



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

A Regular Meeting of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at the Tualatin Valley Water District Headquarters, 1850 SW 170th Avenue, Beaverton, Oregon. Executive Session 5:30 pm; Regular Meeting 6:30 pm.

Present:

Alfredo Moreno	President/Director
Barbie Minor	Secretary/Director
Tya Ping	Secretary Pro-Tempore/Director
Felicita Monteblanco	Director
Miles Palacios	Director
Doug Menke	General Manager

Agenda Item #1 – Executive Session (A) Land (B) Personnel

President Alfredo Moreno called executive session to order for the following purposes:

- To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions; and
- To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

Executive Session is held under authority of ORS 192.660(2)(a) and (e).

President Moreno noted that the news media and designated staff may attend executive session. Representatives of the news media were directed not to disclose information discussed during executive session. No final action or final decision may be made in executive session.

Agenda Item #2 – Call Regular Meeting to Order

A Regular Meeting of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors was called to order by President Alfredo Moreno on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 6:30 pm.

Agenda Item #3 – Action Resulting from Executive Session

Barbie Minor moved that the board of directors authorize staff to accept the donation of the trail easement in the southwest quadrant of the district and acquire the trail improvements, using system development charge fees, subject to the standard due diligence review and approval by the general manager or designee. Miles Palacios seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Felicita Monteblanco	Yes
Tya Ping	Yes
Miles Palacios	Yes
Barbie Minor	Yes
Alfredo Moreno	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #4 – Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2024/25

President Moreno opened the floor to board discussion and high-level thoughts about the board's process for selecting officers for the coming fiscal year. He referenced the board's typical practice of providing other board members the opportunity to take on leadership roles from year to year if there is an interest in doing so and invited his fellow board members to share their perspectives.

Miles Palacios referenced his experiences with other boards, noting that he likes to see opportunities for continuity as well as for all members to have an opportunity to experience different roles as they would like to, but not necessarily prescribing it as a requirement, adding that it is important to pursue leadership in ways that are in the best interests of the district.

Felicita Monteblanco expressed agreement with Miles, adding that she believes it should be determined on a case-by-case basis, noting that the district has some challenges ahead and that she'll be considering continuity in the next board president as well as thinking about who has the political relationships in place that can be beneficial to the district.

Tya Ping commented that the board president position has typically been a rotating role and that she agrees that no one should be forced to step into that role. That being said, if there is someone interested, it is helpful to have different experiences and lenses highlighted in the president role as it makes the board stronger and the experience helps people build those political relationships. While she does not believe that the process needs to be a formal policy, it is also an expectation that has been set by this particular board, but future boards may have a different opinion. She referenced the board's support for equity, noting that being able to support whoever wants to be in a leadership role is part of being an equitable group and doesn't preclude any of the other board members from doing the work that needs to be done. She congratulated Alfredo for doing such a great job as president this past year.

President Moreno noted that every board's composition is a unique blend of people and their individual capacities and advised future boards to reference this discussion and to treat every year as its own opportunity to calibrate where each board member is at individually and where the board collectively is at as a group.

Alfredo Moreno nominated Barbie Minor to serve as President of the THPRD Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2024/25. Tya Ping seconded the motion.

Discussion followed:

- ✓ Alfredo commented that this has been a thoughtful and engaged process, noting that he has had one-on-one conversations with each board member. Barbie has been on the board for three years now and has a lot of passion for the district and he's excited to see her in this role.
- ✓ Felicita noted that her vote this evening will be in reflection of her earlier comments.

Roll call proceeded as follows:

Miles Palacios	Yes
Barbie Minor	Yes
Felicita Monteblanco	No
Tya Ping	Yes
Alfredo Moreno	Yes

The motion was APPROVED by MAJORITY vote.

Tya Ping nominated Alfredo Moreno to serve as Secretary of the THPRD Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2024/25. Barbie Minor seconded the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, roll call proceeded as follows:

Miles Palacios	Yes
Felicita Monteblanco	Yes
Barbie Minor	Yes
Tya Ping	Yes
Alfredo Moreno	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Alfredo commented that he looks forward to supporting the new board president in this capacity and providing some continuity in the role of secretary.

Tya Ping nominated Miles Palacios to serve as Secretary Pro-Tempore of the THPRD Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2024/25. Felicita Monteblanco seconded the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, roll call proceeded as follows:

Barbie Minor	Yes
Miles Palacios	Yes
Felicita Monteblanco	Yes
Tya Ping	Yes
Alfredo Moreno	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

President Moreno thanked the board members for their thoughtful discussion this evening.

