

**Thurston Conservation District
Consent Calendar Decision Sheet
August 27, 2020 Board Meeting**



A. July 30, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

Proposed action: accept without amendment and approve.

Action taken:

Passed Moved for discussion during meeting Tabled to future meeting

B. July Financial Report

Proposed action: accept without amendment and approve.

Action taken:

Passed Moved for discussion during meeting Tabled to future meeting

C. WCC-2040 Ecology Crew Contract

Proposed action: accept without amendment and approve.

Action taken:

Passed Moved for discussion during meeting Tabled to future meeting

D. TCD Standards for Community Member Conduct

Proposed action: accept without amendment and approve.

Action taken:

Passed Moved for discussion during meeting Tabled to future meeting

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF THE THURSTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT,
WASHINGTON ON August 27, 2020 AND EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

SIGNED:

TJ Johnson, Board Chair

Betsie DeWreede, Vice Chair

Doug Rushton

Doug Rushton, Board Member

David Lyall

David Lyall, Board Auditor

Helen Wheatley

Helen Wheatley, Board Member

ATTEST:

Sarah Moorehead

Sarah Moorehead, Executive Director

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors

August 27th, 2020
Regular Meeting Minutes – Virtual GoToMeeting
(5:30- 6:36pm)
Originally scheduled: (5:30pm – 8:00pm)



1 Meeting: 5:30pm – 8:00pm

Present at Meeting:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair	Ben Cushman, TCD Attorney
Betsie DeWreede, TCD Vice Chair	Leah Kellogg, TCD Staff
David Iyall, TCD Board Auditor	Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director
Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor	Jean Fike, WSCC
Helen Wheatley, TCD Board Supervisor	

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27

Summary of Action Items:

- **ACTION ITEM:** When the official statement regarding the Suspension of Open Public Meetings act is released, Executive Director Sarah Moorehead will inform the Board and send out the details via email.
- **ACTION ITEM:** 2019 Resolution *CD Input into WSCC Staff Evaluations* will be added to the September Board Meeting Agenda as an Action Item.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Supervisor Wheatley will send the draft of the Steering Committee’s Mitigation Plan to Sarah Moorehead for distribution to the Board.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Supervisor Wheatley will draft an official comment on the Steering Committee’s Mitigation Plan utilizing input from TCD Supervisors and Staff which will be presented by Supervisor Wheatley during the TRPC Steering Committee’s upcoming public comment period.
- **ACTION ITEM:** In October, the TCD Work Sessions will resume being held on the second Thursday of each month from 3-5:30pm.

Summary of Motions Passed:

- *Supervisor Wheatley moved to adopt the Agenda. Supervisor Iyall seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).*
- *Supervisor Rushton moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Wheatley seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).*
- *Supervisor DeWreede moved to adjourn. Supervisor Iyall seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).*

Full Version of the Minutes

28 **Welcome & Introductions**

29 5:30pm TCD Board Chair TJ Johnson called the August 27th, 2020 Regular Board Meeting to
30 order via an online forum Go To Meeting. Thurston CD Board and Staff were introduced by the
31 Board Chair verbally. Supervisor DeWreede joined the meeting late, arriving at 6:07pm. Chair
32 Johnson will name out Supervisors on each vote and announced that the meeting is audio
33 recorded.

34 **Agenda Review - Action Item**

35

36 *Supervisor Wheatley moved to adopt the Agenda. Supervisor Iyall seconded. Motion passed*
37 *unanimously, (4-0).*

38

39 **Consent Agenda – Action Item**

40

- July 30th, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
- July Financial Report
- WCC-2040 Ecology Crew Contract
- TCD Standards for Community Member Conduct

41

42

43

44

45 *Supervisor Rushton moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Wheatley seconded.*
46 *Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).*

47

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

49 No members of the public attended via *Go to Meeting*.

50

51 **Partner Reports**

52

A. WSCC Update, Jean Fike

53

- The public comment period for the election WAC changes will expire September 1st; the September WSCC meeting will address action to be taken regarding this topic.
- The commission is asking at least two Supervisors from each district to attend the elections workshop, which will be held online October 2nd.
- The upcoming WSCC Legislation Packages will define implementation allocations to CD's across the state and how the Commission will absorb the 15% cut in their implementation budget.

54

55

56

57

58

59

60

61

B. WACD and NACD Update, Supervisor Doug Rushton

62

- A written report was provided in the Board Meeting packet.
- The NACD Pacific Region meeting will be held on September 1st.
- October 31st is the WACD Strategic Plan meeting.

