



Draft Minutes

December 4, 2024

7:00 – 8:30 pm

1. Meeting Called to Order – Rahim Harji
2. Introductions

Council Members

- Rahim Harji – City of Hillsboro
- Lacey Townsend - TSWCD
- Stephen Cruise – Washington County
- Tom Nygren – Washington County Small Woodlands Association
- Sara Burke Kral – Scholls Valley Native Nursery
- Jon Pampush - NGO Representative
- Mark Fitzsimons – Tualatin Riverkeepers
- Lisa Huntington – Clean Water Services
- Rich Van Buskirk – Pacific University

Guests

- Steph Beall - OR Dept. of Forestry
- Brian Daelenbach - Tualatin Riverkeepers
- Tom Murtagh – Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Brittany Contreras – Joint Water Commission
- Junjie Chen
- Alexis Millet – Capacity Building Partnerships

Staff

- Scott McEwen – TRWC
- Antonella Fillet - TRWC

3. Review and Approval of Agenda – Rahim Harji
4. **PRESENTATION: Tualatin Community Survey – Alexis Millett, Capacity Building Partnerships**
The Tualatin Watershed Community Survey is a collaboration between the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District and Tualatin Riverkeepers. It was conducted by Capacity Building Partnerships. The intent of the survey was to survey a broad range of community members and organizational leaders to gain input and insights pertaining to how people are impacted by watershed issues as well as how they interact and access the watershed itself. The information will inform strategic planning processes for both organizations as well as be made available to other community partners who work in the watershed.

Tualatin Watershed Community Feedback

Collaborative opportunity between TRK & TSWCD - Distinct missions with overlapping goals and focus
Center the users rather than the organizations - Individuals, Internal Board and Staff, Institutions

Community Survey

- Leaders, staff, CPO, agency, institutions, individuals
- 29-37 respondents depending on questions

Focus groups

- Centro Cultural, Welcoming Beaverton, Islamic Community Center of Hillsboro
- Felt the most valuable
- Unanimous agreement - Natural areas are essential for well-being – Parks
- Concerned about the impact of new development on existing green spaces
- Concerned about air and water quality due to industrialization – safety concerns
- Worried about extreme heat & weather change – impact on agriculture & people
- Climate change is impacting them, more of a goal for economically privileged
- Poor cell coverage is an issue for people gathering outdoors
- Gardening & agriculture came up frequently

Notable Findings: Survey & Organizations

Significant differences between All respondents and culturally specific orgs

- What natural resources focus areas are most important?
- What would you like to see our orgs provide more of?

Alignment

- What are the biggest challenges to providing access to nature?
- Where are there gaps in services?

Notable Findings: Survey

General alignment among respondents – importance of natural areas

Significant differences

- What would you like to see more of in natural areas

5. Public Comment - Tom Murtagh - Coho 53,170 (29,000 in 2023)

6. Approval of November 2024 Minutes – Approved

7. Nomination of 2025 Slate of Officers

Motion – Rich Van Buskirk

Second - Jon Pampush

- Chair – Sara Burke Kral
- Vice Chair - Pending
- Secretary – Eve Goldman – Tualatin Riverkeepers
- Treasurer – Lacey Townsend - TSWCD

Unanimously Approved

We will have a Vice Chair ready to be nominated at the next meeting

A. Discussion Strategic Topics for 2025 Council Meetings (Strengthen our role as convener)

1) Two Strategic Topics proposed by Steering Committee

- Population Growth, Urban Growth Boundaries, Impact of Growth
- Climate Change
 - Winners and losers
 - Climate action plans local government
 - Water resource impact
- Other topics
 - Micro-plastics
 - 6PPD

8. Regional eDNA Information Sharing and Collaboration Workshop

- When: January 8th – 12:00 to 4:00 pm
- Where: Durham Wastewater Treatment Facility - 16580 SW 85th Ave., Tigard, Oregon
- Sponsored by the Tualatin River Watershed Council and Clean Water Services

9. Adjourn 8:27pm