

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors Work Session Minutes

December 17, 2024

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom

Originally Scheduled: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Actual Meeting Time: 5:00 p.m. – 5:27p.m.



Present at Work Session:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

Betsie DeWreede, TCD Board Vice Chair

Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor

David Iyall, TCD Board Supervisor

Marianne TCD Tompkins, Board Supervisor

Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director

Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff

Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel

Heather Smith, WACD SW Area Director

- 1 **1.** Topic List Review, *All*
- 2 **2.** WACD Conference Debrief, *All*
- 3 **3.** NACD Conference Attendance, *All*
- 4 **4.** TCD Policy 6.7 Cash, Reserves, And Investments Amended, *Sarah Moorehead*
- 5 **5.** Riverbend Ranch Project Update, *Sarah Moorehead*
- 6 **6.** Conservation and Education Center (CEC) Development, *All*
- 7 **7.** Important Updates & Announcements
- 8 a. Board of Supervisors, *All*
- 9 b. Executive Director, *Sarah Moorehead*

Respectfully,

Signed by:


TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors Regular Board Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2024

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom

Originally Scheduled: 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Actual Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:12 p.m.



Present at Meeting:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director

Betsie DeWreede, TCD Board Vice Chair

Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff

Dave Iyall, TCD Board Supervisor

Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel

Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor

Heather Smith, WACD SW Area Director

Marianne Tompkins, TCD Board Supervisor

Summary of Action Items

Summary of Motions Passed

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- 2 ***Supervisor DeWreede moved to approve the Agenda. Supervisor Iyall seconded. Motion***
- 3 ***passed unanimously, (5-0).***
- 4 ***Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Tompkins seconded.***
- 5 ***Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***
- 6 ***Supervisor DeWreede moved to approve the TCD Resolution #2024-06: Public Disclosure Index***
- 7 ***Exemption. Supervisor Tompkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***
- 8 ***Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the 2025 TCD Budget. Supervisor Iyall seconded.***
- 9 ***Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***
- 10 ***Supervisor DeWreede moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Supervisor***
- 11 ***Iyall seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***
- 12 ***Supervisor DeWreede moved to adjourn the December 17, 2024 TCD Board Meeting.***
- 13 ***Supervisor Tompkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

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Welcome & Introductions

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15 At 6:00 p.m., TCD Board Chair TJ Johnson called the December 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

16 to order. TCD Board, Staff, members of the public, and Legal Counsel were introduced by Board

17 Chair Johnson. For each vote, TCD Board Chair Johnson called out Supervisors by name. He

18 announced that the meeting was being video recorded. TCD Supervisors Rushton, Tompkins,

19 and Executive Director Moorehead attended the meeting in person at the TCD office.

20 Supervisors Johnson, DeWreede and Iyall attended virtually.

21 **Agenda Review**

22 Board Chair Johnson proposed changing the length of the Closed Session from 20 minutes to
23 10.

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

26 **Consent Agenda**

- 27 A. November 19, 2024, Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
28 B. November Financial Report
29 C. Wild Fish Conservancy Vendor Agreement
30 D. Olympia Ecosystem Vendor Agreement
31 E. Ecology (DOE) Elwanger Water Quality Funding Agreement
32 F. NACD JBLM Sentinel Landscape Amendment Funding Agreement

33 ***Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Tompkins seconded.***
34 ***Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

35 **Public Comment**

36 No public members made comments.

37 **Partner Reports**

- 38 A. National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Update, DaShell Burnham
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 - Ms. Burnham was not present.

40 B. Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Update, Josh Giuntoli
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 - Mr. Giuntoli was not present.

42 C. Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Update, TCD Supervisor
43 Rushton and Heather Smith WACD Southwest Area Representative.
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 - A written update was provided to the board.
 - Heather Smith introduced herself.

