



**Tualatin River Watershed Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 6, 2022**

**Sector Representatives Present**

Erin Poor	Community Member
Greg Mintz	Community Member
Rodney Jacobs	Forestry Representative – Stimson Lumber
Tom Nygren	Forestry Representative – Washington Co Small Woodlands Assoc.
Bob Baumgartner	Local Govt and Special Districts (Sewer Districts) – Clean Water Services
Lacey Townsend	Local Govt and Special Districts (SWCDs) – Tualatin SWCD
Simon Christensen	Local Govt and Special Districts (Water Districts) – Joint Water Commission
Rich Van Buskirk	Education Representative – Pacific University
Victoria Frankeny	NGO Representative – Tualatin Riverkeepers (appointed at this meeting)

**Staff Present**

Scott McEwen	TRWC Executive Director
Samantha Sharka	TRWC Project Manager

**Guests Present**

Anne MacDonald	Clean Water Services
Steph Beall	Oregon Department of Forestry

**Welcome and Introductions**

Bob Baumgartner, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:02 pm. Stakeholders, staff, and guests introduced themselves and went through a brief icebreaker. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

**Public Comment.** No public comment was presented.

**Victoria Frankeny to replace Jan Wilson (TRK).** Victoria Frankeny, Riverkeeper and Staff Attorney at Tualatin Riverkeepers, introduced herself and gave a brief bio. Rodney Jacobs moved to appoint Victoria to the Council board. Simon Christensen seconded. **Passed unanimously via a roll call vote; Bob Baumgartner was proxy for Jon Pampush (yes vote).**

**Approval of June 2022 meeting minutes.** Simon Christensen moved to approve the minutes as presented. Rich Van Buskirk seconded. Bob Baumgartner voted yes as proxy for Jon Pampush. **Passed unanimously via voice vote.**



### **FY23 Budget**

Scott mentioned that the budget was discussed at last week's Steering Committee meeting and he shared some thoughts from that meeting. Because the budget is a deficit budget, the Steering Committee would like to engage in a revenue forecasting exercise to better understand the ability of the budget to accommodate additional expenses.

There are a few items that could be part of a later budget amendment, following the forecasting exercise:

1. A larger increase in COLA (beyond the 3% in current draft budget).
2. Merit increases for staff and salary adjustments after the Steering Committee completes a salary survey with a consultant.
3. General funds for DEIJ consulting (beyond Meyer Memorial Trust grant).
4. Stipends for engagement with communities of color.

Scott went through budget line items with the Council. One new item added to the budget is DEQ SEP funding in the amount of \$14,080. DEQ allows businesses with environmental violations to offset a portion of their civil penalty by agreeing to pay toward a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). The Council was chosen for SEP funding to use for the Coffee Creek project and North Fork Gales Creek landslide response. The Watershed Navigator position is not yet in the budget. It may be in the future, depending on whether or not Clean Water Services receives a grant from FEMA. This decision will be made at beginning of 2023 calendar year.

Tom Nygren moved to accept the budget as presented. Rich Van Buskirk seconded. **Passed unanimously via a roll call vote; Bob Baumgartner was proxy for Jon Pampush (yes vote).**

### **North Fork Gales Creek landslide update – Scott McEwen**

- Scott provided a recap on the landslide issue, as discussed at April and June meetings, including timeline of slide events and maps.
- Scott went through what has happened so far in response to the landslide:
  - Follow up geotechnical analysis after the site visit with Mike Buren from ODF. There may be opportunities to do more in-depth investigation and analysis.
  - Downstream Large Woody Debris augmentation (ODF TREE grant application for on-the-ground work and use of DEQ SEP funds as potential match).
  - Vegetation establishment by Stimson Lumber (870 trees planted in April, 1860 trees planted in May, 8 ac seed spreading in May).
  - Monitoring of North Fork Gales Creek, including eDNA sampling in June and Rapid Bio-Assessment snorkel survey in July/August.

### **Basin Wide Beaver Strategies – Updates to TRWC Website – Sam Sharka**

Sam showed Council members new content on the Council website. The resource page is "Living with Beavers in Washington County". There is a long-term strategy across the basin for beaver management.



There is a flow chart on the new site for folks to go through that have a beaver issue. The resource will make it easy for residents to get information about beavers and easily figure out which agency to contact for assistance. Sam has done several presentations for various groups, which are available as recordings. The Steering Committee for the Beaver Strategy project includes: TRWC, CWS, TSWCD, The Wetlands Conservancy, and consultant Jamie Stamberger (from Watershed Navigator and TWEC projects).

**Adjournment** Bob Baumgartner adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lacey Townsend, Secretary