Local Urban Ecology Research Consortium in Portland.

- The plant cooler is closed for the year.

*Jessica Wells*, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

- Continuing to work on applications. High Tunnels and Forest Management Plans totaled most of the applications.
- Kris Meunier will be leaving the Hillsboro office. The Soil Conservationist position will be announced soon.

#### Item 6 – Habitat Program update and highlights

Bethany Lund mentioned that the Climate Adapted Plant Materials Program has been well received.

Bethany Lund presented a PowerPoint with updates:

- Reminded the Board of the vision of the Habitat Program.
- Program Elements
  - Technical assistance
  - Conservation planning
  - Financial incentives
  - Coordinate restoration projects

Bethany displayed a map that showed the location of all the restoration projects are. Each project was color coated to show which staff members oversee what project.

Bethany mentioned that the program has enrolled 4 new VEGBAC projects totaling 104.6 acres and one ECREP project will be re-enrolling this year.

The Atfalati VEGBAC Project has 47 acres in the program, but the team is only working 19.5 acres at this time.

Bethany revealed the 2023 Planting Highlights:

- Bare Root plants – 97,608
- Containers, Plugs and Bulbs – 53,750
- Seed – 1,322 lbs.

Bethany followed up with an update on the Jesse HQ Floodplain Wood Enhancement project.

Aaron Shaw updated the Board on what the funding pool for Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is and how it will work.

#### Item 7 – SWCD Program Reports

*Executive Director* – Lacey Townsend

- Lacey has agreed to be a member of the Washington County Technical Advisory Committee.
- CWS restoration team will be going to their Board on May 16, 2023, to ask for funding authorization to fund the stream restoration program for the next 5 years. Aaron Shaw and Lacey Townsend will be presenting at the CWS Board Meeting. Lacey mentioned that the CWS Board would like to have the District Board attend this meeting.

- Lacey is in contact with a firm to do the graphic design work for the Strategic Plan.
- April 26, 2023, is Ag night at the Hops Baseball Game.

#### Item 8 – Standing Committee Reports

There were no Standing Committee Reports.

#### Item 9 – Director’ Reports

Dean Moberg said he is working with Extension Services and some other conservation districts to figure out ways to collect soil samples for the Microscope Soils Club. Also, on March 23, he made a presentation at the Cedar Mill library on the soils of Cedar Mills. He attended the Tree School in Clackamas County, went to seminars on stream restoration, carbon trading in forest and tree migration and participated in the TREE Grant Committee.

Jerry Ward mentioned that he would not be attending the Conservation Commission meeting in May.

Olivia Duren said she attended the grand opening ceremony of the Wapato Lake unit of the National Wildlife Refuge.

Thomas Dierickx mentioned that he attended the Tualatin Valley Irrigation District Meeting and found out that Hagg Lake is within 2 inches of being full.

Kelly Dawes said the draft budget will be released on May 2, 2023, for the Budget Committee and the public to review. Budget Meetings are scheduled for May 17 at 6:00 pm and May 24 at 6:30 pm. If there needs to be a third meeting, it will be on June 6 at 6:30 pm.

#### Item 10 – Adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Marsh, Operations Assistant

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Attested by: Eldon Jossi

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May 9, 2023  
Date