

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Work Session Minutes

October 24, 2023

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom

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

Actual Meeting Time: 5:00 pm – 5:51 pm



Present at Work Session:

Helen Wheatley, TCD Board Vice Chair

David Iyall, TCD Board Supervisor

Betsie DeWreede, TCD Board Supervisor

Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director

Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel

Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff

Adam Peterson, TCD Staff

- 1 **1.** Topic List Review, *All*
- 2 **2.** Staff Presentation: Drone Photography at Thurston Conservation District, *Adam*
- 3 *Peterson*
- 4 **3.** Area Meeting Update: 2023 WACD Resolutions Report Out, *All*
- 5 **4.** Recap October Legislative Tours, *All*
- 6 **5.** New Office Update, *Sarah Moorehead*
- 7 **6.** Conservation and Education Center (CEC), *All*
- 8 **7.** Important Updates & Announcements
- 9 a. Board of Supervisors, *All*
- 10 b. Executive Director, *Sarah Moorehead (Executive Director)*

Respectfully,

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Helen Wheatley

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Helen Wheatley, TCD Vice Board Chair

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors Regular Board Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2023

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom

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

Actual Meeting Time: 6:30 pm – 7:39 pm



Present at Meeting:

Helen Wheatley, TCD Board Vice Chair
David Iyall, TCD Board Supervisor
Betsie DeWreede, TCD Board Supervisor
Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director
Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel
Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff

Emily Davis, Department of Ecology (DOE)
Dr. Muhammad Ayub, TCD Land Steward of the
Year Award Recipient
Ann Lake
Amelia Miller

Summary of Action Items

- 1 • None.

Summary of Motions Passed

- 3 *Supervisor DeWreede moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Iyall seconded.*
- 4 *Motion passed unanimously, (3-0).*
- 5 *Supervisor Iyall moved to adjourn the October 24, 2023 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor*
- 6 *DeWreede seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (3-0).*

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7 Welcome & Introductions

8 At 6:30 pm, TCD Board Vice Chair Helen Wheatley called the October 24, 2023 Regular Board
9 Meeting to order in person from the TCD office. TCD Board, Staff, members of the public, and
10 Legal Counsel were introduced by the Board Vice Chair. For each vote, TCD Board Vice Chair
11 Wheatley called out Supervisors by name. She announced that the meeting was being video
12 recorded. TCD Supervisor DeWreede attended the meeting virtually. Supervisors Wheatley and
13 Iyall and Executive Director Moorehead attended the meeting in person at the TCD office.
14 Supervisor Rushton and Supervisor Johnson were not in attendance and were excused.

15 Agenda Review

16 No changes were made to the agenda.

17 Consent Agenda

- 18 A. September 26, 2023, Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
- 19 B. October 2023 Financial Report
- 20 C. Thurston County Voluntary Stewardship Program Cost Share Funding Amendment

21 ***Supervisor DeWreede moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Iyall seconded.***
22 ***Motion passed unanimously, (3-0).***

23 **Public Comment**

24 No public members commented.

25 **2023 TCD Community Awards**

26 TCD Community Awards were presented and announced.

27 **Partner Reports**

28 A. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Update, TBD

- 29 • Executive Director, Moorehead provided an update.
- 30 • NRCS has not yet hired the new local field office staff member.

31 B. Department of Ecology (DOE) Update, Emily Davis

- 32 • Ms. Davis provided an update.

33 C. Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Update, TCD Supervisor Rushton
34 was not present.

- 35 • Executive Director, Moorehead provided an update.
- 36 • WSCC's search committee for its new Executive Director is ready to make
37 recommendations.

38 D. Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Update, TCD Supervisor and
39 WACD Board Member Rushton was not present.

- 40 • Executive Director, Moorehead provided an update.
- 41 • The WACD Annual Meeting is coming up on November 27 in Wenatchee.
- 42 • Two of the TCD proposed resolutions were passed at the WACD Southwest Area
43 Meeting on October 16.

44 E. National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Update, TCD Supervisor and NACD
45 Board Member Rushton was not present.

- 46 • No update was provided.

47 **Governance**

48 A. 2024 Budget Development Discussion

49 B. 2024 TCD Election Update

50 C. November 21, 2023 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development

51 **Work Session**

- 52 • Topic List Review, *All*
- 53 • Staff Presentation: Shore Friendly Program Update, Karin Strelieff
- 54 • Conservation & Education Center (CEC) Development, *All*
- 55 • New Office Update, *Sarah Moorehead*
- 56 • Important Updates & Announcements

- 57 ○ Board of Supervisors, *All*
- 58 ○ Executive Director, Sarah Moorehead

59 **Board Meeting Agenda**

- 60 ● Welcome, Introductions, Audio Recording Announcement
- 61 ● Agenda Review
- 62 ● Consent Agenda
 - 63 ○ October 24, 2023 Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
 - 64 ○ November 2023 Financial Report
- 65 ● Public Comment
- 66 ● Partner Reports (if present)
 - 67 ○ Natural Resources Conservation Service
 - 68 ○ Washington State Department of Ecology
 - 69 ○ Washington State Conservation Commission
 - 70 ○ Washington Association of Conservation Districts
 - 71 ○ National Association of Conservation Districts
- 72 ● TCD Resolution #2023-06:2024 Elections Resolution
- 73 ● Governance, *All*
 - 74 ○ 2024 Budget Development
 - 75 ○ December 12, 2023 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development

76 **Executive Session: To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate**

77 *RCW 42.30.110 (1b) To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease*
78 *or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of*
79 *increased price.*

80 The Executive Session opened at 7:25 pm to last no more than 20 minutes and concluded at
81 7:38 pm. In attendance: TCD Board Supervisors DeWreede, Iyall, and Wheatley; TCD Legal
82 Counsel Ben Cushman; and Executive Director Moorehead.

83 **Executive Session Report Out**

84 No action was taken.

85 ***Supervisor Iyall moved to adjourn the October 24, 2023 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor***
86 ***DeWreede seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (3-0).***

87 **Adjourn 7:39 pm**

Respectfully,

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Helen Wheatley

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Helen Wheatley, TCD Board Vice Chair

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