Agenda Item #5 – Proclamations

A. Juneteenth

The board members read into the record a proclamation declaring June 19, 2024, as Juneteenth.

B. LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

The board members read into the record a proclamation declaring June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month.

C. Parks and Recreation Month (July)

The board members read into the record a proclamation declaring July as Parks and Recreation Month.

President Moreno provided a brief overview of some of the activities and events THPRD is hosting in honor of this month and next month's proclamations.

Agenda Item #6 – National Weather Service StormReady Recognition

President Moreno welcomed the National Weather Service (NWS) staff in attendance this evening to recognize THPRD with the NWS StormReady designation. The StormReady program helps prepare communities with the communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property before, during and after extreme weather events and helps community leaders and emergency managers strengthen local safety programs.

Tanja Fransen, Meteorologist-In-Charge; Chris Burling, Lead Meteorologist; and, Treena Johnson, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, provided comments regarding the importance of preparing for extreme weather events and commended Mark Pierce, Safety Services manager, for spearheading this work for the district, which is not a small task considering the geographical area and population number served by THPRD. They noted that THPRD is the first park district in the state of Oregon and Washington to become a StormReady community.

President Moreno thanked Mark and district staff for their important work in this area and thanked the NWS for the recognition.

Agenda Item #7 – Budget Hearing: Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget, Levying Taxes and Making Appropriations

A. Open Hearing

President Moreno opened the budget hearing.

B. Staff Report

Jared Isaksen, Finance director, provided an overview of the memo included within the board of directors’ information packet via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record, noting that the total appropriation amount for Fiscal Year 2024/25 is \$195,230,910. The ad valorem property tax amount is at the rate of \$1.3073 per \$1,000 of assessed value, the local option levy tax rate is \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and a property tax of \$8,938,911 for bonded debt. The THPRD Budget Committee approved the Proposed Budget presented to them on May 16, 2024, and there have been no changes to the Approved Budget that is before the board of directors this evening for consideration of adoption.

C. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

D. Board Discussion

Miles Palacios complimented Jared and the district’s Finance staff for creating an easy-to-understand budget document.

- ✓ President Moreno expressed agreement, noting that the budget document was well-presented and that the process was transparent and informative.
- ✓ Barbie Minor added comments of gratitude to the budget committee members as well, noting that their commitment and dedication of time is appreciated.

E. Close Hearing

President Moreno closed the budget hearing.

F. Board Action

Miles Palacios moved that the board of directors approve Resolution 2024-09 to adopt the 2024/25 budget, levy ad valorem taxes, and make appropriations. Felicita Monteblanco seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Tya Ping	Yes
Barbie Minor	Yes
Felicita Monteblanco	Yes
Miles Palacios	Yes
Alfredo Moreno	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #8 – Audience Time

President Moreno welcomed those in attendance this evening for the purpose of providing public testimony.

Rowan Spillman, 2435 NE Spruce Ave., Gresham, is before the board of directors this evening as a member of Sunrise, a group involved in climate action. He recognized the work THPRD does for the community and climate, including actualizing the 2050 carbon neutral emissions goal. However, he would like to draw the board’s attention to the district’s current lobbyist as she is also a lobbyist for BP, one of the worst climate offenders and civil rights violators in global history. He referenced several fines and lawsuits filed against BP by the State of Oregon and Multnomah County, noting that as long as the district’s lobbyist is employed by BP and advocating for them on a legal platform, there is a conflict of interest in her ability to lobby for THPRD. He requested that the district urge its lobbyist to reevaluate the people she represents or explore other lobbyists that can provide these services without contradicting the district’s mission statement.

Stephen Doubleday, 2439 NE 21st Ave., Portland, is before the board of directors this evening as a board member of F Minus, a climate action nonprofit that tracks lobbyists who play both sides of the climate crisis. A written copy of his testimony was entered into the record. He requested that

the district adopt a policy of not working with lobbyists who also work for fossil fuel companies, and to cut ties with its current lobbyist on the grounds that their representation of BP is inconsistent with the district's values and work to promote stewardship of the environment. He referenced recent comments by the UN Secretary-General calling on ad agencies to stop working with fossil fuel clients, noting that the current state of our climate is because good people who should know better associate with the fossil fuel industry, giving it the social license that it needs to operate. Last year, Multnomah County sued fossil fuel companies for their role in creating devastating climate impacts for the Pacific Northwest. Changes will continue to be seen in our parks as the trees, shrubs and grasses struggle to adapt to the changing climate. He requested that the district stop working with lobbying firms that simultaneously work against our shared interests in promoting a safe and healthy environment for recreation.

