



**Tualatin River Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2023**

Sector Representatives Present

Rich Van Buskirk	Education Representative – Pacific University
Bob Baumgartner	Local Govt and Special Districts (Sewer Districts) – Clean Water Services
Rahim Harji	Local Govt and Special Districts (Cities) – City of Hillsboro
Lacey Townsend	Local Govt and Special Districts (SWCDs) – Tualatin SWCD
Victoria Frankeny	NGO Representative – Tualatin Riverkeepers
Tom Nygren	Forestry Representative – Washington Co. Small Woodlands Association
Rodney Jacobs	Forestry Representative – Stimson Lumber Company

Staff Present

Scott McEwen	TRWC Executive Director
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Guests Present

Matt Boyer	Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District
Robert Derber	Washington County Resident
Brittany Contreras	City of Hillsboro Water District

Welcome and Introductions

Rich Van Buskirk, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:01 pm. Stakeholders, staff, and guests answered the icebreaker question and introduced themselves and the sector they represent. The meeting was held in a hybrid format, with the in-person location at Clean Water Services Administration Office in Hillsboro.

Review and Approval of the Agenda

No additions proposed to the agenda.

Public Comment

- Victoria Frankeny invited people to come out for Tualatin Riverkeepers' Discovery Day on June 24th at Rood Bridge Park.
- Scott McEwen asked about Licorice Farm dam located just above Rood Bridge Park. Bob Derber shared information he has on the dam. It was built before Hagg Lake to service agriculture needs. There is an additional six miles of mainstem recreation above the dam.

Approval of May 2023 Meeting Minutes

Bob Baumgartner moved to approve last month's meeting minutes. Lacey Townsend seconded. **Passed unanimously via voice vote. Rich Van Buskirk served as proxy for Greg Mintz. Bob is serving as a proxy for Stephen Cruise and John Pampush.**



Restoration Committee – World Premiere of Balm Grove Dam Animation Video

Scott McEwen shared a video by Sheep Scott Consulting, which was created to document the Balm Grove Dam removal. There will be a launch of the video for social media, with a possibility to submit the video to film festivals. Rahim Harji recommended translating the video to Spanish as well. Several recommendations were made on where the animation can be featured.

Strategic Planning Timeline Update

The strategic planning timeline has been extended to make sure the Council has time to meet each milestone and gather community input.

FY 2023-24 Budget Discussion

Scott McEwen walked us through the FY 2023-24 budget and differentiated between restricted and unrestricted funds, and also went over some of the grants and where they are being allocated. Expenses include 8% Cost of Living Adjustments (or COLA). Rahim Harji raised comparable cities' COLA increases. Lacey Townsend shared fellow SWCD COLA increases.

Rahim Harji moved to approve the budget as presented and have the steering committee convene to approve the COLA. Bob seconded. Passed unanimously via voice vote. Rich Van Buskirk served as proxy for Greg Mintz. Bob is serving as a proxy for Stephen Cruise and John Pampush.

DEIJ Committee – Discussion and Approval of Equity Lens

Scott McEwen talked about the equity lens crafted by the DEIJ committee and where the Council is prioritizing applying the lens. The ultimate goal being that the lens becomes second nature in Council's processes.

Rahim Harji moved to approve the equity lens. Lacey Townsend seconded. Passed unanimously via voice vote. Rich Van Buskirk served as proxy for Greg Mintz. Bob is serving as a proxy for Stephen Cruise and John Pampush.

Adjournment

Rich Van Buskirk adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Frankeny, Secretary