

Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 9, 2023

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

Others Present: Kelly Dawes, TSWCD Judy Marsh, TSWCD  
Randy Lawrence, CWS

Item 1 – Call Meeting to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jerry Ward, at 6:33 pm.

Introductions were made.

Item 2 – Consent Agenda

Steve VanGrunsvan moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Eldon Jossi seconded. Passed unanimously.

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. Olivia Duren moved to pay the unpaid bills as of May 9, 2023, in the amount of \$158,314.58. Luke VanderZanden seconded. Passed unanimously. Steve VanGrunsvan moved to ratify the pre-approved bills of April 2023, in the amount of \$332,381.76. Eldon Jossi seconded. Passed unanimously. April 2023 credit card charges were discussed, and all charges were approved by Dean Moberg. Eldon Jossi moved to receive the financial statements for April 2023. Luke VanderZanden seconded. Passed unanimously.

Thomas Dierickx has arrived at the meeting.

Kelly Dawes explained some of the problems she encountered trying to obtain a business checking account at Bank of America. Jerry Ward mentioned that he and Kelly Dawes reviewed the list of government approved banks and came up with two banks that might be a possibility for our second business checking account. They are Banner Bank and US Bank. Jerry Ward mentioned that he had worked for Banner Bank until his retirement. Jerry Ward said he has no monetary gain with the bank so there is no conflict of interest. Steve VanGrunsvan moved to authorize Kelly Dawes and Jerry Ward to select a bank that suites the District's needs to open a second business checking account. Dean Moberg seconded. Passed unanimously.

Kelly Dawes asked the Directors if they had any questions about the FY24 Budget that was publicized on May 2, 2023. Steve VanGrunsvan asked Kelly if she could give the budget committee a summary of last year's budget compared to this year's budget. Jerry Ward asked what was the interest rate that was used in the FY24 budgeting? Olivia asked if in the FY24 budget there was money to add a Forestry Technician? Kelly will send out an email to the whole Budget Committee giving them information on these questions.

#### Item 5 – Partner Reports

*Randy Lawrence, Clean Water Services (CWS)*

- CWS Budget Committee approved the FY24 Budget.
- CWS Board will be asked to renew the funding for the VEGBAC and ECREP projects.
- The new Vegetation Management Prices Agreement will go into effect on July 1, 2023.
- Request for Proposals for bareroots was announced today.
- Two new project manager positions in the Natural Systems Project Division will be created in Fiscal Year 2024.

#### Item 6 – SWCD Program Reports

*Director of Finance and Operations – Kelly Dawes*

- On May 11, interviews for the Operations Assistant position will take place.
- On May 17, the first Budget Committee Meeting is scheduled.

#### Item 7 – Standing Committee Reports

There were no Standing Committee Reports.

#### Item 8 – Director' Reports

Steve VanGrunsvan mentioned that Lacey Townsend, Executive Director, sent out information on some Oregon State University (OSU) field days.

Dean Moberg said on April 13, he met with some OSU personnel and SWCDs exploring ways to observe soil organisms through a microscope. On May 1, Dean had an article published in the Cedar Mills News about the Soils of Cedar Mills. On April 15, Dean gave a presentation on Composing Worm Bins at Soil School held at Portland Community College Rock Creek.

Olivia Duren asked if any of the Directors had heard of House Bill 3414. An email she received mentioned this bill would roll back the land use laws to give more leeway to building housing development on rural lands. It was mentioned that she should contact Jim Johnson at Oregon Department of Agriculture to learn more about it.

Luke VanderZanden is looking forward to the sunny weather.

Jerry Ward mentioned next Tuesday, May 16 there will be a Local Advisor Committee meeting to be held at the District.

Item 9 – Adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Marsh, Operations Assistant

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Attested by: Steve VanGrunsven

June 13, 2023  
Date