Lindsey Murphy, 13588 SW Chelsea Ln., Tigard, is before the board of directors this evening as a board member of F Minus, a climate action nonprofit that tracks lobbyists who play both sides of the climate crisis. A written copy of her testimony was entered into the record. She stated that, like many Oregonians, she is increasingly worried about the climate crisis and a world in which her family will have to limit outdoor time in the summer due to our state's increasingly frequent and severe wildfires. She described the personal impacts to her family during the 2020 wildfires, noting that these fires are being driven by climate change and among the companies that continue to push fossil fuels despite this crisis is BP. At the May board meeting, Nancy Chang of F Minus testified before the board and raised the issue of THPRD sharing a lobbyist with BP. It is shocking to many people that this is the case as BP's values run so contrary to those of THPRD. She asked the district to consider the consequences of its continued partnership with the current lobbyist, adding that as the largest special park district in Oregon, THPRD's actions have significant impact.

Agenda Item #9 – Board Time

A. Committee Liaisons Updates

Barbie Minor provided the following updates and comments:

- The Nature & Trails Advisory Committee will be having a trails field trip in August. There is an appetite for board involvement so she will pass along the details to her fellow board members to join if available.
- Attended the Allen Boulevard roundabout and Fanno Creek Trail Segment #5 ribbon cutting ceremony, which is a good representation of agencies working together for the betterment of the community.
- Attended the Beaverton Black Parent Union graduation event, during which they recognized the students who participated in the Black and Green Fellowship with THPRD.
- Expressed gratitude to district staff for the intentionality behind all of the recognition and events around Pride month.

Tya Ping provided the following updates and comments:

- Also attended the Allen Boulevard roundabout and Fanno Creek Trail Segment #5 ribbon cutting ceremony and agrees that strengthening our intergovernmental partnerships is important as we are strongest when we all work together.
- The Programs & Events Advisory Committee will be meeting next week.
- Attended the Oregon Chinese Coalition's event held in partnership with THPRD at the Jenkins Estate, noting that it was an amazing event and is great to see opportunities for non-English speaking community members and to experience other cultures within our diverse community.

Miles Palacios provided the following updates and comments:

- Along with President Moreno, attended the State of Metro event which provided a great opportunity to learn more about what Metro is working on.

- Along with district staff, attended a legislative update event hosted by the Special Districts Association of Oregon, noting that he is excited for the upcoming legislative long session and the work THPRD will do in preparation for it.

Felicita Monteblanco provided the following updates and comments:

- Attended Congresswoman Bonamici’s visit to Cedar Hills Recreation Center to present a ceremonial check to THPRD for our first federal earmark funds, noting that this award is a testament to years of hard work and relationship building.
- Provided a Fiduciary Committee update for the quarter ending March 31, 2024, noting that at the upcoming August meeting the actuary will be in attendance to present the actuarial assumptions for the committee to review and approve.

President Moreno provided the following updates and comments:

- The district’s May 21 operating levy election was a big success and there were a lot of activities leading up to its successful outcome.
- Attended the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce’s Mover of Mountains gala, for which THPRD was a sponsor, noting that this is a worthwhile event to build community and relationships among fellow elected officials, local business leaders, and others, and that he would encourage his fellow board members to attend in the future.
- Along with many others from THPRD, attended the Beaverton Sports Summit convened by City of Beaverton Mayor Beaty and held at the Timbers training facility to talk about the assets, visions, and challenges in building sports participation at all levels.
- Visited La Raíz Park for the first time and is excited to attend the official grand opening event on July 18, adding that it is a jewel of a park and is already having a great impact on the surrounding community.

Agenda Item #10 – Consent Agenda

Tya Ping moved that the board of directors approve consent agenda items (A) Minutes of May 8, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, (B) Quarterly Financial Report, (C) Amended Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro for 2019 Parks and Nature Bond Local Share Project at Commonwealth Lake Park, (D) Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for Land and Water Conservation Fund Project at Abbey Creek Park, (E) Resolution Adopting District Investment Policy, (F) Resolution Authorizing System Development Charge Indexed Rate Annual Cost Adjustment, and (G) Howard M. Terpenning Recreation Complex Breezeway Roof Improvements Construction Contract.

