



Board of Supervisors
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 25, 2017
2:00pm

Present at Meeting:

Eric Johnson, TCD Board Chair	Samantha Fleischner, TCD Board Auditor
Richard Mankamy, TCD Board	Doug Rushton, TCD Board
Aslan Meade, Outgoing TCD Board	Stephanie Bishop, TCD Staff
Robin Buckingham, TCD Staff	Michelle Fossum, Sayre Law
Amy Franks, TCD Staff	Joe Hanna, Public
Joel Hansen, TCD Assoc. Supervisor	Amy Hatch-Winecka, TCD Staff
Shana Joy, WSCC	Ashley McBee, TCD Staff
Cheryl Middleton, ProACT Law	Sarah Moorehead, TCD Staff
Jeff Swotek, NRCS	James Weatherford, TCD Staff

Action Items:

None

Eric Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. There was a quorum.

1. Welcome, Introductions, Audio Recording Announcement, and Pledge of Allegiance

- Welcome, Introductions, & Pledge of Allegiance conducted
- Eric announced meeting being recorded

2. Public Comment

- Joe Hanna:

- Would like to talk to Board about issues brought up last meeting: 1) First, personal opinion that conflict of interest exists between TCD Deputy Director and her husband's organization; After meeting, requested related policy and, upon review, found the policy contains language that specifically makes that relationship a conflict of interest; Review of the RCW could indicate that not only a violation of TCD policy but, as a public entity, a violation of RCW as well; Suggests Board take this issue seriously and look deeper into it; 2) Statement made at last meeting that grant funds issued to the District were not the District's money; Very confused by that; Still trying to figure this out and unfortunately the public disclosure request related to this grant did not answer any questions related to how Staff feel this is not the District's money and that a third-party Board makes the decisions for you on how the money is spent; Again, urges Board to look further into this; Sees Agenda includes something about this grant, which could relate to first his issue re: conflict of interest; 3) Also would like to ask what, if anything, is being done related to complaints made about Staff, clear back to February meeting; Assumed Executive Sessions (ES) have been about that, from description of ESs on prior agendas, but when investigator contacted him, it became very clear that was not what she was investigating; Realized she was investigating the letter that was read in the public meeting during March meeting; Understands that his complaints become a personnel matter that would not be something the Board could speak to specifically, but seeking an acknowledgement that it is being looked into or Board does not think it justifies being looked into; 4) Finally, seems month after month he hears there are more and more monies available for the District to do the easements, but, still even after making my complaint, there is not any movement forward on this; I will ask again today, very specifically, "Why, as my elected and appointed officials, are you not holding Staff accountable for what you have very specifically directed them to do?"; As he previously stated, it has been years since you have directed them to identify properties and pursue it and to-date, you still haven't done a single one; Why?

