

**THE MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**November 3, 2021**

**TIME AND PLACE**

Pursuant to timely notice, the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust was held on November 3, 2021, beginning at 7:01pm in virtual format.

**PRESENT**

Present were 27 voting Directors and 5 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 as Secretary. 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 September 15, 2021 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved with no corrections.

**2. Board Elections**

Alison Washburn was nominated as President-Elect, and Josh M. Lipsky was nominated to the proposed new officer role of Vice President, with the intention to serve as President in the year following Alison's term. Alison Washburn was unanimously elected to serve as President-Elect. The Board also unanimously approved the resolution creating the Vice President position and unanimously elected Josh Lipsky to serve as Vice President.

**PRELIMINARY ITEMS**

**1. Welcome**

Doug McClelland welcomed everyone.

## 2. Announcements

### *a. Board engagement opportunities*

Jon Hoekstra encouraged Board members to participate in tours and outdoors events this fall.

### *b. Upper Yakima Basin*

Nicky Pasi provided project updates and news within the Upper Yakima Basin.

Nicky welcomed new Greenway Trust staff member, Vince Pruis, as Teanaway Engagement Coordinator. Vince introduced himself.

Nicky confirmed that the Greenway Trust has completed the Salmon la Sac project.

Nicky described the Teanaway Volunteer events this weekend, specifically an effort to help remove cattle fencing that was placed over the summer to keep cows away from campgrounds and ecologically sensitive areas.

Thorp Mill is requesting donations or encouraging folks to join the Thorp Mill for \$25 per year. The Greenway Trust has used the Mill for a number of events.

### *c. Birth announcement*

Jon welcomed Sachiko, who arrived in September to parents Marie Quasius (Board Member) and Paul Fisher.

### *d. Launch of the Community Land Conservancy*

Jon announced the new people of color-led land conservancy that acquires land for parks in historically underserved communities. The conservancy was launched in October.

### *e. Greenway Trust/King County Wastewater Internship Clean Water Ambassadors Program*

Jon announced that the Clean Water Ambassadors program earned the Governor's Employer Awards Program in 2021. This award recognizes and promotes the achievements of employers, organizations and individuals who have improved employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

### *f. Trust for Public Land is hiring a Northwest Project Manager*

Jon announced this open position and encouraged Board Members to help identify candidates. The person in this position will play a vital role in land

conservation in the region and will activate the Jim Ellis Fund for Land Conservation for public acquisition of parcels in the Greenway.

*g. Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail*

Amy Brockhaus announced that the trail is being extended through Bellevue to 142nd with a bridge across I-90 to Bellevue College. Hope to have a celebration of the completion of this phase this winter.

*h. State Route 18 Update*

Doug McClelland updated the Board on the SR 18 widening project, which extends from the Issaquah-Hobart Road to the Raging River. The State Department of Transportation redesigned the widening project to include two travel lanes in both directions, a median barrier, right-in and right-out access at Tiger Summit, and a fish and wildlife passage. The redesigned project's price tag of \$640 million will need support from the Washington State Legislature through a transportation package. Additional safety features may be added in the future. Roger Millar discussed these safety issues and identified many of the complexities involved in addressing these issues, including important tribal interests in the land and growth management issues.

## **BOARD MEETING BUSINESS**

### **1. Committee Updates**

*a. Board of Director Forms*

Doug reminded Directors to submit their Conflict of Interest disclosure forms and Annual Board Pledges.

*b. Fundraising Committee Report*

Mike Woodsum thanked donors and shared details on the Annual Celebration planned for Saturday December 4, 2021.

*c. NHA Advisory Committee*

Elizabeth Lunney updated the Group on the status of the NHA Management Plan development and the many meetings and conversations that have been convened recently to support development of the Plan. Jon added his perspective on the scope of the NHA Plan, and shared a new video created for use in the Snoqualmie Pass Visitors Center.

## **2. Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail Coalition**

Fred Wert, Board Member of the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail Coalition, shared a presentation on the Trail. The Trail is a 288-mile trail, starting in Idaho. In 2021, three major bridges along the trail route were completed--in Renslow, Tekoa and Beverly--representing a \$10 million investment by State Parks just this year. There are seven more bridges that need to be repaired. Fred fielded a number of questions about renovation and repair of other features of the trail including the Kittitas Depot.

