



Tualatin River Watershed Council Meeting Minutes November 6, 2019

Stakeholders Present

Ashley Short	Environmental Organizations Primary Representative, Tualatin Riverkeepers
Simon Christensen	Drinking Water Provider Primary Representative (shared position), City of Hillsboro Water Department
Bob Baumgartner	Services Districts (Sewerage) Primary Representative, Clean Water Services
Lacey Townsend	Soil and Water Conservation District Primary Representative, Tualatin SWCD
Jon Pampush	Fisheries, Trout Unlimited
Jan Miller	Citizen-at-Large
Erin Poor	Citizen-at-Large Primary Representative
Victoria Saager	Citizen-at-Large

Staff Present

Scott McEwen	TRWC Executive Director
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Guests Present

Kellyn Baez	Clean Water Services
Wade Peerman	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Tualatin Basin Coordinator
Tim Sautter	Washington County

Welcome and Introductions

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

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Jan Miller moved to adopt the October minutes as amended. Jon Pampush seconded. **Adopted by consensus.**

Public Comment

- Simon – City of Hillsboro has a new Hillsboro Hometown Tap going in at 2nd and Main Street. There will be a contest for artwork for the front of the Tap, with a Tualatin River theme.
- Bob – Dark Waters film coming out about an environmental lawsuit against a chemical company, exposing a long history of intentional pollution.
- Kellyn – A public hearing on the Design & Construction Standards will be held on November 12.

Viewing of “rough cut” of the East Fork Dairy Creek Large Woody Debris video, produced by Brian Kelly

The video tells the story of how we go about assessing streams, prioritizing reaches, putting together projects, and working with landowners on implementing projects.

Presentation: The Urban Living Handbook (Kellyn Baez, Clean Water Services)

Kellyn gave an overview of a new handbook that’s being designed by Clean Water Services and Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District. A draft of the resource will be ready by summer 2020.

Presentation: Review of Bylaws and Operating Procedures (Ashley Short)

Ashley highlighted three main big picture issues:

1. Powers of the Council: Currently, the Council does not have authority to appoint or remove council members; only stakeholder groups retain that right.
2. Bylaws vs. Operating Procedures: The Bylaws should provide the framework and the Operating Procedures should be more narrow and specific. Ashley gave several examples of how the Bylaws and Operating Procedures are written incorrectly.
3. Stakeholder Model: The Council currently operates under a stakeholder model. Whatever model we choose to use will drive many of the language changes that need to be made. This decision needs to be made first, before we amend Bylaws and Operating Procedures.

By end of 2020, the Council will vote on proposed changes. Scott will research seven diverse Watershed Councils to learn about their governance, bylaws, etc to inform the Bylaws Committee.

Update on hiring of Project Manager position

Committee of Stephen Cruise, Kristel Griffith, and Scott interviewed top three candidates. Discussion followed. Scott will continue negotiations with the committee’s top candidate.

Discussion on proposed 2020 Slate of Officers

Chair, Bob Baumgartner; Vice Chair, Erin Poor; Treasurer, Rich Van Buskirk; Secretary, Lacey Townsend. Jan Miller moved to accept the 2020 Slate of Officers as presented. Ashley Short second. **Adopted by consensus.**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lacey Townsend
Secretary