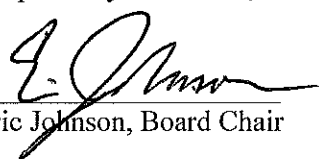
- 54 3. **Agenda Review**
- 55 ▪ Agenda Item #13 time extended to 15 minutes
- 56 ▪ Agenda Item #6 moved after Item #7; To hold Executive Session before items that requires official action
- 57 ▪ Agenda Item #14 removed
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- 59 4. **Partner Reports**
- 60 **A. NRCS, Jeff Swotek**
- 61 ▪ USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP): All Round 3 contracts were signed by June 2st;
- 62 signing deadline; Approx. \$1million awarded to Thurston County farmers; Appreciates support and
- 63 encouragement; Contracts will be obligated before Aug 18th, then implementation begins ; Section 7 ESA
- 64 consultations will need to be done when suitable or occupied habitat for gopher or frogs present
- 65 ▪ On schedule for Section 7 consultation with USFW; Biological assessment will allow to move forward on
- 66 many projects; Looking at being able to move forward in 2018 without having to conduct individual
- 67 consultations; Will also allow to begin to do larger quantities of projects and note where species exist
- 68 ▪ Ernie Holt as acting Area Conservationist sunsets Aug 6th; Then Doug Allen will assume this roll; Roylene
- 69 is coming back 3rd week of August; Overall still in hiring freeze so not filling new positions; Will be very
- 70 lean through end of fiscal year
- 71 ▪ Conservation Security Program (CSP): Has renewals in Thurston County, all of which are forestry
- 72 ▪ Easements: Heard that one is closing; Moving forward - land trusts doing a fantastic job with the ones in the
- 73 queue; Have made it a long way in a short time
- 74 **B. WSCC, Shana Joy**
- 75 ▪ Still awaiting Capitol Budget (CB) for cost share funding; WSCC financial staff currently closing out all
- 76 grants and books; Sent out data request asking CDs to quantify potential impacts of lack of CB; Goal to
- 77 assess all programs and determine what CDs will be able to do if do not receive CB in next millennium
- 78 ▪ Preparing for Aug 23/24 (Ellensburg) Policy Update Meeting; Encourages all to participate
- 79 **C. NACD/WACD, Doug Rushton**
- 80 ▪ **NACD:** Pointed Board & Staff back to update provided in Board packet
- 81 ▪ **WACD:** Pointed Board & Staff back to update provided in Board packet
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- 83 5. **Staff Reports**
- 84 **A. Stephanie Bishop**
- 85 ▪ Reviewed quarterly reports produced for interlocal jurisdictions
- 86 ▪ Nearshore Trips: 249 students participated; Adapted lessons to Next Generation Science Standards
- 87 ▪ Action Projects: Variety throughout Spring; Described various projects that implemented invasive
- 88 removals, planting projects, oyster/shellfish harvests, & prairie restoration; Board & Staff discussed prairie
- 89 restoration project in Squaxin usual and accustomed gathering area; Stephanie would like to work towards
- 90 Squaxin being able to harvest Camas students are planting this year; Doug: Is Squaxin Tribe contributing
- 91 financially?; Steph: May apply to 1% fund in next round to allow time to cultivate project;
- 92 ▪ Wrapped up NOAA grant with Climate Fellows; Conducted stormwater runoff workshops at ORLA
- 93 ▪ Summer Teacher Institute (STI): Topic - glaciers, freshwater, and forests and how resilient they are and
- 94 how to incorporate into classroom curriculums; Overnight at pack Forest; Feedback - one of best ever STIs
- 95 ▪ Provided pre and post survey results for 440 students (subset of 1-2k students worked with); 97% showed
- 96 increase in learning in water quality;
- 97 ▪ Doug: How does nearshore participation compare to previous years? Komachin Middle School sends entire
- 98 school (700 students) every two years, so higher last year; Will also conduct more trips in fall '17
- 99 **B. James Weatherford**
- 100 ▪ Thurston CD becoming govt agency on tech reg; Has figured out process for getting that done; Set up an e-
- 101 authorization under own name to build the site; Had a lot of software issues and programmatic problems but
- 102 worked through them; Robin also got himself set up; Ongoing and moving forward; Richard: How long
- 103 before TCD can accept inquiries?; James: Can't answer reliably; Have to create profile and determine what
- 104 TCD wants to accomplish; Then attach to TSP that is certified for those specific activities; And then move
- 105 forward; Govt agency has no certification or authority on its own; We have to have a certified TSP in each
- 106 category listed; Eric: Have to register individual Staff? James: Yes.

