



**Tualatin River Watershed Council  
Meeting Minutes  
August 7, 2019**

**Stakeholders Present**

Stephen Cruise	County Primary Representative, Washington County
Ashley Short	Environmental Organizations Primary Representative, Tualatin Riverkeepers
Alexis Cooley	Drinking Water Provider Primary Representative (shared position), City of Hillsboro Water Department
Ross Van Loo	Citizen-at-Large
Erin Poor	Citizen-at-Large Primary Representative
Tom Nygren	Small Woodland Owners Primary Representative, Washington County Small Woodlands Association
Bob Baumgartner	Services Districts (Sewerage) Primary Representative, Clean Water Services
Victoria Saager	Citizen-at-Large
Lacey Townsend	Soil and Water Conservation District Primary Representative, Tualatin SWCD
Jon Pampush	Fisheries, Trout Unlimited

**Staff Present**

Scott McEwen	TRWC Executive Director
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**Guests Present**

Kellyn Baez	Clean Water Services
Tim Sautter	Washington County
Scott Smith	Robin's Reach
Shannon Hubler	Robin's Reach
Chris Toole	Citizen-at-Large

**Welcome and Introductions**

Bob Baumgartner, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and reviewed the agenda. Stakeholders, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

### **Presentation: Robin's Reach**

Robin's Reach is a newly formed organization, focusing on citizen science projects. Between 2013 and 2017 the organization focused its efforts on restoring a stretch of Beaver Creek, leading six on-the-ground field operations. Robin's Reach became a 501(c)3 in 2017 with a focus on making restoration programs more effective by monitoring and collecting data. They are looking for projects in the area to collect data, analyze, distribute, etc. They specialize in macroinvertebrate monitoring, but can conduct other monitoring such as streambank erosion and canopy cover. The organization is primarily volunteer-based and they do their own fundraising. One year of macroinvertebrate monitoring would cost less than \$1,000. They are currently in an outreach phase to line up projects. The organization also connects citizen science and mental health issues.

### **Council discussion on possible partnership opportunities with Robin's Reach scientists**

This would be good way to increase monitoring at low cost. One TRWC partnership opportunity that was discussed: macroinvertebrate monitoring on East Fork Dairy to collect baseline data, prior to construction in September. More discussion to continue at tomorrow's Restoration Committee meeting.

### **July 2019 TRWC Minutes**

Tom Nygren moved to adopt the July minutes as amended. Victoria Saager seconded. Adopted by consensus.

### **September Board Training #1**

One of the strategic planning goals is to improve board governance. Board training is included as a line item in the budget. Scott found a consultant, Fresh Take Consulting, that does nonprofit board training. The first training in September will focus on proper non-profit management.

Discussion followed on specific training needs, which include:

- expectations of each board member/group
- difference in types of organizations represented on the Council so roles will be different (e.g. SWCD as funder vs. WCSWA group vs. citizen-at-large members)
- conflict management – divergent views to still reach a decision
- need for well-presented information

Bob, Ashley, and Jon will start looking at by-laws prior to the September board meeting.

## **October Board Training #2**

The second training, which will be held in October, will focus on how to fundraise.

### **Public comment**

Jon asked about the East Fork Dairy project. Scott: all permits are in and work will be done during this year's in-water work window. One landowner has dropped out, but property will be replaced with another property and that's OK with permit and OWEB funds.

Kelly Dawes at TSWCD helped transfer all books to quickbooks online. Last payroll was automated and direct deposit.

Bob: has seen interesting plume of algae working its way down river

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lacey Townsend  
Secretary