

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Work Session Minutes

March 25, 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. – 6:03 p.m.



Present at Work Session:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

David Iyall, TCD Board Supervisor

Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor

Marianne Tompkins, TCD Board Supervisor

Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director

Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff

Aimee Richardson, TCD Staff

Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel

Amy Porter, Wolf Haven International

- 1 1. Topic List Review, *All*
- 2 2. Staff Presentation: Food Processing & Tool Rental Program, *Aimee Richardson*
- 3 3. Community Partner Presentation: Wolf Haven International, *Amy Porter*
- 4 4. Honoring Betsie's Board Service, *All*
- 5 5. Tumwater Fresh Program Support, *All*
- 6 6. Annual and Strategic Planning, *Executive Director Moorehead*
- 7 7. Legislative Update, *Executive Director Moorehead*
- 8 8. TCD Long Term Funding Committee, *All*
- 9 9. CBA Metric Committee, *Executive Director Moorehead*
- 10 10. Important Updates & Announcements
- 11 a. Board of Supervisors, *All*
- 12 b. Executive Director, *Executive Director Moorehead*
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Respectfully,

Signed by:

TJ Johnson

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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors Regular Board Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2025

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom

Originally Scheduled: 6:30 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.

Actual Meeting Time: 6:30 pm – 7:05 p.m.



Present at Meeting:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

David Iyall, TCD Board Supervisor

Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor

Marianne Tompkins, TCD Board Supervisor

Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director

Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff

Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel

Josh Giuntoli, Washington State

Conservation Commission (WSCC)

Summary of Action Items

- 1 • None.

Summary of Motions Passed

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3 *Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the Agenda. Supervisor Thompkins seconded. Motion*
4 *passed unanimously, (4-0).*

5 *Supervisor Iyall moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Rushton seconded. Motion*
6 *passed unanimously, (4-0).*

7 *Supervisor Tompkins moved to adjourn the March 25, 2025 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor*
8 *Rushton seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).*

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9 Welcome & Introductions

10 At 6:30 p.m., TCD Board Chair TJ Johnson called the March 25, 2025 Regular Board Meeting to
11 order. TCD Board, Staff, members of the public, and Legal Counsel were introduced by Board
12 Chair Johnson. For each vote, TCD Board Chair Johnson called out Supervisors by name. He
13 announced that the meeting was being video recorded. TCD Supervisors Johnson, Rushton,
14 Tompkins and Executive Director Moorehead attended the meeting in person at the TCD office.
15 Supervisor Iyall attended the meeting online. Supervisor DeWreede was not in attendance and
16 was excused.

17 Agenda Review

18 Supervisor TJ Johnson noted that, earlier at the Work Session, the supervisors agreed to
19 decreased the length of time from 20 minutes to 10 minutes for *Item 7 Executive Session: To*
20 *consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate.*

21 ***Supervisor Rushton moved to approve the Amended Agenda. Supervisor Thompsons***
22 ***seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).***

23 **Consent Agenda**

- 24 A. February 25, 2025, Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
25 B. 2025 March Financial Report
26 C. WA State Department of Fish & Wildlife Funding Agreement

27 ***Supervisor Iyall moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Rushton seconded. Motion***
28 ***passed unanimously, (4-0).***

29 **Public Comment**

30 No public members made comments.

31 **Partner Reports**

- 32 A. National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Update, DaShell Burnham
33 • Ms. Burnham was not present.
34 • Supervisor Johnson gave an update.
35 • At least in Western Washington, the current Environmental Quality Incentive
36 Programs (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Programs (CSP) applications
37 have been ranked and are expected to be funded. At this point the next round of
38 EQIP applications (in the autumn) are also expected to be funded.
39 B. Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Update, Josh Giuntoli
40 • Mr. Giuntoli gave an update.
41 • The Commission is considering offering multiyear funding opportunities in
42 addition to the current biennium funding model.
43 C. Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Update, TCD Supervisor Doug
44 Rushton.
45 • Supervisor Rushton gave an update.
46 D. National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Update, TCD Supervisor and NACD
47 Board Member Rushton
48 • Supervisor Ruston gave a report.
49 • A written update was provided to the board.
50 • TCD Board Supervisors are encouraged to reach out to NACD's Director of
51 Government Affairs Chris Young to share updates and concerns about how
52 recent changes at the federal level are directly affecting CDs.

53 **Governance**

- 54 A. April 22, 2025 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development

55 **Work Session**

- 56 • Topic List Review, *All*
57 • Staff Presentation: *TBD*

- 58 • Community Partner Presentation: *TBD*
- 59 • Legislative Update, *Executive Director Moorehead*
- 60 • Long-Term Funding Committee, *All*
- 61 • Conservation & Education Center (CEC) Development, *All*
- 62 • Important Updates & Announcements
- 63 ○ Board of Supervisors, *All*
- 64 ○ Executive Director, *Sarah Moorehead*

65 **Board Meeting Agenda**

- 66 • Welcome, Introductions, Audio Recording Announcement
- 67 • Agenda Review
- 68 • Consent Agenda
- 69 ○ March 25, 2025 Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
- 70 ○ April 2025 Financial Report
- 71 ○ Adopt 2020-2025 Strategic Plan
- 72 ○ Adopt 2025 Annual Plan
- 73 • Public Comment
- 74 • Partner Reports (if present)
- 75 ○ National Resources Conservation Service
- 76 ○ Washington State Conservation Commission
- 77 ○ Washington Association of Conservation Districts
- 78 ○ National Association of Conservation Districts
- 79 • Governance, *All*
- 80 ○ 2025 Election and Appointment Update
- 81 ○ May 27, 2025 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development
- 82 • **Executive Session:** to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real
- 83 estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration
- 84 would cause a likelihood of increased price.

85 **Executive Session: To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate**
86 *RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b) To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by*
87 *lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause the*
88 *likelihood of increased price.*

89 The Executive Session opened at 6:54 p.m. to last no more than 10 minutes and concluded at
90 7:04 p.m. In attendance: TCD Board Members, Johnson, Rushton, Tompkins and Iyall;
91 Executive Director Moorehead; TCD Legal Counsel Ben Cushman.


92 **Executive Session Report Out:**

93 No action was taken.

94 ***Supervisor Tompkins moved to adjourn the March 25, 2025 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor***
95 ***Rushton seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0).***

96 **Adjourn 7:05 pm**

Respectfully,

Signed by:

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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

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