



**TSCC Regular Business Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 15, 2024  
12:09 p.m.**

Chair Harmony Quiroz, Commissioners Wubbold, Donahue, Burton and Lugo Knapp 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 12:09 p.m.

**District Budgets to be considered**

Executive Director Willhite said the commissioners were scheduled to discuss the approved budget review and questions for the Urban Flood Safety & Water Quality District hearing. Commissioners will also discuss and certify the budgets of the Valley View Water District, Alto Park Water District, Corbett Water District, and the City of Maywood Park.

**Urban Flood Safety & Water Quality District Budget Review and Hearing Questions**

Executive Director Willhite gave an overview of the Urban Flood Safety & Water Quality District's budget, stating it is like a new district forming this year as the small drainage districts combine to become one large consolidated district. The budget indicates that they assume the bond on the May ballot will pass, which is standard practice. They can revise the budget or not spend those dollars if it does not pass. They are anticipating multiple issues of bond funds if it passes. Revenue in this budget includes a flood safety benefits fee, and tax assessments will be received from the drainage consolidated drainage districts. They will collect the fees from the cities and the county, and each jurisdiction will decide how these payments will be made.

Following the introduction, the commissioners discussed the questions to be asked at the hearing. There were revisions to questions drafted via Google Docs before the hearing. They reviewed the suggestions and discussed others. During the discussion, they changed the wording to strengthen a couple of questions about the district's progress, added follow-up questions to several, reframed some questions, changed the wording, paired one with another, and changed some to draw out answers to specific subjects. They changed a question from a high-level question to a request for more information on a particular topic. They deleted a couple of questions and parts of others and changed the focus of one. Following the conversation on this district, they had developed eight questions to ask at the 60-minute hearing and one question to ask if there was enough time during the in-person hearing.

Executive Director Willhite will send the revised questions to the Urban Flood Safety and Water



Quality District so they can prepare for the upcoming hearing on June 5<sup>th</sup>, held at the Port of Portland Chinook Board Room at 1:00 p.m.

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

Ms. Betschart explained that Valley View Water District is a small, active district with several dollars going into capital projects. The one unusual item in the Valley View Water District budget is that they levy the dollar amount needed to balance the budget instead of the total rate, which they have been doing for several years. Commissioner Wubbold suggested adding a sentence to their certification letter commending them on this since it saves taxpayers money. All commissioners agreed and were comfortable with staff writing and sending the certification letter as requested. There were no other questions on the review or budget process.

*Commissioner Wubbold moved to certify Valley View Water District's 2024-25 Approved Budget with no recommendations or objections but with an amendment commending the district on their conservation of resources, allowing them to levy less than the permanent rate. Commissioner Donahue seconded the motion which carried with a unanimous vote.*

### **Alto Park Water District Review and Certification**

Ms. Betschart gave a brief overview of Alto Park Water District. It is the smallest district of all TSCC's member districts. There are no significant changes in this budget. They provide fire protection to their members and do not provide water. Taxes and interest on the tax revenue is their only revenue. They have no Personnel Services as they contract with a law firm to do the financial record keeping and Lake Oswego Fire District to provide fire protection. There were no questions or other discussions on Alto Park Water District's review.

*Commissioner Wubbo moved to certify the Alto Park Water District's 2024-25 Approved budget with no recommendations or objections. Chair Quiroz seconded the motion which carried with a unanimous vote.*

### **Corbett Water District Review and Certification**

Ms. Betschart gave an overview of the Corbett Water District's Approved Budget, stating the district had some storm issues in the current year. The winter storm caused some infrastructure damage. Another expense for the district is sand for their filtration system, which is very expensive. They are looking for a different source to purchase sand. They are considering creating a backup well, upgrading piping for the distribution system, and installing new pressure valves. They are contemplating increasing the water rates again, but no decision has been made yet.

*Chair Quiroz moved to certify the Corbett Water District's 2024-25 Approved budget with no recommendations or objections. Commissioner Lubo Knapp seconded the motion which carried with a unanimous vote.*

### **City of Maywood Park Review and Certification**



Ms. Betschart briefly described the City of Maywood Park's Approved budget. She said there are no significant changes in this budget. In the current year, voters declined the option to invest in a sewer system for the city. This caused a decrease in capital projects for FY25. The city of Maywood Park contracts out the police or fire protection services. They have expenditures for maintaining and improving the streets, and they maintain a park. Staff had no recommendations or objections to mention to the commissioners about the budget or the process.

*Chair Quiroz moved to certify the City of Maywood Park's Approved Budget with no recommendations or objections. Commissioner Wubbold seconded the motion which carried with a unanimous vote.*

There being no other business, Chair Quiroz adjourned the meeting at 1:35.