



**TSCC Regular Business Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday May 10, 2022  
12:00 p.m.**

Chair Quiroz, and Commissioners Ofsink, Norton and Wubbold were present, as were Executive Director Allegra Willhite and Budget Analyst Tunie Betschart, all via Zoom meeting.

Absent: Commissioner Donahue

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Quiroz called the meeting to order at noon.

The meeting opened with a recap of TriMet's Budget Hearing and a discussion about making changes to the schedule to take public comment.

Commissioners decided to take the following actions:

- Move comments from the end of the hearing to follow immediately after introductions.
- Update the opening script for the hearings to include language acknowledging that the commissioners have heard their comments, and that comments will be added to the public record of this hearing.
- Staff will have a sign-up sheet available for in-person hearings. The sheet will state that the comments will be kept to a three-minute limit.
- TSCC Chair will control the timing, let the speaker know the limits, and give a one-minute warning.

**District Budgets to be considered**

East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District

Executive Director Willhite gave a brief overview of the East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District's budget, expressing that the district has no major changes this year. The points of interest include increased personnel costs, as the board evaluates the salaries they pay the staff, the Strategic Plan, and the grant fund.

Executive Director Willhite discussed the over expenditures noted in the audit. The commissioners considered whether to include these findings in the certification letter. Executive Director Willhite would like to establish a consistent way to handle the auditor's comments. The district is aware of the findings and has addressed them. She feels it is unnecessary to include them in the certification letter; unless this is a reoccurring issue, tax-related issue, or a significant dollar amount, this would be a time to have it as a recommendation. Commissioners agreed with this approach.

After this brief overview, the commissioners discussed the questions they would be asking at East Multnomah SWCD's hearing. Using feedback information and questions suggested by commissioners, Executive Director Willhite changed the arrangement of some of the



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questions, deleted portions of others, changed the wording on others and added possible follow-up questions. Question assignments were also decided. When the commissioners finished deliberating the questions, they had ten questions to send to the district, with the last one identified as a question that would only be asked at the hearing if time allowed. This hearing is scheduled for sixty minutes, so it should allow for discussion of these questions.

Commissioners will hold the hearing on East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District's 2022-23 Approved Budget on May 17 at 4:00 p.m. via Google Meeting.

#### Multnomah Education Service District

Ms. Betschart gave an overview of Multnomah ESD, discussing the increase in staffing, enrollment, and cybersecurity.

Following the overview, the commissioners considered the questions they would be asking at MESD's budget hearing. They changed the sequence of some of the questions, deleted portions of some, added to others and added a couple of possible follow-up questions. When the commissioners finished discussing the questions, they had nine questions to send to the district for the sixty-minute hearing.

The commissioners will hold a hearing on MESD's 2022-23 Approved. This meeting will be held via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 17th.

#### *Valley View Water District's Review and Certification*

Before this meeting, commissioners had read and considered the district's review and had no questions or suggestions.

*Commissioner Wubbold moved to certify the Valley View Water District's 2022-23 budget with no recommendations or objections. Commissioner Ofsink seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.*

#### Alto Park Water District

Commissioners had read and considered the district's review before this meeting and had no questions or suggestions.

*Commissioner Wubbold moved to certify the Alto Park Water District's 2022-23 budget with no recommendations or objections. Commissioner Ofsink seconded the motion which carried with a unanimous vote.*

The April 19, 2022 meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

Next, the commissioners considered when to schedule the tax hearings. Executive Willhite said possibly four districts would be presenting tax measures to the voters on the November ballot. Commissioners suggested holding one or two hearings a week during October. Executive Director Willhite will work with the districts to schedule the hearings.

For the days the commissioners will be reviewing two large districts and two or more small districts, Chair Quiroz suggested extending the TSCC Regular Business Meeting to two hours.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35.