## **3. Corporate Champions**

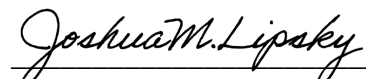
Greenway staff Robyn Hall and Caroline Villanova provided an update on the Corporate Champions program. They highlighted written materials that have been developed to solicit collaborations with corporations, including a Greenway Trust Values Proposition, Greenway Trust 101 language, and a Corporate Champions Tracker.

The Group was assigned to breakout rooms for informal discussions.

## **CONCLUDING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Doug McClelland offered closing remarks, including encouraging support for land management staff. He promoted the upcoming Greenway Trust board engagement and volunteer opportunities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

  
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Joshua M. Lipsky, Secretary

## Board Meeting Attendance - Annual Meeting

November 3, 2021 - Virtual Meeting via Zoom

First Name	Last Name	Organization	Director, Advisor, Guest, Staff	Ex-Officio Director
Kristin	Bail	USFS Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest	Director	x
Laurie	Benson	WA State Dept. of Natural Resources	Director	x
Allison	Capen	International Living Future Institute	Director	
Susan	Carlson	E3 Washington	Director	
Bill	Chapman	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Director	
Deloa	Dalby	Savor Snoqualmie Valley Leadership Team; The Mountaineers Foothills Branch	Director	
Bob	Ellis	Lifetime Educator and Cyclist	Director	
Kurt	Fraese	Fraese and Associates, LLC	Director	
Matthew	Grimm	Tri Pointe Homes Washington	Director	
Jon	Hoekstra	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Director	
Warren	Jimenez	King County Parks and Recreation	Director	x
Andrew	Kenefick	Waste Management of Washington, Retired	Director	
Janet	Knox	Pacific Groundwater Group	Director	
Ken	Konigsmark	Issaquah Alps Trails Club	Director	
Sharon	Linton	SL Connects	Director	
Joshua	Lipsky	Cascadia Law Group PLLC	Director	
Elizabeth	Lunney		Director	
Robert	Manelski	The Boeing Company, Retired	Director	
Douglas	McClelland	Retired, WA State Dept. of Natural Resources	Director	
Roger	Millar	WSDOT	Director	x
Chad	Nesland	Microsoft Corporation	Director	
Thomas	O'Keefe	American Whitewater	Director	
Charlie	Raines	Sierra Club, Washington State Chapter	Director	
Janet	Ray	AAA Washington, Retired	Director	
Vikram	Sahney	The Mountaineers	Director	
Meredith	Shank	Social Venture Partners	Director	
Al	Smith	Perkins Coie LLP	Director	
David	Sturtevant		Director	
Harry	Thomas	AAA Washington	Director	
Adam	Torem	Industrial Insurance Appeals Judge	Director	
Jody	Weil	USFS Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest	Director	x
Daniel	Levine	NationAd Communications	Director	
Jennifer	Brenes	King County Search and Rescue	Advisor	
Larry	Phillips	Former King County Council	Advisor	
Ian	Sutton	Summit Law Group	Advisor	
Todd	Trepanier	WSDOT	Advisor	
Kevin	Killeen	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Guest	
David	Peterson	Retired, WSDOT	Guest	
Fred	Wert	Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail Coalition	Guest	
Tor	Bell	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Employee	
Amy	Brockhaus	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Employee	
Mackenzie	Dolstad	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Employee	
Eliza	Foster	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Employee	
Robyn	Hall	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Employee	
Stephanie	Huck	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Employee	
Nicky	Pasi	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Employee	
Vincent	Pruis	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Employee	
Caroline	Villanova	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Employee	
Michael	Woodsum	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust	Employee	

Attendance
Voting Directors: 27
Non-Voting Directors: 5
Total Directors: 32
Advisors and Guests: 7
Staff Attendance: 10
Total Attendance: 49



*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  
November 3, 2021, 7:00-8:30pm – via ZOOM**

