



**TSCC Regular Business Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 3, 2023
11:10 a.m.**

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

Commissioner Mark Wubbold was absent.

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Quiroz called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Debrief of the First Hearings of the Season

TriMet's hearing venue was not the best this year. The room arrangement made it difficult to interact with TriMet's board. A suggestion was made to direct at least one question to the district's board when preparing questions for hearings. By doing this, we will be sure to include the board in conversations.

A couple of staff members and council members attended Portland's Childrens Levy hearing. Some answers seem to lack specific explanations, but overall, the dialog between the TSCC and the city flowed well.

District Budgets to be considered

Alto Park Water District

Executive Director Willhite gave a brief overview of Alto Park, stating no significant changes in this budget. There were no questions or other discussions on Alto Park Water District's review.

Commissioner Ofsik moved to certify Alto Park Water District's Approved Budget with no recommendations or objections. Commissioner Norton seconded the motion which carried with a unanimous vote.

Burlington Water District

Ms. Betschart summarized the Burlington Water District's budget. She explained that the district is working on the Riverview Drive repair project, a significant capital development. The timing of this project is the reason for the increase in the budget. When the budget committee met, they anticipated this upgrade would be 80% completed in FY 23. Since they met, they realized it would only be 20% accomplished in the current year. So they needed to reconvene the budget committee and revise the budget. The funds are received from the State of Oregon on a reimbursement basis. Commissioners commented on the increase in the cost of water from the City of Portland. They noted an error in the review concerning these rates. Staff will correct this mistake in the review before posting it on the website. There was no other discussion on Burlington Water District's budget review.



Chair Quiroz moved to certify that the commissioners have no recommendations or objections concerning Burlington Water District's FY 24 budget. Commissioner Ofsink seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

Corbett Water District's review

Then commissioners reviewed Corbett Water District. Ms. Betschart gave a summary of the district's budget and the process. She reported the district had had a considerable turnover in staffing and is working through those changes. They have tabled a large project to find a backup source for water supply. They are having supply issues, mainly sand for filtration ponds. The district has estimated all categories high in this budget, possibly due to inexperience. TSCC staff has arranged to meet with the water district's staff to discuss the need to budget closer to what they plan on spending and maintain the surplus as reserved for future expenditures. The budget process was followed, and there were no compliance issues.

Commissioner Donahue moved to certify Corbett Water District's 2023-24 Approved Budget with no recommendations or objections. Commissioner Norton seconded the motion which carried with a unanimous vote.

Valley View Water District's Review and Certification

Executive Director Willhite explained one unusual item in the Valley View Water District budget is that they levy a dollar amount instead of a rate. Before this meeting, commissioners had read and considered the district's review and had no questions or suggestions. The budget had very few changes from prior years.

Commissioner Ofsink moved to certify the Valley View Water District's 2023-24 budget with no recommendations or objections. Chair Quiroz seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District's review

The district's budget reflects a proposed change to paid leave, from accruing vacation hours to self-managed time. The change would result in a one-time increase in personnel costs due to vacation payouts. Commissioners discussed the variation in the way the district budgets grants. After the explanation given by Executive Director Willhite, there were no concerns over grant budgeting.

Chair Quiroz moved to certify the West Multnomah Soil and Water District's 2023-24 budget with no recommendations or objections. Commissioner Donahue seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

Other Business

Commissioners gave a brief report on the budget committee meetings they had attended. There was never much if any, public comment, but it is always necessary to ask for it. Sometimes the chair of the committee needs to be reminded. The changes PCC has made, from budgeting by campus to budgeting around programs for the entire college, were noted. Some board members



felt transparency is an issue with this type of budgeting since it is not broken out for each campus. Commissioners will ask about this topic at the hearing.

Commissioner Ofsink recommended reserving a time after the final budget committee meeting for further discussion about what was gained by attending budget committee meetings.

Commissioner Ofsink recommended including an agenda item during the TSCC Regular meeting closest to the last budget committee meeting attended by commissioners to discuss what was learned and if Commissioners feel it is a valued practice they want to continue.

Executive Director Willhite suggested combining the Regular meetings scheduled for May 9th and 10th into one meeting on May 9th, with the understanding if it takes too long, it will be completed on May 10th. All commissioners supported doing this. The meeting on the 10th will remain as a placeholder in the event the meeting on the 9th goes longer than expected. Commissioner Donahue will need to leave the meeting at 1:30 and would prefer PCC, MESD, followed by EMSWCD for the discussion order.

There being no other business, Chair Quiroz adjourned the meeting at 1:34.