

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Work Session Minutes

May 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. – 5:59 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

Jennifer Colvin, TCD Board Supervisor

Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director

Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff

Alex Chacon, TCD Staff

Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel

Heather Smith, Washington Association of
Conservation Districts (WACD)

Craig Nelson, Executive Director, Okanagan
Conservation District

Lauren Dennis, Ross Strategic

Deena Resnick, Office of the Chehalis Basin

Sofia Sherman, Office of the Chehalis Basin

- 1 1. Topic List Review, *All*
- 2 2. Staff Presentation: Olympia Ecosystems Deschutes River Preserve Forest Management
- 3 Plan, *Alex Chacon TCD Stewardship Forester*
- 4 3. Partner Presentation: Long -Term Chehalis Basin Strategy Outreach, *Lauren Dennis, Ross*
- 5 *Strategic*
- 6 4. TCD Board & Staff Annual Summer Gathering, *All*
- 7 5. Rates and Charges, *Executive Director Moorehead*
- 8 6. Strategic Planning Process, *Executive Director Moorehead*
- 9 7. Long -Term Funding Committee, *TJ Johnson & Executive Director Moorehead*
- 10 8. Conservation and Education Center (CEC) Development, *All*
- 11 9. Important Updates & Announcements
- 12 a. Board of Supervisors, *All*
- 13 b. Executive Director, *Executive Director Moorehead*

Respectfully,

Signed by:

TJ Johnson

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

Thurston Conservation District Board of Supervisors Regular Board Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2025

Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual on Zoom

Originally Scheduled: 6:30 p.m. – 7:55 p.m.

Actual Meeting Time: 6:30 pm – 7:25 p.m.



Present at Board Meeting:

TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair

David Iyall, TCD Board Supervisor

Doug Rushton, TCD Board Supervisor

Marianne Tompkins, TCD Board Supervisor

Jennifer Colvin, TCD Board Supervisor

Sarah Moorehead, TCD Executive Director

Sophia Barashkoff, TCD Staff

Ben Cushman, TCD Legal Counsel

Heather Smith, WACD

Craig Nelson, Okanagan Conservation
District

Josh Giuntoli, Washington State
Conservation Commission (WSCC)

Summary of Action Items

- 1 • **None.**

Summary of Motions Passed

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- 3 ***Supervisor Iyall moved to approve the amended Agenda. Supervisor Tompkins seconded.***
- 4 ***Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***
- 5 ***Supervisor Tompkins moved to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Supervisor Rushton***
- 6 ***seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***
- 7 ***Supervisor Tompkins moved to approve item C. National Association of Conservation Districts***
- 8 ***(NACD) Forestry Funding Agreement which was pulled from the Consent Agenda. Supervisor***
- 9 ***Iyall seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (4-0). Supervisor Rushton abstained***
- 10 ***Supervisor Iyall moved to approve items E, F, G, & H Building Conservation Capacity Vendor***
- 11 ***Agreements which were pulled from the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Iyall seconded. Motion***
- 12 ***passed, (4-0). Supervisor Johnson abstained.***
- 13 ***Supervisor Rushton moved to nominate Supervisor Iyall for TCD Auditor. Supervisor Tompkins***
- 14 ***seconded. Motion passed, (5-0).***
- 15 ***Supervisor Rushton moved to nominate Supervisor Johnson for TCD Chair. Supervisor Iyall***
- 16 ***seconded. Motion passed, (5-0).***
- 17 ***Supervisor Rushton moved to nominate Supervisor Tompkins for TCD Vice Chair. Supervisor***
- 18 ***Iyall seconded. Motion passed, (5-0).***
- 19 ***Supervisor Iyall moved to adjourn the May 28, 2025 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor Rushton***
- 20 ***seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

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Welcome & Introductions

At 6:30 p.m., TCD Board Chair TJ Johnson called the May 28, 2025 Regular Board Meeting to order. TCD Board, Staff, members of the public, and Legal Counsel were introduced by Board 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, Tompkins, Iyall, Colvin and Executive Director Moorehead attended the meeting in person at the TCD office.

Agenda Review

Board Chair Johnson asked for *Item 6: Welcome New Board Supervisor* to be moved to Item 3 on the agenda.

Supervisor Iyall moved to approve the amended Agenda. Supervisor Tompkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).

Welcome New Board Supervisor

Supervisor Johnson welcomed Jennifer Colvin to the TCD Board of Supervisors. At their May meeting, WSCC commissioners appointed Jennifer Colvin to TCD's Board for a 3-year term. WSCC commissioners also certified TCD's 2025 Election with TJ Johnson elected to the TCD Board of Supervisors for a 3-year term.

