



Tualatin River Watershed Council Meeting Minutes February 2, 2022

Sector Representatives Present

Erin Poor	Community Member
Jon Pampush	NGO Representative – Trout Unlimited
Ashley Short	NGO Representative – Tualatin Riverkeepers
Tom Nygren	Forestry Representative – Wash County Small Woodlands Association
Bob Baumgartner	Local Govt and Special Districts (Sewer Districts) – Clean Water Services
Lacey Townsend	Local Govt and Special Districts (SWCDs) – Tualatin SWCD
Rahim Harji	Local Govt and Special Districts (Cities) – City of Hillsboro
Simon Christensen	Local Govt and Special Districts (Water Districts) – Joint Water Commission
Stephen Cruise	Local Govt and Special Districts (Counties) – Washington County
Rich Van Buskirk	Education Representative – Pacific University

Staff Present

Scott McEwen	TRWC Executive Director
Samantha Sharka	TRWC Project Manager

Guests Present

Andrew Swanson	Clackamas WES
Rebecca Chuck	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Anne MacDonald	Clean Water Services
Brian Creutzburg	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Dave Stewart	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Steph Beall	Oregon Department of Forestry

Welcome and Introductions

Bob Baumgartner, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Bob shared the agenda and introduced an icebreaker. Stakeholders, staff, and guests introduced themselves. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

Public Comment. Rebecca Chuck, new Manager at Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, introduced herself.

Approval of December 2021 meeting minutes. Ashley Short moved to approve the minutes as presented. Tom Nygren seconded. **Passed unanimously.** The January 2022 meeting was dedicated to DEIJ training; therefore there were no meeting minutes to present from January.



DEIJ Committee Update – Ashley Short

Scott sent out a link to a survey from the DEIJ consultant. The survey is an opportunity for Council members to provide feedback on additional consulting beyond the bimonthly training and what members would like to get out of this additional time.

Presentation: Clackamas County’s Surface Water Management Program Overview & TRWC – Andrew Swanson, Clackamas WES

Clackamas Water Environment Services (Clackamas WES) is a wastewater utility, similar to Clean Water Services. Andrew Swanson, Clackamas WED, gave a brief introduction of the utility and showed a map of its service zones. There are about 10,000 acres of stormwater management area in the Tualatin Basin (in zone 3) and includes 8 river miles of the Tualatin River. Andres gave an overview of programs relevant to zone 3, including the Watershed Education Program and the Riverhealth Stewardship Grant Program.

The Council currently has a contract with Clackamas WES that expires June 30, 2022. Clackamas WES is moving from contracts to a grant program. The Council will apply for grant funding when contract ends. The Council currently has three projects with Clackamas WES, including: (1) Riparian establishment along Fields Creek, (2) Restoration at City of Rivergrove property on the mainstem Tualatin, (3) Riparian establishment and beaver co-existence strategy along Rock Creek in Sherwood at Our Table Farm.

There are many opportunities for the Council to work with Clackamas WES on future projects.

Presentation: Balm Grove Dam Removal Project Update – Scott McEwen

Scott gave a powerpoint presentation on the Balm Grove Dam Removal project, which he also gave recently to OWEB’s Technical Committee. The dam was installed in the 1920s-30s as a recreation area and last public access was in 2010. CWS owns the 12-acre property. The property is no longer tied to mitigation related to Scoggins Dam, so partners are allowed to apply for OWEB funds. Scott explained the importance for fish habitat that the dam removal will create. All permits have been secured and the project is ready. Scott will find out in April whether or not the project will be funded by OWEB.

Adjournment Bob Baumgartner adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lacey Townsend, Secretary