



Tualatin River Watershed Council Meeting Minutes September 1, 2021

Stakeholders Present

Bob Baumgartner	Services Districts (Sewerage) Primary Representative, Clean Water Services
Ashley Short	Environmental Organizations Primary Representative, Tualatin Riverkeepers
Lacey Townsend	Soil and Water Conservation District Primary Representative, Tualatin SWCD
Erin Poor	Citizen-at-large
Rahim Harji	Cities Primary Representative, City of Hillsboro
Simon Christensen	Drinking Water Provider Primary Representative (shared position), City of Hillsboro Water Department – Joint Water Commission
Jon Pampush	Fisheries, Trout Unlimited
Rich Van Buskirk	Education Primary Representative, Pacific University
Stephen Cruise	Washington County, Primary Representative
Greg Mintz	Citizen-at-large

Staff Present

Scott McEwen	TRWC Executive Director
Samantha Sharka	TRWC Project Manager

Guests Present

Emma Martin	City of Hillsboro
Brian Creutzburg	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Welcome and Introductions

Bob Baumgartner, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. Scott and Bob shared the agenda. Stakeholders, staff, and guests introduced themselves. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

Public Comment. No public comment.

Approval of July meeting minutes. Stephen Cruise moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ashley Short seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

Update on Council Member

Victoria Saager, Community Representative, is departing the Council.

Bylaws Committee Update – Bob Baumgartner

This committee has met a couple times and has made some progress on reviewing Council bylaws. Results of the bylaws review will go to the Steering Committee, then the full Council.



Climate Change Forum – Samantha Sharka

The Climate Change Forum, which was being developed pre-covid and had to be canceled due to the pandemic, is back on. It will be a virtual event, October 27, 4:00-5:30 pm. There will be three presenters. Samantha will send outreach materials soon so Council members can help promote.

Restoration Committee Update – Stephen Cruise

The committee needs a new Chair, as Stephen is stepping down from this role. Committee meetings will move to every other month, with the next one being October 14. The Clear Creek large wood placement project has been delayed due to permitting, but hope to have the project completed by the end of September.

DEIJ Committee – Ashley Short

Ashley went through the Council member training preferences survey results for the upcoming DEIJ training. The results were tied at four three-hour sessions and five two-hour sessions. It was decided that the Council would pursue the four three-hour sessions option. Ashley stressed the importance of the Council members committing to the entire series. The Council is paying the consultant \$20,000 for this training and it's important to be an equitable organization in order to continue being successful in grant applications.

Two Year Revisions to Strategic Plan – Scott McEwen

The Strategic Plan revisions were presented at the July meeting, but a quorum was not present for approval. Scott went through the document to review the proposed changes. Rich Van Buskirk moved to adopt the Strategic Plan as revised, with the Equity Action Plan task to be removed. Rahim Harji seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

Draft FY22 Budget – Scott McEwen

A three-page budget narrative was included in the Council meeting packet. Scott reviewed each line item in the budget. Rahim Harji moved to adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 22. Jon Pampush seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

Other Items

Ashley Short asked about water levels in Hagg Lake. Bob Baumgartner said the levels are very low. Levels are similar to 2015 levels, but 2001 was still the worst year. Greg Mintz gave a brief legislature update. There have been no House Bills assigned to the Water Committee yet, and he would be happy to hear about any issues coming up.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lacey Townsend, Co-Secretary