46 D. National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Update, TCD Supervisor and NACD
47 Board Member Rushton
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 - Supervisor Rushton gave an update.
 - Congress dropped provisions from the year-end 2018 Farm Bill package that
49 would provide economic assistance for producers, including a provision to
50 integrate all remaining Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) conservation investments in
51 the Farm Bill.
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 - A written update was provided to the board.

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55 **TCD Resolution #2024-06: Public Disclosure Index Exemption**

56 *Supervisor DeWreede moved to approve the TCD Resolution #2024-06: Public Disclosure Index*
57 *Exemption. Supervisor Tompkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).*

58 **Governance**

59 A. 2025 TCD Budget Approval

60 *Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the 2025 TCD Budget. Supervisor Iyall seconded.*
61 *Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).*

62 B. January 28, 2025 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development

63 **Work Session**

- 64 • Topic List Review, *All*
- 65 • Staff Presentation: Harvest Festival & Bulb Sale Debrief & Supervisor Podcast
66 Development, *Kiana Sinner*
- 67 • Community Partner Presentation: TBD
- 68 • TCD Policy 6.7 Cash, Reserves, and Investments Amended, *All*
- 69 ○ TCD Draft Resolution #2025-01: Local Government Investment Pool, *All*
- 70 • Riverbend Ranch Project Update, *Sarah Moorehead*
- 71 • Conservation & Education Center (CEC) Development, *All*
- 72 • Important Updates & Announcements
- 73 ○ Board of Supervisors, *All*
- 74 ○ Executive Director, *Sarah Moorehead*

75 **Board Meeting Agenda**

- 76 • Welcome, Introductions, Audio Recording Announcement
- 77 • Agenda Review
- 78 • Consent Agenda
- 79 ○ December 17, 2024 Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
- 80 ○ 2024 Year-End and January 2025 Financial Reports
- 81 ○ TCD Policy 6.7 Cash, Reserves, and Investments Amended
- 82 • Public Comment
- 83 • Partner Reports (if present)
- 84 ○ National Resources Conservation Service
- 85 ○ Washington State Conservation Commission
- 86 ○ Washington Association of Conservation Districts
- 87 ○ National Association of Conservation Districts
- 88 • Governance, *All*
- 89 ○ January 28, 2025 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development
- 90 • Executive Session: To discuss the selection of a site or acquisition of real estate.

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92 **Closed Session: To discuss Collective Bargaining Negotiations**

93 *RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a) Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including*
94 *contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or*
95 *application of a labor agreement; or (b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing*
96 *body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during*
97 *the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation*
98 *proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in*
99 *progress.*

100 The Closed Session opened at 6:15 p.m. to last no more than 10 minutes and concluded at 6:25
101 p.m. In attendance: TCD board Members Johnson, DeWreede, Ruston, Iyall and Tompkins; TCD
102 Legal Counsel Ben Cushman; and Executive Director Moorehead

103 **Closed Session Report Out**

104 ***Supervisor DeWreede moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Supervisor***
105 ***Iyall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

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

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

110 The Executive Session opened at 6:28 pm to last no more than 20 minutes and concluded at
111 6:48 p.m. In attendance: TCD Board Members Johnson, DeWreede, Rushton, Iyall, and
112 Tompkins; TCD Legal Counsel Ben Cushman; and Executive Director Moorehead.

113 **Executive Session Report Out**

114 No action was taken.

115 **Executive Session: To Review the Performance of the Executive Director**

116 *RCW 42.30.110 (g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to*
117 *review the performance of a public employee.*

118 The Executive Session opened at 6:50 pm to last no more than 20 minutes and concluded at
119 7:10 pm. In attendance: TCD Board Members Johnson, DeWreede, Rushton, Iyall, and
120 Tompkins; and Executive Director Moorehead.

121 **Executive Session Report Out**

122 No action was taken.

123 ***Supervisor DeWreede moved to adjourn the December 17, 2024 TCD Board Meeting.***
124 ***Supervisor Tompkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

125 **Adjourn 7:12 pm**

Respectfully,

Signed by:

TJ Johnson

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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

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