Barbie Minor seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Miles Palacios	Yes
Felicita Monteblanco	Yes
Tya Ping	Yes
Barbie Minor	Yes
Alfredo Moreno	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #11 – Unfinished Business

A. Howard M. Terpenning Recreation Complex Pickleball Facility

Julie Rocha, Sports & Inclusion director, Gery Keck, Planning & Development manager, and Tim Bonnin, Development supervisor, presented a detailed update regarding the proposed pickleball facility to be located at the Howard M. Terpenning Recreation Complex, via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record. The twelve-court pickleball facility and air-supported fabric structure would allow for year-round play. Conceptual designs also include an entry plaza, covered pavilion, and a permanent building to service daily visitors and tournaments. Information was also provided regarding the growing popularity of pickleball, the fastest-growing sport in the nation. The most recent cost estimate for the project is \$8.8 million, of which \$6.6

million is budgeted, and reflects what was learned about the site conditions through the feasibility study and current construction costs. The estimate is being reviewed for potential cost savings and staff is also actively looking for grant opportunities, including from the Washington County Visitors Association. Next steps include presenting the project to the Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee in July, followed by a neighborhood meeting, then returning to the board to seek approval of the concept plan. The current project schedule indicates a construction start date of summer 2026 and the facility opening in early 2027. Julie, Gery and Tim offered to answer any questions the board may have.

Felicita Montebianco asked for additional information regarding parking availability for this new facility at an already very busy campus.

- ✓ Julie replied that typically the heaviest use for pickleball is during the day when the complex tends to be quieter. She described the process used in taking parking needs into consideration when scheduling the complex for tournaments, noting that the north parking lot is also an opportunity as it is currently underutilized.

Tya Ping asked if a permanent structure was considered given the maintenance needs of an air structure. It would also provide shade opportunities during the summer.

- ✓ Gery replied that an air structure is more cost effective and also helps better enable the space for other uses than a large roof structure or pavilion would.
- ✓ General Manager Doug Menke added that pickleball players tend to want to play outdoors during nice weather, as is reflected in the attendance numbers at the tennis center's indoor courts on nice days.

Barbie Minor inquired whether this facility would be solely dedicated to pickleball.

- ✓ Doug replied that the design is attempting to have no intrusions into the surface, such as posts, so that in times of need the area could serve as a community shelter space, as well as host other recreational activities.
- ✓ Julie added that other use possibilities include badminton, which is also a sport growing in popularity within our community, futsal, and any other activities that need a flat surface.
- ✓ Doug noted that a three-on-three basketball tournament could be a possibility, as well.

Miles Palacios commented that he likes the air structure concept.

Felicita noted that there have been a couple of pickleball facilities open in this area over the past year or so and that she would like to see the market analysis if available in order to better understand the demand levels.

- ✓ Julie confirmed that this information would be provided, noting that this particular facility will be unique in that during the winter months it will be covered, but in the summer it will be outdoors.

President Moreno wonders where the district sees this facility fitting in the overall landscape of sports in Beaverton, noting that it looks like an amazing facility and that he is excited to see what other potential uses it may have. He encouraged the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation and district staff to explore donorships and sponsorships for this facility that's going to be so popular.

B. General Manager's Report

The following presentation was provided as listed within the General Manager's Report included in the board of directors' information packet:

- Local Option Levy Update
 - Holly Thompson, Communications director, provided a recap of the successful Local Option Levy request approved by district voters on May 21, 2024, via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record.

Felicita Monteblanco expressed gratitude to Holly and pondered the impact of the efforts of Washington County Democrats endorsement and their volunteers going door to door, noting that their voters averaged a 20% higher turnout. There are many people to thank for making this effort a reality, including district staff, the board, family members, and the district's partners. And the district's overall positive reputation in the community.

President Moreno expressed gratitude as well and for the opportunity to recap and celebrate this effort this evening.

General Manager Doug Menke recognized Holly's efforts as going above and beyond, noting that it was an all-consuming process and that other staff stepped in to take things on and work together as a team. All staff engaged across the district in an informational capacity. Listening to the science of the polling worked as it did for the district's bond measure in 2008, as well.

Agenda Item #12 – Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Alfredo Moreno, President

Barbie Minor, Secretary

Recording Secretary,
Jessica Collins