

Thurston Conservation District
Consent Calendar Decision Sheet
September 24, 2020 Board Meeting



A. August 28, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

Proposed action: accept without amendment and approve.

Action taken:

Passed Moved for discussion during meeting Tabled to future meeting

B. August Financial Report

Proposed action: accept without amendment and approve.

Action taken:

Passed Moved for discussion during meeting Tabled to future meeting

C. WACD Resolution: WSCC Staff Evaluations

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 September 24, 2020 AND EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

SIGNED:

TJ Johnson, Board Chair


Betsie DeWreede, Vice Chair

Doug Rushton, Board Member

David Iyall, Board Auditor


Helen Wheatley, Board Member

ATTEST:


Sarah Moorehead, Executive Director

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors

September 24th, 2020
Regular Meeting Minutes – Virtual GoToMeeting
(5:30- 7:29pm)
Originally scheduled: (5:30pm – 8:00pm)



1 **Meeting: 5:30pm – 8:00pm**

Present at Meeting:

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

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Summary of Action Items:

- **ACTION ITEM:** Add the WDFW discussion and survey to the October Work Session Topic List.
- **ACTION ITEM-** Staff will post notices of a discussion for an election resolution at the October Work Session.

Summary of Motions Passed:

- *Supervisor Rushton moved to adopt the Agenda. Supervisor Wheatley seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).*
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- *Supervisor DeWreede moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Wheatley seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).*
- *Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the MOU Thurston County Interlocal Agreement- Rates and Charges. Supervisor DeWreede seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).*
- *Supervisor Iyall moved to approve the Professional Services Contract 2020-01. Supervisor DeWreede seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).*
- *Supervisor Iyall moved to adjourn. Supervisor Wheatley seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).*

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24 **Welcome & Introductions**

25 5:30pm TCD Board Chair TJ Johnson called the September 24th, 2020 Regular Board Meeting to
26 order via an online forum *GoToMeeting*. Thurston CD Board and Staff were introduced by the
27 Board Chair verbally. Supervisor Iyall joined during the Partner Reports. Chair Johnson will
28 name out Supervisors on each vote and announced that the meeting is audio recorded.

29 **Agenda Review - Action Item**

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Incorporating the Shore Friendly Consulting Geologist contract to 7E, moving the October Work Session Topic List to 7F.

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

Consent Agenda – Action Item

- August 27th, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
- August Financial Report
- WACD Resolution: WSCC Staff Evaluation

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

Public Comment *Three minutes per person

There was a typo on the Go to Meeting invite that was displayed for the public. The chair opted to accommodate any members of the public joining after Item 3 by revisiting the Public Comment section later in the meeting.

No members of the public attended via Go to Meeting at present.

Partner Reports

A. WSCC Update, Jean Fike

- Saturday September 26 WSCC hosted an all-district election conversation, to address the comments received by the district surveys submitted earlier this year.
- Policy to cancel CD elections in the event of only one candidate has been eliminated.
- There is a requirement of one individual per district attend the WSCC election training.
- WDFW has requested to be added as a full voting member of the commission governing body. The commission would like feedback from districts and a survey is available via email.

ACTION ITEM: Add the WDFW discussion and survey to the October Work Session Topic List.

Supervisor Iyall joined the meeting.

B. WACD and NACD Update, Supervisor Doug Rushton

- Nothing to add from the submitted material in the Board Packet.

C. Department of Ecology (DOE), Alena Reynolds

- 72 • There were several Non-Point Source Pollution (NPSP) complaints that are being
73 addressed by DOE.

74 **D. NRCS Update, Robin Buckingham**

- 75 • Robin was recently hired to replace Jeff Swotek and will be the NRCS liaison to
76 TCD providing monthly reports to the Board.

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79 **Covid-19 Update, Sarah Moorehead**

- 80 • Orca Recovery Day is October 17 and Thurston County Health guidelines are being put
81 in place to ensure the safety of volunteers and staff.
82 • The outdoor activity is being organized with social distancing in mind. There will be
83 separate work zones where small groups or individual volunteers can work on invasive
84 species removal.
85 • If Orca Recovery Day is successful the district will continue to work with Thurston
86 County Health Department on projects moving forward.