**Chair: Doug McClelland**

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| I.   | Welcome   | 7:00pm |
| II.  | Approval of Minutes – (VOTE) Josh Lipsky  | 7:04pm |
|      | Elections – (VOTE) Doug McClelland  |        |
| III. | Announcements and program updates – Jon Hoekstra  | 7:05pm |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Board Engagement opportunities</li><li>○ Welcome new staff member</li><li>○ Upper Yakima Basin updates</li><li>○ Community announcements</li><li>○ Clean Water Ambassadors program update</li><li>○ Project updates</li></ul> |        |
| IV.  | Committee business  | 7:25pm |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Conflict of Interest, Board Pledge forms reminder – Doug McClelland</li><li>○ Fundraising Committee Report – Mike Woodsum</li><li>○ NHA Advisory Committee – Elizabeth Lunney, Jon Hoekstra</li></ul>                         |        |
| V.   | Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail Coalition update – Fred Wert   | 7:45pm |
| VI.  | Corporate Champions update – Robyn Hall, Caroline Villanova   | 8:00pm |
| VII. | Breakout rooms (if time allows)   | 8:10pm |
| VII. | Closing – Doug McClelland   | 8:20pm |

## **GREENWAY BOARD ENGAGEMENT - What will YOU do in the Mountains to Sound Greenway today?**

### **FY22 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR**

Wed. Feb 16, 2022 | Board Meeting, Jim Ellis Preston Community Center *or virtual*

Wed. Apr 27, 2022 | Swauk-Teaway Grange, Cle Elum *or virtual*

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

### **Board member calendar, policies, information: [mtsgreenway.org/boardmember](https://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**

#### **Museums are open and need our support!**

Have you seen “Spirit Returns 2.0” at the Duwamish Longhouse and Museum? Explored the Northwest Railway Museum and its restoration of train cars and extensive collections of rail history including a new Japanese American rail worker story in the Snoqualmie Valley? Visited the new Burke or National Nordic museums in Seattle? Or the Kittitas County Historical Museum in Ellensburg?

4Culture compiled a list of re-opened museums, <https://www.4culture.org/museums4everyone/>

#### **Bike the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail with Caroline Villanova | Friday, November 5, 2-5pm**

Join Caroline Villanova for a bike ride! Meet at the African American Museum in Seattle (or Mercer Island if weather is bad.) Bike to new segment of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail in Bellevue and back.

**RSVP** to [caroline.villanova@mtsgreenway.org](mailto:caroline.villanova@mtsgreenway.org)

#### **Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance ride | Tuesday, November 9, 3-5pm**

Mountain bikers, join Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance for a tour and ride of the Olallie trail to learn about sustainable trail design and the expansion of mountain biking in the Greenway! This will be a social, no-drop ride. Olallie is non-technical but does require some fitness as the trail is steep in places. Ride will be 6-8 miles and 500-1000ft of climbing depending on group interest.

**RSVP** to Kristen McCune at [kristenmccune@evergreenmtb.org](mailto:kristenmccune@evergreenmtb.org)

#### **Hike and tour in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie | Thurs. Nov. 11, 10:30AM-3PM (meet at North Bend P&R)**

Join Mike Woodsum and Amy Brockhaus on a hike to Garfield Ledges, visit to Camp Brown, and as many other stops as we can manage to see new infrastructure that protects this magnificent river and provides sustainable recreation access. | **RSVP** to [amy.brockhaus@mtsgreenway.org](mailto:amy.brockhaus@mtsgreenway.org)

#### **Salmon SEEson – view salmon in King County watersheds Aug. – Nov. | [Interactive salmon viewing map](#)**

#### **Issaquah Alps Trails Club | ongoing hikes and events | <https://www.issaquahalps.org/>**

Join club members for Green Issaquah Day (10/23) or a hike to discuss Issaquah’s Climate Action Plan (10/30)

#### **Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail, [Bellevue College Connection video](#)**

#### **MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY ANNUAL CELEBRATION | Saturday, December 4, 2:30PM**

Join us for the annual celebration of accomplishments with a modified in-person, outdoor event at Meadowbrook Farm! A virtual option will also be available. | [www.mtsgreenway.org/annualdinner](https://www.mtsgreenway.org/annualdinner)

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