

THE MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 27, 2022

TIME AND PLACE

Pursuant to timely notice, the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust was held on April 27, 2022, beginning at 6:30pm at the Swauk-Teaway Grange with an option to join in virtual format.

PRESENT

Present (or present virtually) were 19 voting Directors and 1 non-voting Directors whose names are indicated on the attached Record of Board Attendance (Attachment 1). Several guests were also present (Attachment 1).

Doug McClelland served as Chair of the meeting and Josh Lipsky served as Secretary, standing in for Sharon Linton. A copy of the Agenda for this meeting is attached to these Minutes (Attachment 2).

ACTION ITEMS

Action was taken on the following matters:

1. Approval of the Board Minutes

Minutes of the February 16, 2022, Board Meeting were reviewed and approved with no corrections.

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

1. Welcome

Doug McClelland welcomed everyone.

2. Announcements

Jon Hoekstra and Doug McClelland shared announcements:

a. *Staff updates*

Jon shared that the Greenway Trust is hiring for multiple positions, including an Upper Yakima coordinator, a communications staff person, and education staff, including seasonal education staff. The Greenway Trust

also recently welcomed this year's seasonal restoration and trail crew members.

Last week, Tor Bell and Amy Brockhaus attended the Alliance of National Heritage Areas annual meeting in the Mississippi Delta.

Finally, at Mike Woodsum's request and to Amy Brockhaus' dismay, Jon recognized Amy's 27th work anniversary.

b. Board Events.

Jon described several recent Board events, including a visit to the Ballinger Open Space which is the organization's first Carbon Credits Project, a walk to see construction of Seattle's Waterfront Park, and a forest health walk at Seward Park. He thanked those who have joined volunteer events at the Greenway Trust tree nursery and restoration sites. Finally, Board Members toured Swauk Prairie prior to tonight's Board meeting.

c. National Heritage Area update

Jon Hoekstra provided an update on the NHA process. He described a short extension granted by the Park Service for submission of the final Management Plan and announced that a draft was recently submitted to the tribes for comment.

d. Morris Jenkins Collection at CWU Digital Archives

Doug McClelland thanked Central Washington University archivists Marty Blackson and Julia Stringfellow for digitizing videos from 1992 found in Greenway Trust archives. These videos held recordings of an early Greenway Trust Board Meeting as well as interviews of Morris Jenkins, Cle Elum historian and forester, which they added to the university collection online.

e. Snoqualmie Pass Visitors Center in historic fire station

Thanks to the Forest Service and The Pass Life, the historic fire station at Snoqualmie Pass has been renovated and reopened as a visitors' center, grocery market, outdoor gear rental shop and office space. Videos will soon be playing in the center, including one of the Greenway NHA.

f. Legislative session 2022 updates

Doug described good news with respect to state funding allocations.

- i. Washington Trails Association led an effort with Rep. Cindy Ryu to allocate \$5 million per year to state DNR, Parks, and

Fish & Wildlife. Per Doug, this is a much needed boost for maintenance.

- ii. New funding has been secured for “Outdoor School for All” to fund outdoor education for the State’s 5th and 6th graders.
- iii. New funding was allocated to protect and provide access to farmland, an important step in supporting aspiring farmers.
- iv. The budget includes a State transportation package which provides funding for the next phase of the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East road work, re-development of the State Route 18 Interchange, the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail in Bellevue, and continued development of the Eastrail.

g. *Kittitas Stewardship Fund Launch*

Catherine Walker and Adam Torem, discussed the Kittitas Stewardship Fund, which is a 1% collection on retail sales for Kittitas businesses that opt in to the program. Catherine appreciated Nicky Pasi for her leadership of the steering committee leading this effort. The committee is developing a process for receiving stewardship grants once the fund is up and running. A press release will go out tomorrow announcing the fund and several businesses have already joined the Fund. Adam referred the group to the Fund’s website and also solicited recommendations for volunteers for the committee and for businesses that might be interested in signing up. Adam and Catherine expect the funds will be used for restoration, recreation, education, and related planning. Nicky Pasi also provided some background on this history of the project. The group hopes that several additional businesses sign up before Memorial Day so that some grants can be provided this summer.

h. *Beverly Bridge Opening, Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail*

Nicky Pasi described the grand opening event for this bridge which was attended by Governor Inslee and local tribal leaders.