- 107 **C. Robin Buckingham**
- 108 ▪ Got personal profile started on Tech Register; Have to complete profile and await review and approval;
- 109 Starting engineering on culvert removal on McLane Creek; 2 fencing projects on Spurgeon Creek; Heavy
- 110 Use and Manure Storage structure on McLane Creek; Potential stormwater diversion project that currently
- 111 lacks funding, informally consulting with USFW on mazama pocket gopher; Also ongoing Conservation
- 112 Plans; Eric: On culvert replacement project, decided what type of replacement? Robin: Not there yet; Just
- 113 got engineer signed up; Next step to conduct survey work and can followup with more info next quarter
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- 115 **6. Review Policy #4.10: Mid-term Elected Seat Appointments, Eric Johnson**
- 116 ▪ Tabled to July 31st Special meeting
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- 118 **7. Executive Sessions: To Evaluate a Complaint/Charge & Potential Litigation and Performance of a**
- 119 **Public Employee**
- 120 ▪ Executive Session commenced at 2:32pm for 45 minutes, with Board Supervisors, Michelle Fossum, &
- 121 Cheryl Middleton in attendance
- 122 ▪ Board exited Executive Session and returned to public meeting at 3:17pm and announced an additional 30
- 123 minutes were needed
- 124 ▪ Board exited Executive Session and returned to public meeting at 3:47pm and announced an additional 30
- 125 minutes were needed
- 126 ▪ Board exited Executive Session and returned to public meeting at 4:17pm and announced an additional 45
- 127 minutes were needed
- 128 ▪ Board exited Executive Session and returned to public meeting at 5:00pm and announced an additional 30
- 129 minutes were needed
- 130 ▪ Board exited Executive Session and returned to public meeting at 5:30pm and announced no decisions were
- 131 made
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- 133 Eric motioned to adjourn meeting. Richard seconded. Adjourned.
- 134 **8. Board Meeting Minutes Review, All**
- 135 *(June 29th Action Item Reports – Informational Only)*
- 136 **A. Review of June 29, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes, All**
- 137 ▪ Tabled to July 31st Special meeting
- 138 **B. Board Meeting Transcription Services Update, Ashley McBee**
- 139 ▪ Tabled to July 31st Special meeting
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- 141 **9. Financial Reports, Amy Franks**
- 142 **A. Monthly Financial Report**
- 143 ▪ Tabled to July 31st Special meeting
- 144 **B. Check Register**
- 145 ▪ Tabled to July 31st Special meeting
- 146 **C. Vehicle Leasing Program**
- 147 ▪ Tabled to July 31st Special meeting
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- 149 **10. FY 18-17 WSCC Required Forms, Amy Franks**
- 150 **A. FY18 Implementation Addendum**
- 151 ▪ Tabled to July 31st Special meeting
- 152 **B. Resolution #07-2017: Cooperator Rates**
- 153 ▪ Tabled to July 31st Special meeting
- 154 **C. Resolution #08-2017: Cost Share Rate of Reimbursement**
- 155 ▪ Tabled to July 31st Special meeting
- 156 **D. WSCC Authorized Signers**
- 157 ▪ Tabled to July 31st Special meeting
- 158 **E. Bank Authorized Signers Update**

- 159 ▪ Tabled to July 31st Special meeting
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161 **11. Policy Updates, Amy Franks**
162 **A. Resolution #06-2017: Policy #4.6 Subcontracting Procedures and Bid Threshold Update**
163 ▪ Tabled to July 31st Special meeting
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165 **12. Resource Technician Position Hiring Update, Amy Franks**
166 ▪ Tabled to July 31st Special meeting
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168 **13. WRIA 13 Salmon Habitat Recovery Lead Entity 2015-2017, RCO #15-1411P Amendment, Amy HW**
169 ▪ Tabled to July 31st Special meeting
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171 **14. SW WA Regional Ag Business Park, Aslan Meade**
172 ▪ Removed from Agenda (see Agenda Review)
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174 **15. Sentinel Lands Subcommittee, Eric Johnson**
175 ▪ Tabled to July 31st Special meeting
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177 **16. System of Rates & Charges, Amy HW**
178 ▪ Tabled to July 31st Special meeting
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180 **17. Standing Agenda Items**
181 **A. Conservation Easement Update, Amy HW**
182 ▪ Tabled to July 31st Special meeting

183 **18. Potential WACD Resolutions, All**
184 ▪ Tabled to July 31st Special meeting
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186 **19. Roundtable & Adjourn, All**

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192 Eric Johnson, Board Chair