

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Work Session Minutes

May 23, 2023

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom

Originally Scheduled: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Actual Meeting Time: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm



Present at Work Session:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor

Helen Wheatley, TCD Board Vice Chair

Betsie DeWreede, TCD Board Supervisor

David Iyall, TCD Board Supervisor

Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director

Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff

Nora Carman-White, TCD Staff

- 1 **1.** Topic List Review, *All*
- 2 **2.** Staff Presentation: Prairie and Working Lands Conservation, *Nora Carmen White &*
- 3 *Sarah Moorehead*
- 4 **3.** Conservation and Education Center (CEC) Development Update, *All*
- 5 **4.** TCD Office Relocation Update, *Sarah Moorehead*
- 6 **5.** Resolution #2023-03: Fee Reimbursement, *All*
- 7 **6.** Legislative Update, *All*
- 8 **7.** Important Updates & Announcements
- 9 a. Board of Supervisors, *All*
- 10 b. Executive Director, *Sarah Moorehead (Executive Director)*
- 11 i. TCD Vehicle Update

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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors Regular Board Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2023

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom

Originally Scheduled: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Actual Meeting Time: 6:30 pm – 7:04 pm



Present at Meeting:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

Helen Wheatley, TCD Board Vice Chair

Betsie DeWreede, TCD Board Supervisor

Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor

David Iyall, TCD Board Supervisor

Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director

Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff

Travis Casey, Department of Ecology (DOE)

Jean Fike, Washington State Conservation

Commission (WSCC)

Summary of Action Items

- 1 • None.

Summary of Motions Passed

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- 3 ***Supervisor Wheatley moved to approve the revised Agenda. Supervisor DeWreede seconded.***
- 4 ***Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***
- 5 ***Supervisor DeWreede moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Wheatley seconded.***
- 6 ***Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***
- 7 ***Supervisor Wheatly moved to approve TCD Resolution #2023-03: Fee Reimbursement.***
- 8 ***Supervisor Iyall seconded. Motion passed, (4-0), Supervisor Rushton recused himself.***
- 9 ***Supervisor DeWreede moved to adjourn the May 23, 2023 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor***
- 10 ***Wheatley seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

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11 **Welcome & Introductions**

12 At 6:30 pm, TCD Board Chair TJ Johnson called the May 23, 2023 Regular Board Meeting to
 13 order via the Zoom online forum. TCD Board and Staff were introduced by the Board Chair. For
 14 each vote, TCD Board Chair Johnson called out Supervisors by name. He announced that the
 15 meeting was being video recorded. TCD Supervisors Johnson, DeWreede, and Wheatley
 16 attended the meeting virtually. Supervisors Rushton and Iyall and Executive Director
 17 Moorehead attended the meeting in person at the TCD office.

18 **Agenda Review**

19 The agenda was revised. An item *TCD Resolution #2023-03: A Resolution of the Thurston*
 20 *Conservation District, Amending the 2023 Budget to Provide Reimbursement of Attorney’s Fees*
 21 *Incurred by Supervisor Rushton and Former Supervisor Pickett in Hanna v. Thurston*

22 *Conservation District, Thurston County Case No. 18-2-04704-34* was added to the agenda. TCD
23 office relocation update was added to the agenda and the Executive Session was removed from
24 the agenda.

25 ***Supervisor Wheatley moved to approve the revised Agenda. Supervisor DeWreede seconded.***
26 ***Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

27 **Consent Agenda**

28 A. April 25, 2023, Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes

29 B. May 2023 Financial Report

30 ***Supervisor DeWreede moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Wheatley seconded.***
31 ***Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

32 **Public Comment**

33 No public members were present.

34 **Partner Reports**

35 A. Department of Ecology (DOE) Update, Travis Casey

36 • Mr. Casey provided an update.

37 B. Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Update, Jean Fike

38 • Ms. Fike provided an update.

39 C. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Update, TCD Supervisor Rushton

40 • Supervisor Rushton provided an update.

41 D. Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Update, TCD Supervisor and
42 WACD Board Member Rushton

43 • Supervisor Rushton provided an update.

44 E. National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Update, TCD Supervisor and
45 NACD Board Member Rushton

46 • A written report was provided in the board packet.

47 **Governance**

48 A. TCD Resolution #2023-03: Fee Reimbursement

49 ***Supervisor Wheatly moved to approve TCD Resolution #2023-03: Fee Reimbursement.***

50 ***Supervisor Iyall seconded. Motion passed, (4-0). Supervisor Rushton recused himself.***

51 B. Legislative Update

52 C. Important Updates & Announcements

53 i. Board of Supervisors. *All*

54 ii. Executive Director, *Sarah Moorehead (Executive Director)*

55 D. June 27, 2023 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development

56 **Work Session**

- 57 • Topic List Review, *All*
- 58 • Staff Presentation: 2023 GREEN Congress & K 12 Climate Education, *Stephanie*
- 59 *Bishop*
- 60 • Conservation and Education Center Development, *All*
- 61 • New Office Update, *Sarah*
- 62 • WADE Update, *Sarah*
- 63 • Minutes Review & Revision, *All*
- 64 ○ May 23, 2023 Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
- 65 • Legislative Update, *All*
- 66 • Important Updates & Announcements
- 67 ○ Board of Supervisors, *All*
- 68 ○ Executive Director, *Sarah Moorehead (Executive Director)*

69 **Board Meeting Agenda**

- 70 • Welcome, Introductions, Audio Recording Announcement
- 71 • Agenda Review
- 72 • Consent Agenda
- 73 ○ May 23, 2023 Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
- 74 ○ June Financial Report
- 75 • Public Comment
- 76 • Partner Reports (if present)
- 77 ○ Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 78 ○ Washington State Department of Ecology
- 79 ○ Washington State Conservation Commission
- 80 ○ Washington Association of Conservation Districts
- 81 ○ National Association of Conservation Districts
- 82 • Governance, *All*
- 83 ○ July 23, 2023 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development
- 84 • Executive Session: To discuss the performance of the Executive Director
- 85 • Executive Session: To discuss the selection of a site or the acquisition of real
- 86 estate.

87 ***Supervisor DeWreede moved to adjourn the May 23, 2023 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor***

88 ***Wheatley seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

89 **Adjourn 7:03 pm**

Respectfully,

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TJ Johnson, TCD Chair

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