



**TSCC Regular Business Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 28, 2021
9:08 a.m.**

Commissioners Barringer, Ofsink, Norton, Wubbold and Quiroz and were present as were Executive Director Craig Gibons and Budget Analyst Tunie Betschart, all via Google Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

Following the TriMet Budget Hearing, Chair Barringer convened the TSCC Regular Meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Minutes

1. Commissioners approved the March 30 Executive Session Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted
2. Commissioners approved the March 30 Regular Session Meeting Minutes as submitted
3. Commissioners approved the April 20 Executive Session Commission Meeting minutes as submitted
4. Commissioners approved the April 20 Regular Session Meeting Minutes with one correction

Debriefing of TriMet's Budget Hearing

Commissioners discussed the TriMet Hearing held immediately before this Regular Meeting. TriMet seemed unaware the meeting was to last 90 minutes, and as a result, the last portion of the hearing was very rushed. Staff will make sure the four other districts, Port of Portland, City of Portland, Portland Public Schools and Metro, are prepared to spend 90 minutes in the Approved Budget Hearing. Next year, staff will advise TriMet that the commissioners would like to schedule the hearing for 90 minutes. There were two questions the commissioners did not ask at the hearing due to time limitations: One about the WES Train, one about the changes TriMet plans to make when they adopt the budget. Staff will follow up with TriMet and ensure these questions are answered and added to the minutes as the follow-up to the hearing.

Oregon Historical Society Local Option Levy review and Questions

Executive Director Gibons gave a brief overview of the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) Local Option levy, saying the ballot measure is word-for-word the same as the previous LOL presented to the voters five years ago. The only difference is the amount of taxes anticipated to be raised by the levy. Initially, the Historical Society expected the measure to produce 50% of the revenue needed to operate the society. Instead, it now accounts for 30% of their income. For the last five years, it has generated considerably more revenue than anticipated. The levy has resulted in financial stability, which has brought donations and grant revenue to OHS. They are leveraging the dollars they receive from the levy and are producing results for the historical society. The commissioners discussed the questions to ask at the hearing on May 6, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

After some discussion, some questions were revised, merged with another question, moved, restructured, extended, and eliminated. Their exchange resulted in eight or nine potential questions for the hearing. Executive Director Gibons will revise and assign the questions and email them to each commissioner.

District Budgets to be considered

Alto Park Water District was the first budget for consideration. Budget Analyst Ms. Betschart gave a brief overview of the district's budget stating Alto Park Water District is unchanged except for the amount charged by Lake Oswego for fire protection. The district has only this expenditure and one for the administrative services contract. The district's only purpose is to provide residents with fire protection. Their budget meets all the requirements and is in substantial compliance with Local Budget Law. Commissioner Ofisink moved to certify that the commissioners have no recommendations or objections regarding the Alto Park Water District's 2021-22 Approved Budget. Commissioner Wubbold seconded the motion which carried with a unanimous vote.

Corbett Water District was the next budget for consideration. Ms. Betschart briefly explained the changes happening in the district. They hired a new District Manager in November 2020. He has upgraded health benefits, added long-term disability insurance, and attempting to build staff and cease reliance on outsourcing work to contractors. He is also updating the Master Plan to guide long-range planning. The district is still working to develop a storage reservoir. Compared to the current year, the FY22 beginning fund balance decreased due to overruns in FY21 for the Aquifer Storage and Recovery system. After eight years of not increasing water rates charged to customers, the district will be raising rates in FY22 following a rate hearing in June. Following the discussion, Commissioner Wubbold moved to certify the Commissioners have no recommendations or objections regarding the Corbett Water District's 2021-22 Approved Budget. Commissioner Quiroz seconded the motion which carried with a unanimous vote.

Other Business

There was no other business.

With no other business, Chair Barringer closed the Regular Meeting of the TSCC.

Approved by Commission on May 10, 2021