



**TSCC Regular Business Meeting
Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2022
12:00 p.m.**

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

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Quiroz called the meeting to order at noon.

New Business

Post Budget Season Meeting

Executive Director will schedule a **post-budget season meeting** to recap the budget hearings for the this year. She will send out a doodle-poll to determine the best date and time for everyone to attend this meeting, possibly the week of July 18.

Multnomah County Budget Hearing Recap

The TSCC Commissioners gave a brief **recap of Multnomah County's Budget Hearing**. They stated that in the future, the Multnomah County's Budget Hearing must be scheduled for an hour and an additional hour for Multnomah County Library Budget Hearing. If it is impossible to schedule them back-to-back (two hours), the county could schedule them on two separate days. TSCC staff will need to mention this to county staff early in the spring for planning purposes.

District Budgets to be Considered at This Meeting

Today's schedule includes the **Portland Public School District, Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District** budget reviews and hearing questions, and **Sauvie Island Rural Fire Protection District** review and certification letter.

Portland Public School District

Executive Director Willhite reviewed the Portland Public School District's Certification Letter, which contained the staff's recommendation about the district's General Obligation Debt Service fund. Commissioners agreed with her recommendation that, in the future, the district follow the required calculation process closely when determining both the tax amount to levy and the amount to budget to improve clarity for the public. And the district should consider an amendment to the budget to reduce the GO bond property tax revenue to the correct number.

Commissioners had read the review for Portland Public Schools, so there was no additional discussion. The commissioners had lively conversations about the questions to ask during the Portland Public School District's budget hearing. They revised some, combined a couple, added follow-ups to a few, added a new question, changed one question to a follow-up question, deleted a couple of questions, and revised the focus on



bond questions from technology to Black Excellence and maybe the Lincoln School. Executive Director Willhite renumbered the questions and assigned them to the commissioners. When they finished, they had nine questions to ask, and one question they will ask if time allows. Staff will send the tenth question to the district along with the others so they can prepare a written answer if there is not enough time at the hearing to discuss it.

Urban Flood Safety & Water Quality District

Executive Director Willhite gave a brief overview of the district's budget. She explained that this district is still getting started as a new district. Commissioner Norton explained that the purpose of the district is to share the cost of keeping the areas surrounding the river safe from flooding and share the expenses with the entire metropolitan area since the region's economy is dependent on keeping the river safe from flooding. The UFS&WQ district is planning to ask voters to approve a bond measure in either May 2023 or May 2024 and is preparing the budget to allow for either possibility. The cost of public engagement and communication was a subject of the commissioners' conversation.

Following this dialog, the commissioners discussed the questions they would be asking at the Urban Flood Safety & Water Quality Budget Hearing. Using feedback and information from commissioners, Executive Director Willhite changed the sequence of some questions, deleted portions of a few, added others, and added a couple of possible follow-up questions. Question assignments were also decided. When the commissioners finished deliberating the questions, they had nine questions to send to the UFS&WQ district that they would be asking at the hearing. This hearing will be a zoom meeting held Monday, June 13, at 3:00. Commissioner Wubbold said he would not be able to attend due to a previous commitment.

Sauvie Island RFPD 30

Ms. Betschart gave a brief overview of the Sauvie Island RFPF. She stated the district has budgeted to hire a bookkeeper to assist with the budget process and manage the payment of taxes and payroll through Quickbooks. A bookkeeper will be very helpful to the district. Currently, the Fire Chief is assuming these responsibilities. The donations of equipment the district receives were discussed. They receive used equipment from various fire districts in the area, which has kept their capital expenditures down. The district has not received its audit from the auditor. After many times contacting the firm and not getting any resolution, they have hired a different auditor for next year. They will submit the FY 2021 audit to TSCC as soon as they receive it.

Chair Quiroz moved to certify that the commissioners had no recommendations or objections to the Sauvie Island Rural Fire Protection District's 2022-23 Approved Budget. Commissioner Ofsink seconded the motion which carried with a unanimous vote.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:05