Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors Work Session Minutes

June 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. – 6:07 p.m.



Present at Work Session:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair
Marianne Tompkins, TCD Board Vice Chair
Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor
David Iyall, TCD Board Supervisor
Jennifer Colvin, TCD Board Supervisor
Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director

Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff Stephanie Bishop, TCD Staff Jae Townsend. TCD Staff Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel

- 1 **1.** Topic List Review, *All*
- Staff Presentation: South Thurston Community Wildfire Protection Plan, Stephanie
 Bishop, Jae Townsend
- 4 3. WADE & Statewide Leadership Meeting Debrief, *Doug Rushton & Executive Director Moorhead*
 - 4. WACD Supplemental Dues Investment, Executive Director Moorehead
- **5.** Farmland Preservation Planning, *Marianne Tompkins*
 - 6. Intro to Cost Share Rate & Labor Rate Resolutions, Executive Director Moorehead
 - 7. Strategic Planning Process, Executive Director Moorehead
- 10 **8.** Long -Term Funding Committee, TJ Johnson (Chair) & Executive Director Moorehead
- **9.** Important Updates & Announcements
- a. Board of Supervisors, All
 - b. Executive Director, Executive Director Moorehead

Respectfully,



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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors Regular Board Meeting Minutes

June 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 – 6:58 p.m.



Present at Board Meeting:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair Marianne Tompkins, TCD Board Supervisor Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor David Iyall, TCD Board Supervisor Jennifer Colvin, TCD Board Supervisor Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel

Summary of Action Items

- 2 Summary of Motions Passed
- 3 Supervisor Tompkins moved to approve the amended Agenda. Supervisor Rushton seconded.
- 4 Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).
- 5 Supervisor Iyall moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Tompkins seconded.
- 6 Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).
- 7 Supervisor Tompkins moved to adjourn the June 25, 2025 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor Iyall
- 8 seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).

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- 9 Welcome & Introductions
- 10 At 6:30 p.m., TCD Board Chair TJ Johnson called the June 25, 2025 Regular Board Meeting to
- 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
- announced that the meeting was being video recorded. TCD Supervisors Johnson, Rushton,
- 14 Tompkins, Iyall, Colvin and Executive Director Moorehead attended the meeting in person at
- 15 the TCD office.
- 16 **Agenda Review**
- 17 Board Chair Johnson proposed to decrease the time for *Item 7: Executive Session* from 20
- 18 minutes to 15.
- 19 Supervisor Tompkins moved to approve the amended Agenda. Supervisor Rushton seconded.
- 20 Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).

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21 **Consent Agenda** 22 A. May 28, 2025, Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes 23 B. June Financial Report 24 D. WSCC 2025-27 Biennium Master Agreement 25 Supervisor Iyall moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Tompkins seconded. 26 Motion passed unanimously, (5-0). 27 **Public Comment** No public members made comments. 28 29 **Partner Reports** 30 A. National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Update, DaShell Burnham 31 Ms. Burnham was not present. 32 B. Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Update, Josh Giuntoli 33 Mr. Giuntoli was not present. 34 C. Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Update, TCD Supervisor and 35 WACD National Director Doug Rushton 36 Supervisor Rushton gave an update. 37 • Executive Director Moorhead gave an update. • As newly elected WADE co-presidents, Executive Director Moorhead and 38 39 Okanogan Executive Director Craig Nelson, will be voting members on the WACD 40 board and participated in the WACD Strategic Planning Committee meeting. 41 • A written update was provided to the board. D. National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Update, TCD Supervisor and NACD 42 43 **Board Member Rushton** 44 Supervisor Ruston gave an update. 45 • A written update was provided to the board. 46 **Governance** 47 A. July 23, 2025 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development 48 **Work Session** 49 • Topic List Review, All 50 Staff Presentation: Green Congress & Sumer Institute for Teachers, Sam Nadell 51 Community Partner Presentation: TBD 52 WSCC 2025-2027 Biennium Cost Share Rate & Labor Rate Resolutions, Executive 53 Director Moorehead 54 • Strategic Planning Process, Executive Director Moorehead • WA Policy Institute Elections Study, *TJ Johnson (Chair)* 55 56 • Long-Term Funding Committee, TJ Johnson, Executive Director Moorehead

Conservation and Education Center (CEC) Development, All

58	Mid-Year Budget Review		
59	 Important Updates & Announcements 		
60	 Board of Supervisors, All 		
61	 Executive Director, Sarah Moorehead 		
62	Board Meeting Agenda		
63	Welcome, Introductions, Audio Recording Announcement		
64	Agenda Review		
65	Consent Agenda		
66	 June 25, 2025 Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes 		
67	 July 2025 Financial Report 		
68	 WSCC 2025-2027 Biennium Cost Share Rate Resolution 		
69	WSCC 2025-2027 Labor Rate Resolution		
70	Public Comment		
71	Partner Reports (if present)		
72	 National Resources Conservation Service 		
73	 Washington State Conservation Commission 		
74	 Washington Association of Conservation Districts 		
75	 National Association of Conservation Districts 		
76	Governance, All		
77	 August 27, 2025 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development 		
78	• Executive Session: to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real		
79	estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration		
80	would cause a likelihood of an increased price.		
81	 Executive Session: to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency 		
82	litigation or potential litigation.		
83	Executive Session: To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate		
84	RCW 42.30.110 (1b) To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease		
85	or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of		
86	increased price.		
87	The Executive Session opened at 6:43pm to last no more than 15 minutes and concluded at		
88	6:58 pm. In attendance: TCD Board Members Johnson, Rushton, Iyall, Tompkins and Colvin; TCD		
89	Legal Counsel Ben Cushman; and Executive Director Moorehead.		
90	Executive Session Report Out		
91	No action was taken.		
92	Supervisor Tompkins moved to adjourn the June 25, 2025 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor Iyali		
93	seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).		

94 **Adjourn 6:58 pm**

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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair



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