

Thurston Conservation District Consent Agenda Decision Sheet December 12th, 2019



Consent Agenda - Action Item

- A. November 21st, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. NACD Urban Agriculture Grant
- C. TRPC Associate Membership

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Proposed action: accept without amendment and approve.

Action taken:

Passed Moved for discussion during meeting Tabled to future meeting

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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF THE THURSTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
WASHINGTON ON December 12th, 2019 AND EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

SIGNED:

TJ Johnson, Board Chair

Betsie DeWreede, Vice Chair

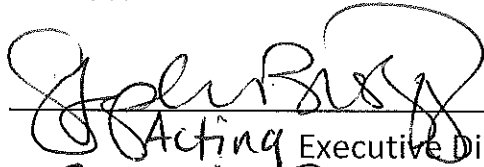
Doug Rushton, Board Member

*Abstain from vote,
Approve and to firm and
content*

David Iyall, Board Auditor


Paul Pickett Board Member

ATTEST:


Acting Executive Director
Stephanie Bishop



Meeting: 5:30pm – 8:30pm

Present at Meeting:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair
Betsie DeWreede, TCD Board Vice Chair
David Iyall, TCD Board Auditor
Paul Pickett, TCD Board Supervisor
Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor
Ben Cushman, TCD Attorney

Leah Kellogg, TCD Staff
Stephanie Bishop, TCD Staff
Susan Shelton, TCD Staff
Mark Hamilton, WFSE Representative
Chris Stearns, TCD Associate Supervisor
Jeff Freimund, Outside TCD Council

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4 **Summary of Action Items:**

- 5 1. **The Board requested an Annual Financial Report along with the November and**
6 **December Financial Report at the January 30th, 2020 Board meeting.**
7 2. **Staff will update employee handbook.**
8 3. **Supervisor Johnson will reach out to applicants and explain the Board's position on**
9 **Associate Supervisors and the Advisory Committee.**

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12 **Summary of Motions Passed:**

- 13 • ***Supervisor Pickett moved to adopt the Revised Agenda. Supervisor Rushton seconded.***
14 ***Motion passed unanimously.***
15 • ***Supervisor DeWreede moved to adopt the revised Consent Agenda. Supervisor Iyall***
16 ***seconded. Motion passed Supervisor Rushton abstained.***
17 • ***Supervisor Rushton moved to call the vote for appointment or reappointment of***
18 ***Associate Supervisors and then table the vote pending approval of the policy on***
19 ***Citizens Advisory Committee, preserving status quo of appointed Associate Supervisors***
20 ***until vote is taken. Supervisor Iyall Seconded. Amended Motion passed unanimously.***
21 • ***Supervisor Pickett moved to adjourn. Supervisor DeWreede seconded. Motion passed***
22 ***unanimously***

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Full Version of the Minutes

26 **Welcome & Introductions**

27 5:35pm TCD Board Chair TJ Johnson called the December 12, 2019 TCD Regular Board
28 Meeting to order. Thurston CD Board, Staff, partners, and public introduced themselves.
29 Supervisor Pickett announced that the meeting is audio recorded.

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31 **Agenda Review - Action Item**

- 32 • Counsel Cushman requested a Closed Session be added at the end of the meeting to
33 discuss the collective bargaining agreement.
34 • The action item regarding the “WFSE union contract” (7B) was moved to after the
35 Closed Session.

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37 *Supervisor Pickett moved to adopt the Revised Agenda. Supervisor Rushton seconded. Motion*
38 *passed unanimously.*

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40 **Consent Agenda – Action Item**

- 41 A. November 21st, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
42 B. NACD Urban Agriculture Grant Proposal
43 C. TRPC Associate Membership

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45 *Supervisor DeWreede moved to adopt the revised Consent Agenda. Supervisor Iyall seconded.*
46 *Motion passed. Supervisor Rushton abstained.*

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48 **Public Comment** *Three minutes per person

49 Mark Hamilton spoke about the Collective Bargaining Agreement; he thanked the Board for
50 being supportive throughout the negotiations.

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52 **Partner Reports**

53 **A. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Jeff Swotek**

- 54 • Jeff Swotek not present

55 **B. Department of Ecology, Sheila Marcoe**

- 56 • Shelia Marcoe was not present. DOE newsletter was provided by Marcoe and
57 included in the Board packet.

58 **C. Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC), Jean Fike**

- 59 • Jean Fike was not present

60 **D. Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD), Doug Rushton**

- 61 • A result of the vote on proposed resolutions presented at the WACD Annual Meeting
62 Dec. 3 was distributed to the Supervisors.
63 • Tom Salzer will assume his position as the Executive Director of WACD on January
64 2nd 2019
65 • Pierce Conservation District won the 2019 District of the Year award.