BOARD MEETING BUSINESS

1. Committee Updates

a. Fundraising Committee Report

Mike Woodsum thanked a lengthy list of donors. He also noted that our total number of donors has shrunk in recent years and expressed appreciation in advance for the Board's help in growing the donor base going forward. Mike shared details on the Spring Breakfast planned for Friday April 29, 2022 at Lake Sammamish State Park.

b. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

Doug offered a reminder of the DEI Workshop planned for the Board of Directors on May 25, 2022 at 7:00pm in virtual format.

2. Checkerboard Partnership Planning Committee

Melissa Speeg, from the Kittitas Conservation Trust, spoke about the Checkerboard Partnership and its mission to preserve 27,000 acres of "checkerboard" properties in Kittitas County. Plum Creek put these lands up for sale and the Nature Conservancy found a conservation investor to purchase the properties; this means that at some point in the near term the parcels will be sold by the investor, hopefully for conservation, but they could go to a private owner. The Checkerboard Partnership Planning Committee is focused on properties in three main areas: Cabin Creek, Taneum and Cle Elum Ridge. The Partnership has received \$3 million in Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office funds, \$14.5 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund and \$5.7 million from the Forest Legacy Fund. The \$5.7 million grant will allow for the purchase of Cabin Creek which will go into DNR ownership.

Darcy Batura from the Nature Conservancy addressed Partnership efforts in Taneum. The Nature Conservancy Applied for \$14.5 million for Taneum and received partial funding of \$6.5 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The Board watched a short video on Taneum. The organization is attempting to raise another \$8 million over the next several weeks.

3. Green Dot Road System 101 – Larry Leach

Larry Leach from Washington DNR discussed the Green Dot system which, in the Greenway, is primarily centered around the LT Murray Wildlife Area. Green Dot areas help facilitate access to public lands across private lands to allow access to public lands for recreation, hunting uses, etc. The LT

Murray Wildlife Area consists of 39 miles of Green Dot Roads, primarily for motorized recreation and hunting experiences.

According to Larry, the cost of maintaining Green Dot roads is well in excess of available funding. Significant improvements in education and stewardship among the user population is needed but, meanwhile, DNR is partnering with Kittitas County to improve compliance with access regulations. DNR is working closely with user groups but because many users are not local, the agency is having difficulty reaching many of the users. Seasonal closures are currently being enforced to keep people off the roads in order to preserve the useful life of these roads and reduce maintenance costs.

4. TREAD Map Application Overview and Upcoming Launch

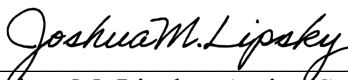
Mat Lyons, Executive Director of TREAD, described the TREAD Map project and its vision “to power sustainable recreation and drive economic development for all.” TREAD is a non-profit organization advocating for outdoor recreation in the Wenatchee Valley and throughout Central Washington through education, communication, and collective impact work. The TREAD Map app contains detailed trail datasets and is intended to function as a one stop, comprehensive, recreation mapping app for all Central Washington trails. According to Mat, TREAD took all the best features from popular apps (AllTrails, Gaia GPS, Trailforks, Strava) and added critical information on impacts and usage. As such, the app is able to warn users of over-used or crowded trails and recommend comparable, but less-used, locations. As Mat explained, “Destination management for most places as opposed to Destination Marketing.”

Ultimately, TREAD’s plan with this app is to create a statewide endowment fund to give back to local communities. The app goes live on May 23rd.

CONCLUDING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

Doug McClelland offered closing remarks. He recounted the great presentations and engagement by Board Members throughout the meeting and promoted the upcoming Greenway Trust Board engagement and volunteer opportunities. Friday, June 3rd will be a celebration of the naming of the Jim Ellis Memorial Park. Doug also reminded the group about the Spring Brunch and other events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.



