## **Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors Work Session Minutes**

January 28, 2025

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom Originally Scheduled: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Actual Meeting Time: 5:00 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.



## **Present at Work Session:**

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair Betsie DeWreede, TCD Board Vice Chair Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff Kiana Sinner, TCD Staff
Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel
Leonard Hernandez, Thurston County
Manager
Susan Kravit-Smith, Member of the Public

- 1 **1.** Topic List Review, *All*
- 2. Partner Presentation: Meet Leonard Hernandez, Thurston County Manager
- 3. Staff Presentation: Harvest Festival & Native Seed & Bulb Sale, *Kiana Sinner*
- 4. TCD Policy 6.7: Cash, Reserves, and Investments Amended, Sarah Moorehead
  - A. TCD Draft Resolution #2025-02: WA State Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)
- **5.** Employee Management Committee, *Sarah Moorehead* 
  - **6.** TCD Long Term Funding Committee, All
    - 7. 2025 Community Partner Presentations, Sarah Moorehead

Respectfully,



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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

# **Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

January 28, 2025

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom Originally Scheduled: 6:30 p.m. – 7:35 p.m. Actual Meeting Time: 6:30 pm – 7:34 p.m.



## **Present at Meeting:**

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair
Betsie DeWreede, TCD Board Vice Chair
Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor
Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director
Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff

Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel
Josh Giuntoli, Washington State
Conservation Commission (WSCC)
Susan Kravit-Smith, Member of the Public

## **Summary of Action Items**

## 2 Summary of Motions Passed

- 3 Supervisor DeWreede moved to approve the Agenda. Supervisor Rushton seconded. Motion
- 4 passed unanimously, (3-0).
- 5 Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor DeWreede seconded.
- 6 Motion passed unanimously, (3-0).
- 7 Supervisor DeWreede moved to approve the TCD Resolution #2025-01: Cost of Living
- 8 Adjustment. Supervisor Rushton seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (3-0).
- 9 Supervisor DeWreede moved to adjourn the January 28, 2025 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor
- 10 Rushton seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (3-0).

## **Full Version of the Minutes**

### 11 Welcome & Introductions

- 12 At 6:30 p.m., TCD Board Chair TJ Johnson called the January 28, 2025 Regular Board Meeting to
- order. TCD Board, Staff, members of the public, and Legal Counsel were introduced by Board
- 14 Chair Johnson. For each vote, TCD Board Chair Johnson called out Supervisors by name. He
- announced that the meeting was being video recorded. TCD Supervisors Johnson, DeWreede,
- 16 Rushton, and Executive Director Moorehead attended the meeting in person at the TCD office.
- 17 Supervisor Tompkins was not in attendance and was excused. Supervisor Iyall was not in
- 18 attendance.

## 19 Agenda Review

- 20 Supervisor DeWreede moved to approve the Agenda. Supervisor Rushton seconded. Motion
- 21 passed unanimously, (3-0).

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#### 22 **Consent Agenda** 23 A. December 17, 2024, Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes B. 2024 Year End & January 2025 Financial Reports 24 25 C. Ducks Unlimited Vendor Agreement 26 D. Antiquity Consulting Vendor Agreement 27 E. City of Olympia Urban Agricultural Funding Agreement F. TCD Policy 6.7: Cash, Reserves, and Investments Amended 28 29 Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor DeWreede seconded. 30 Motion passed unanimously, (3-0). 31 **Public Comment** 32 No public members made comments. 33 Partner Reports 34 A. National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Update, DaShell Burnham 35 Ms. Burnham was not present. 36 B. Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Update, Josh Giuntoli 37 Mr. Giuntoli gave an update. 38 C. Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Update, TCD Supervisor Doug 39 Rushton. 40 • Supervisor Rushton gave an update. 41 • A written update was provided to the board. 42 D. National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Update, TCD Supervisor and NACD Board Member Rushton 43 44 • A written update was provided to the board. 45 TCD Resolution #2025-01: Cost of Living Adjustment 46 Supervisor DeWreede moved to approve the TCD Resolution #2025-01: Cost of Living 47 Adjustment. Supervisor Rushton seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (3-0). 48 **Governance** 49 A. Annual and Strategic Planning, Sarah Moorehead 50 B. WACD Legislative Day, All 51 C. Conservation and Education Center Development (CEC), All 52 D. February 25, 2025 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development 53 **Work Session** 54 • Topic List Review, All 55 Staff Presentation: Skookumchuck River Restoration Monitoring, Joey Burgess 56 Community Partner Presentation: TBD

• Annual and Strategic Planning, Sarah Moorehead

• WACD Legislative Day Debrief: All

59	Riverbend Ranch Project Update, Sarah Moorehead		
60	<ul> <li>Conservation &amp; Education Center (CEC) Development, All</li> </ul>		
61	Long-Term Funding Committee, All		
62	Important Updates & Announcements		
63	<ul> <li>Board of Supervisors, All</li> </ul>		
64	<ul> <li>Executive Director, Sarah Moorehead</li> </ul>		
65	Board Meeting Agenda		
66	Welcome, Introductions, Audio Recording Announcement		
67	Agenda Review		
68	Consent Agenda		
69	<ul> <li>January 28, 2025 Board Work Session &amp; Meeting Minutes</li> </ul>		
70	<ul> <li>February 2025 Financial Report</li> </ul>		
71	Public Comment		
72	Partner Reports (if present)		
73	<ul> <li>National Resources Conservation Service</li> </ul>		
74	<ul> <li>Washington State Conservation Commission</li> </ul>		
75	<ul> <li>Washington Association of Conservation Districts</li> </ul>		
76	<ul> <li>National Association of Conservation Districts</li> </ul>		
77	<ul> <li>TCD Resolution #2025-02: WA State Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)</li> </ul>		
78	Governance, All		
79	<ul> <li>March 25, 2025 Work Session Topic List &amp; Meeting Agenda Development</li> </ul>		
80	• Executive Session: to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real		
81	estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration		
82	would cause a likelihood of increased price.		
83	<ul> <li>Executive Session: to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency</li> </ul>		
84	litigation or potential litigation.		
85	F. Important Updates & Announcements		
86	Board of Supervisors, All		
87	• Executive Director, Sarah Moorehead		
88	Supervisor DeWreede moved to adjourn the January 28, 2025 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor		
89	Rushton seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (3-0).		
90	Adjourn 7:34 pm		
	Respectfully,		
	signed by:  TJ Johnson		
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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair



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