66 **E. National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), Doug Rushton**

- 67 • Supervisor Rushton sent the NACD report on December 8th.

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71 **Financial Report**

72 No update was available because the month of November has not closed; this is due to the Board
73 meeting being held two weeks earlier because of the holiday. An electronic version of the
74 November Financial Report will be sent out to the Supervisors on December 20, 2019.

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76 **Action Item: The Board requested an Annual Financial Report along with the November
77 and December Financial Report at the January 30th, 2020 Board meeting.**

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79 **Governance**

80 **A. January Work Session Topic List**

- 81 • Citizens Advisory Council Policy
- 82 • Travel and reimbursement Policy
- 83 • Strategic Plan review
- 84 • Proposed Legislative update
- 85 • Staff presentation
- 86 • December Minutes review
- 87 • Citizen Advisory Policy discussion

88 **B. WFSE Union Contract, *Action Item***

- 89 • Moved until after the closed Executive Session with Counsel Cushman.

90 **C. 2020 Election Update, *Action Item***

- 91 • Nora gave an update in the Work Session.
- 92 • Election staff starts work on December 16th, 2019
- 93 • The application timeline comes to a close on December 15th, 2019.
- 94 • Ballots should be available starting December 23rd, 2019.

95 **D. Associate Supervisor review**

- 96 • Tabled until Citizens Advisory has been discussed.
- 97 • Two applications have been received for Associate Supervisor positions and one
98 request to renew an existing Associate Supervisor position.

99 *Supervisor Rushton moved to call the vote for appointment or reappointment of Associate
100 Supervisors and then table the vote pending approval of the Policy on Citizens Advisory
101 Committee, preserving status quo of appointed Associate Supervisors until vote is taken.
102 Supervisor Iyall Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

103 **Executive Session:** *To discuss pending litigation with legal counsel*

104 In attendance: Supervisors Pickett, DeWreede, Iyall, Johnson, Rushton, Legal Counsel Ben
105 Cushman and Legal Counsel, Jeff Freimund outside Legal Counsel, and Acting Executive
106 Director Stephanie Bishop

107 *Closed Session opened 6:23 pm for 15 minutes, ended at 6:38*

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108 *RCW 42.30.110 (i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters*
109 *relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the*
110 *agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a*
111 *member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public*
112 *knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial*
113 *consequence to the agency.*

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117 ***Regular meeting opened at 6:22pm.***

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119 **Executive Session Report Out**

120 Nothing to report

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122 **Closed Session:** *To discuss ongoing Collective Bargaining Agreement with WFSE*

123 *In Attendance: Supervisors and Counsels Cushman and Freimund*

124 *In attendance: Supervisors Pickett, DeWreede, Iyall, Johnson, Rushton, and Legal Counsel Ben*
125 *Cushman and Legal Counsel Freimund.*

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128 *This session is closed and excluded from application of the OPMA by: Collective bargaining*
129 *sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and*
130 *discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or (b) that portion*
131 *of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to*
132 *be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional*
133 *negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the*
134 *negotiations or proceedings while in progress.*

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138 ***Regular meeting opened at 6:39pm.***

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140 **Closed Session Report Out:**

141 The Board directed Legal Counsel to contact the Union to clarify the wording in Article 32. The
142 Board is not in disagreement with the intent of Article 32. The Action Item “**WFSE Union**
143 **Contract**” was tabled. The final version shall be presented electronically to the Board by
144 January 2nd and the Board will hold a Special Session on January 9th to return to the Action Item.

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146 **Other Reports**

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147 **A. Board of Supervisor Reports**

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 - Enduris encourages updating the employee handbooks.

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150 **Action Item- Staff will update employee handbook.**

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 - Supervisor Rushton has been re-elected as a NACD Director.

153 **B. Executive Director Report**

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 - Nothing to report.

155 **C. Correspondence**

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 - TCD needs to contact the Associate Supervisor applicants.

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158 **Action item- Supervisor Johnson will reach out to applicants and explain the Board's**
159 **position on Associate Supervisors and the Advisory Committee.**

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 - The Board would like more information regarding the email sent by the WACD

162 regarding shellfish, for discussion at a future work session.

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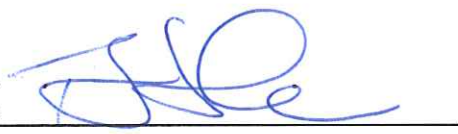
164 *Supervisor Pickett moved to adjourn. Supervisor DeWreede seconded. Motion passed*
165 *unanimously.*

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167 **Adjourn 7:30pm**

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169 Respectfully,

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T.J. Johnson
TCD Board Chair

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