Joshua M. Lipsky, Acting Secretary



Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
Meeting of the Board of Directors

April 27, 2022

Meeting
SIGN-IN FORM

Name	Director, Advisor, or Guest?
Bill Chapman	D
THOMAS O'KEEFE	Dweller
Larry Lewis	Advisor; Comm-
STEPHANIE MARCHIONI	GUEST
Caroline Villanova	Greenway Staff
Katie Egresti	Staff
Matt Grimm	Director
Adam Torem	Director
ELIZABETH LUNNEY	DIRECTOR
Ken Konigsmark	D
Doug Mettelid	Director
Jon Hekstro	Exec Director
MARK BOYAR	D
JIM BECKER	Dir
Kirsti McClelland	Adv. comm.
Melissa Speeg	Guest
Gary Berralt	Boa Dir.

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Name

Director, Advisor, or Guest?

CATHERINE Walker

Guest

Ed Letcher

Guest

Teri Letcher

Guest

Beth Luna

Guest

Tyler Larsen

Guest

Adam Hess

Guest

Mitch Long

Guest

Xyler Batura - Long

Guest

Darcy Batura

Guest - TNC

Hannah Bates

Guest - WDFW

Others (if not noted above):

Josh Lispky - Director

Al Smith - Director

Amy Brockhaus - Staff

Mike Woodsum - Staff

Stephanie Huck - Staff

Virtual attendees:

Alison Washburn - Director

Susan Carlson - Director

Alison Capen - Director

Meredith Shank - Director

Jim Reinhardsen - Director

Steven Shestag - Director

Kristin Bail - Director (X)

John Ernster - Guest



*Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust Mission:
The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance the landscape from Seattle across the Cascade Mountains to Central Washington, ensuring a long-term balance between people and nature.*

**Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 27, 2022, 5:30pm-8:00pm**

Social Hour and Dinner 5:30pm

Chair: Doug McClelland

I. Welcome 6:30pm

II. Introductions 6:34pm

III. Approval of Minutes – Josh Lipsky 6:44pm

IV. Announcements 6:45pm

- Staff Updates
- Board events
- NHA Update
- Morris Jenkins Collection – CWU Digital Archives
- Snoqualmie Pass visitors center in historic fire station
- Legislative session 2022 updates
 - WTA-led Proviso, maintenance funding to state agencies
 - Outdoor School for state's 5th and 6th graders
 - Farmland Protection and Access
 - State transportation package
- Kittitas Stewardship Fund Launch
- Beverly Bridge Opening, Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail

IV. Committee business 7:00pm

- Fundraising Committee Report – Mike Woodsum
- Spring Breakfast April 29th
- Reminder: May 25th Board DEI Workshop

(7:05) V. Checkerboard Partnership Planning Committee –
Melissa Speeg, Katie Pofahl, Gary Berndt

(7:25) VI. Green Dot Road System 101 – Larry Leach, DNR

(7:40) VII. TREAD Application Overview and Upcoming Launch – Mat Lyons

(7:55) VIII. Closing – Doug McClelland

GREENWAY BOARD ENGAGEMENT

What will YOU do in the Mountains to Sound Greenway today?

FY22 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Wed. May 25, 2022 7-9pm | Board Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) Workshop, virtual

Wed. June 8, 2022 | Annual Board Meeting, Jim Ellis Preston Community Center

SPRING BREAKFAST | Friday, April 29, 11am-1pm Lake Sammamish State Park and virtual
mtsgreenway.org/breakfast

Board member calendar, policies, information: mtsgreenway.org/boardmember

Visit this Board Resources page for organizational policies, board member information, and presentations including those on tribal governance and history.

Engagement Opportunities | Explore the Greenway

Teaway Love Day | facebook.com/teawaycommunityforest

- Saturday, May 21, register here: <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/event/teaway-love-day>

Towns to Teaway Weed Removal Event

June TBD

Jim Ellis Memorial Regional Park at Preston celebration!

Join King County Councilmember Sarah Perry, King County Parks, former Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell.

Friday, June 3, 3PM at the Jim Ellis Preston Community Center

RSVP: amy.brockhaus@mtsgreenway.org

2022 Upper Yakima Float

- Saturday, June 18, registration opens soon: <https://mtsgreenway.org/explore/trips/>

2022 Snoqualmie Valley Trail Bike Ride

- Saturday, August 20, registration opens soon: <https://mtsgreenway.org/explore/trips/>

[Greenway Volunteer Events Saturdays | mtsgreenway.org/volunteer](https://mtsgreenway.org/volunteer)