Consent Agenda

Board Chair Johnson asked for *Items E, F, G & H* to be pulled from the Consent agenda. Supervisor Rushton asked for *Item C* to be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

- A. April 22, 2025, Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
- B. May Financial Report
- D. Recreation and Conservation Districts (RCO) Puget Sound Riparian Analysis & Implementation Funding Agreement

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

C. National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Forestry Funding Agreement

Supervisor Tompkins moved to approve item C. NACD Forestry Funding Agreement. Supervisor Iyall seconded. Motion passed, (4-0). Supervisor Rushton abstained

Building Conservation Capacity Vendor Agreements

- E. Nisqually Land Trust: Building Conservation Capacity Vendor Agreement
- F. Capitol Land Trust: Building Conservation Capacity Vendor Agreement
- G. Olympia Ecosystems: Building Conservation Capacity Vendor Agreement
- H. Community Farmland Trust: Building Conservation Capacity Vendor Agreement

Supervisor Iyall moved to approve items E, F, G, & H Building Conservation Capacity Vendor Agreements which were pulled from the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Iyall seconded. Motion passed, (4-0). Supervisor Johnson abstained.

Public Comment

Craig Nelson said he was glad to be able to attend the meeting to learn about TCD's model of governance.

Partner Reports

A. National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Update, DaShell Burnham

- Ms. Burnham was not present.
- Supervisor Rushton gave an update.

B. Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Update, Josh Giuntoli

- Mr. Giuntoli gave an update.
- WSCC & WACD will co-host an all-district meeting on June 12th in Leavenworth to discuss legislative topics and statewide planning.

C. Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Update, TCD Supervisor and WACD National Director Doug Rushton and WACD Southwest Area Director Heather Smith.

- Director Smith gave an update.
- Supervisor Rushton gave an update.

D. National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Update, TCD Supervisor and NACD Board Member Rushton

- Supervisor Ruston gave an update.
- A written update was provided to the board.

Officer Elections

Supervisor Rushton moved to nominate Supervisor Iyall for TCD Auditor. Supervisor Tompkins seconded. Motion passed, (5-0).

Supervisor Rushton moved to nominate Supervisor Johnson for TCD Chair. Supervisor Iyall seconded. Motion passed, (5-0).

Supervisor Rushton moved to nominate Supervisor Tompkins for TCD Vice Chair. Supervisor Iyall seconded. Motion passed, (5-0).

Governance

A. June 25, 2025 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development

Work Session

- Topic List Review, *All*
- Staff Presentation: Community Wildfire Protection Plan Survey Update, *Jae Townsend*

- 91 • Community Partner Presentation: TBD
- 92 • Strategic Planning Process, *Executive Director Moorehead*
- 93 • Long-Term Funding Committee, *TJ Johnson, Executive Director Moorehead*
- 94 • Conservation and Education Center (CEC) Development, *All*
- 95 • Important Updates & Announcements
- 96 ○ Board of Supervisors, *All*
- 97 ○ Executive Director, *Sarah Moorehead*

98 **Board Meeting Agenda**

- 99 • Welcome, Introductions, Audio Recording Announcement
- 100 • Agenda Review
- 101 • Consent Agenda
- 102 ○ May 28, 2025 Board Work Session & Meeting Minutes
- 103 ○ June 2025 Financial Report
- 104 • Public Comment
- 105 • Partner Reports (if present)
- 106 ○ National Resources Conservation Service
- 107 ○ Washington State Conservation Commission
- 108 ○ Washington Association of Conservation Districts
- 109 ○ National Association of Conservation Districts
- 110 • Governance, *All*
- 111 ○ July 25, 2025 Work Session Topic List & Meeting Agenda Development
- 112 • **Executive Session:** to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real
- 113 estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration
- 114 would cause a likelihood of increased price.

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

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

119 The Executive Session opened at 7:15 pm to last no more than 10 minutes and concluded at
120 7:25 pm. In attendance: TCD Board Members Johnson, Rushton, Iyall, Tompkins and Colvin; TCD
121 Legal Counsel Ben Cushman; and Executive Director Moorehead.


122 **Executive Session Report Out**

123 No action was taken.

124 ***Supervisor Iyall moved to adjourn the May 28, 2025 TCD Board Meeting. Supervisor Rushton***
125 ***seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5-0).***

126 **Adjourn 7:25 pm**

Respectfully,

Signed by:


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TJ Johnson, TCD Board Chair