63

64

65

66

Covid-19 Update, All

67

A. Agro-tourism

68

- Guidelines have been established for stage 2 counties These guidelines may affect stage 3 counties (Thurston County is in stage 3) in the future.
- The guidelines affect local farm-based events such as: pumpkin patches, haunted houses, corn mazes, and hay rides.
- TCD Staff is looking into USDA Crop Relief for support that may be applicable to agro-tourism.
- The Economic Development Council may provide relief funds for farm-based businesses affected by the state's guidelines.

69

70

71

72

73

74

75

76

B. Suspension of Open Public Meeting Act

- 77 • The Governor’s decree that all public meetings may be held via online forum is
78 set to end September 1st. It is assumed that the decree will be extended, at least
79 until the next legislative session.

80
81 **ACTION ITEM: When the official statement regarding the Suspension of Open Public**
82 **Meetings act is released, Executive Director Sarah Moorehead will inform the Board and**
83 **send out the details via email.**

84 **Governance, All**

85 **A. WACD Resolutions- 2019 Resolution Status & New Resolutions to consider.**

- 86 • The Board members reviewed WACD resolutions sponsored by the 2019 TCD
87 Board of Supervisors, with the intent of adding approved resolutions to September
88 Board Meeting as action items.
89 • No new WACD resolutions were brought forward for discussion.
90 • The Board discussed the 2019 Resolution on CD input into WSCC staff
91 evaluations.

92
93 **ACTION ITEM: 2019 Resolution *CD Input into WSCC Staff Evaluations* will be added to**
94 **the September Board Meeting Agenda as an Action Item.**

95
96 **B. Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan Update & Discussion**

- 97 • The update for Thurston Regional Planning Commission’s Climate Mitigation
98 plan will be available August 29, 2020.
99 • TCD’s involvement in the Mitigation Plan includes: Supervisor Iyall as council
100 member, TCD Staff as participants on the Advisory Committee, and Supervisor
101 Wheatley who will begin working with the Steering Committee.
102 • This Mitigation Plan is focused on the complete carbon cycle, not simply the
103 reduction of greenhouse gasses with the goal of being carbon neutral by 2050.
104 Other elements are being discussed with the possibility of expanding the scope of
105 the plan over the coming months.

106
107 **ACTION ITEM: Supervisor Wheatley will send the draft of the Steering Committee’s**
108 **Mitigation Plan to Sarah Moorehead for distribution to the Board.**

109
110 *Supervisor DeWreede joined the meeting at 6:07 during Governance - Item B discussion.*

111
112 **ACTION ITEM: Supervisor Wheatley will draft an official comment on the Steering**
113 **Committee’s Mitigation Plan utilizing input from TCD Supervisors and Staff which will be**
114 **presented by Supervisor Wheatley during the TRPC Steering Committee’s upcoming**
115 **public comment period.**

116
117 **C. September Work Session Topic List**

- 118 • Topic Review List
119 • Staff presentation by Adam Peterson
120 • Edit and Review of the August 27th BM Minutes
121 • Covid-19 Health Update
122 • Incorporation of the 1947 boundaries of Yelm, Rochester, and Tenino into TCD
123 service area.

- 124 • Conservation and Education Center
- 125 • TCD Resolution Development
- 126 o TCD Board Comments on Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Plan
- 127 • 2021 Election Discussion
- 128 • September BM Agenda development
- 129 • Updates and Announcements for Board and ED
- 130

131 **ACTION ITEM: In October, the TCD Work Sessions will resume being held on the second**
132 **Thursday of each month from 3-5:30pm.**

133
134 **Other Reports**

135 **A. Board of Supervisor Report, All**

- 136 • The Farmland Mitigation Group has an upcoming meeting in September.
- 137 Supervisor Johnson and Staff have worked on collecting data and specific
- 138 language to cover policies with City of Olympia officials.

139 **B. Executive Director Report, Sarah Moorehead**

- 140 • Due to Covid-19, TCD has developed virtual workshops which have been very
- 141 successful. The last workshop had 250 attendees and had to turn away at least 50
- 142 people due to reaching the online occupancy limit. The workshops are recorded
- 143 and made available to the public to watch at a later time.
- 144 • Staff has been reaching out to other partners for funding sources regarding
- 145 farmland preservation work.
- 146

147 *Supervisor DeWreede moved to adjourn. Supervisor Iyall seconded. Motion passed*
148 *unanimously, (5-0).*

149
150 **Adjourn 6:36pm**

151 Respectfully,



TJ Johnson
TCD Board Chair

153