87 **Governance, All**

88 **A. Conservation and Education Center - Assessment of Needs**

- 89 • The Executive Director presented a document which condensed the narrative and
90 discussions of previous meetings.
91 • This document will be used to guide consultants and partners moving forward.

92 **B. 2021 Elections Discussion**

- 93 • A notice of intent to discuss adopting an elections resolution will be distributed
94 prior to the October Work Session.

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96 **ACTION ITEM- Staff will post notices of a discussion for an election resolution at the**
97 **October Work Session.**

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- 99 • The Board unanimously agreed to keep Staff member Nora White as the Election
100 Supervisor.
101 • TCD will be using the Thurston County Auditor's trained employees to help
102 facilitate the election.
103 • Supervisors prefer the election date occur between the end of January and early
104 February 2021. The date for the election must occur before the end of March.

105 **C. Thurston County Interlocal Agreement – Rates & Charges**

- 106 • Thurston County has reviewed the document and approved of the changes made
107 from the 2020 agreement.

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109 *Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the MOU Thurston County Interlocal Agreement-*
110 *Rates and Charges. Supervisor DeWreede seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).*

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112 **D. Attendance at the WACD SW Area Meeting**

- 113 • The TCD Board reviewed attendance at the WACD SW Area Meeting.
114 • Supervisor Rushton will be presenting TCD's Resolution. Supervisors Rushton,
115 Iyall and Wheatley will attend the meeting on behalf of the Board.

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117 ACTION ITEM- Sarah Moorehead will give a presentation on TCD's accomplishments
118 and actions over the last year at the WACD SW Area Meeting.

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120 **E. Shore Friendly Consulting Geologist**

- 121 • The professional service contract complies with the requirements of the Shore
122 Friendly Grant.

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124 *Supervisor Iyall moved to approve the Professional Services Contract 2020-01. Supervisor*
125 *DeWreede seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).*

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128 **F. October Work Session Topic List**

- 129 1. Topic List review
130 2. Staff presentation: South Sound Green with Stephanie Bishop
131 3. Review and Revise September 24th BM Minutes
132 4. Covid-19 Health Update
133 5. Review and discuss the 2021 budget draft
134 6. 2021 election update- review election draft resolution
135 7. Conservation and Education Center update
136 8. WSCC Survey
137 9. Public comment on Thurston Climate Action Agenda
138 10. Important updates and announcements
139 11. October BM Agenda development

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143 **Executive Session**, To discuss pending litigation with legal counsel

144 In attendance: Supervisors Wheatley, Iyall, Johnson, Rushton, DeWreede, Legal Counsel Ben
145 Cushman, and Executive Director Sarah Moorehead

146 *"RCW 42.30.110 (i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters*
147 *relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the*
148 *agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a*
149 *member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public*
150 *knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial*
151 *consequence to the agency."*

152 *Executive Session opened at 7:08pm for 20 minutes with no action taken, ending at 7:20pm*

153 *Regular meeting opened at 7:20pm.*

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155 **Executive Session Report Out**, TJ Johnson

156 No action was taken. Supervisor DeWreede was unable to re-join the public meeting.

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158 **Public Comment Revisited**,

159 No members of the public were present.

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161 **Other Reports**

162 **A. Board of Supervisors Report, All**

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- Public comment is open for the Thurston Climate Action Plan.
 - 164 • The City of Olympia has scheduled the next meeting to review data compiled by
 - 165 TCD staff as part of the farmland loss mitigation project.
 - 166 • Supervisor Johnson will be unable to attend the October Board Meeting, which
 - 167 will be chaired by Vice Chair Betsie DeWreede.

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

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- Sarah Moorehead has been aggregating funding sources and partners for farmland
 - 170 preservation.

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172 *Supervisor Iyall moved to adjourn. Supervisor Wheatley seconded. Motion passed*

173 *unanimously, (4-0).*

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175 **Adjourn 7:29pm**

176 Respectfully,

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TJ Johnson
TCD Board Chair

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