



TUALATIN RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

Engaging The Community To Sustain Our Watershed

Tualatin River Watershed Council Meeting Minutes February 7, 2024

Sector Representatives Present

Rich Van Buskirk	Education Representative – Pacific University
Bob Baumgartner	Local Govt and Special Districts (Sewer Districts) – Clean Water Services
Mark	NGO Representative – Tualatin Riverkeepers
Lacey Townsend	Local Govt and Special Districts (SWCDs) – Tualatin SWCD
Rodney Jacobs	Forestry Representative – Stimson Lumber Company
Maly Haghsheenas	Local Govt and Special Districts – Joint Water Commission
Rahim Harji	Local Govt and Special Districts (Cities) – City of Hillsboro
Stephen Cruise	Local Govt and Special Districts – Washington County
Sara Krall	Agricultural Representative

Staff Present

Scott McEwen	Tualatin River Watershed Council Executive Director
Antonella Fillet	Tualatin River Watershed Council Project Manager

Guests Present

Jill Erickson	CWS
Kadie Robinson	CWS
Stephanie Beal	ODF
Eva Guggemos	Pacific University

Other Guests from:

- Washington County
- Sheriff's house Rep
- Other

Welcome and Introductions

Rich Van Buskirk opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Stakeholders, staff, and guests introduced themselves and the sector they represent. The meeting was held both in a person, at the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District, and virtually.

Review and Approval of the Agenda

- Agenda proposed



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Presentation:

Scott introduced Eva Guggemos and talked about the recently published Tribal Histories book and the work the Wisdom of the Elders does.

Title: Native Peoples in the Tualatin River Watershed: A Very Brief History

Presenter Bio: Eva Guggemos is the University Archivist and an Associate Professor at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon. She has an M.A. in History from Yale University, a Master of Library Science from Simmons University, and a B.A. from the University of Kansas. At Pacific, she oversees the Archives, Art and Museum collections. Eva has a special interest in Native American issues and has intensively researched the [Forest Grove Indian Industrial Training School](#) as well as the history of tribes, missionaries and farmers in early Forest Grove. In addition to managing Pacific's cultural collections, Eva teaches classes in historical research. She has been researching the history of the Forest Grove Indian School for ten years, and recently published a website documenting deaths and burials of children at Chemawa Indian School.

Eva's presentation is from the perspective of an archivist – the written record.

She discussed:

- The Forest Grove residential school
- Forcible assimilation
- Pre-contact Kalapuyan society, the spoken language, and their presence in the watershed
- Winter villages at 18 named locations and the lack of systematic archaeology to place them
- Between 1780 and 1830 epidemics killed 90% of the native people.
- By 1860, 60 to 70 Atfalati were left of an estimated 2,000
- The first regional farms were established in the 1840's.
- Wapato was a historical gathering point and the remaining settlement of Atfalati
- Settler incursions began in 1852
- Norther tribes were moved to Grand Ronde in 1856
- By 1884 nearly all land was occupied

Public Comment - None

Approval of January 2024 Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved unanimously.

Landowners Living with Beaver Grant Program Fund– Scott McEwen/Antonella Fillet

HB 4014 in committee (follows HB 3464 from 2023)

2024 Election of Officers – Rich VanBuskirk

1. Chair - Rahim Harji
2. Vice Chair – Sara Krall
3. Treasure – Lacey Townsend
4. Secretary – Mark Fitzsimons



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Draft Environmental Impact Statement out – USFWS

- New management plan
- Hold water in the summer of 2024

Adjournment

Rich Van Buskirk adjourned the meeting at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Fitzsimons, Secretary