



Tualatin River Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes
December 1st, 2021

Stakeholders Present

Ashley Short	Environmental Organizations Primary Representative, Tualatin Riverkeepers
Bob Baumgartner	Services Districts (Sewerage) Primary Representative, Clean Water Services
Briita Pajunas	Soil and Water Conservation District Secondary Representative, Tualatin SWCD
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
Rich Van Buskirk	Education Primary Representative, Pacific University
Tom Nygren	Forestry Primary Representative, WA County Small Woodlands Association
Stephen Cruise	Washington County, Primary Representative
Erin Poor	Citizen-at-large
Greg Mintz	Citizen-at-large
Brian Creutzburg	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Staff Present

Scott McEwen	TRWC Executive Director
Samantha Sharka	TRWC Project Manager

Guests Present

Anne MacDonald	Clean Water Services
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Welcome and Introductions

Bob Baumgartner, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:01 pm. Bob shared the agenda and introduced an icebreaker. Stakeholders, staff, and guests introduced themselves. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

Public Comment. No public comment.

Approval of November meeting minutes. Simon Christensen moved to approve the minutes as presented. Rahim Harji seconded. **Passed unanimously.**



Council Discussion: The Concept of a Watershed Navigator Position – Anne McDonald, Clean Water Services & Scott McEwen

Anne MacDonald with CWS shared the rationale for a single point of contact that would be cross-jurisdictional and provide technical assistance to residents facing challenging flooding and erosion situations within urban Washington County, specifically within Cedar Mill/ North Johnson Subbasin. This single point of contact need rose out of the Oregon Solutions process (from Governor Kate Browns initiative in 2014). The position rationale and focus was researched by Stamberger Outreach Consulting, over the past year under the direction of Tualatin Watershed Enhancement Collaborative (TWEC) members. The deliverable from this work is a complete job description for a Watershed Navigator technical specialist role. This position will provide public outreach and education, conduct site visits, identify rainwater management demonstration projects at private sites and community sites and work towards implementing these projects. Project siting will employ an equity lens as much as possible. Most projects that the Watershed Navigator will coordinate will relate directly to on-site rainwater management and education about watershed health and function within highly urbanized areas.

The next steps for this Watershed Navigator position development were shared. TWEC members will continue to meet in coming months to discuss questions of how/ where the position will be housed, funded, supervised and other details of the hiring process. The hope is that these items would be determined within the upcoming six months.

Scott presented an Organizational Chart that highlights where the Outreach and Education Program could be located if this WN position were to be housed within the TRWC in the future.

Nomination of 2022 Council Officers

Chair, Bob Baumgartner

Vice Chair, Erin Poor

Treasurer, Rich Van Buskirk

Secretary, Lacey Townsend

Bob presented the current nominations for the Council Officer positions. Scott added that there is interest in beginning to recruit and shift these roles to new members in future years.

Rahim Harji made a motion to approve these nominations and Simon Christensen seconded. The motion was carried by voice vote.



Proposed Amendments to Bylaws and Organizational Procedures – Action Requested

Proposed changes to the Bylaws and Organizational Procedures were moved for adoption.

Rahim made a motion to approve the changes to the Bylaws and Organizational Procedures as presented. Stephen Cruise seconded the motion. Bob welcomed discussion and none was introduced.

The Bylaws and Organizational Procedures were adopted by voice vote.

Adjournment Bob Baumgartner adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Briita Pajunas, Co-Secretary