

**THE MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**April 26, 2023**

**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 26, 2023, beginning at 7pm (following a delicious dinner provided by Ellensburg Pasta Company on a warm spring day at the Swuak-Teaway Grange and in virtual format.

**PRESENT**

Present were 16 voting Directors and 2 non -voting Directors whose names are indicated on the attached Record of Board Attendance (Attachment 1). Several guests were also present (Attachment 1).

President Alison Washburn served as Chair of the meeting and Sharon Linton as Secretary. A copy of the Agenda for this meeting is attached to these minutes (Attachment 2).

**PRELIMINARY ITEMS**

**Welcome**

Alison Washburn welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited introductions around the room and encouraged zoom participants to say hi to each other.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Action was taken on the following matters:

**Approval of the Board Minutes.** Minutes of the February 8, 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by secretary Sharon Linton and seconded by Josh Lipsky. The board voted to approve the minutes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES - Jon Hoekstra**

- Crewmembers have joined our team- 5 restoration, 4 trail, 2 ed – still hiring.
- Explore the Greenway Trips – registration open now
  - June 17 – Yakima River Float
  - August 5 – Snoqualmie Tunnel Bike Ride
  - September 9 – Hike the Greenway
- State legislative update – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) was funded at \$120mm; highest ever, Trust Land Transfer legislation and \$19.5mm for 6 TLT projects; DNR budget \$2 million for community forests operating helpful to the Teaway; \$7mm No Child Left Inside highest funding ever and State Parks received a continued \$10mm of support.

**BOARD MEETING BUSINESS**

**NHA Advisory Committee – Jon H**

Jon informed us that the National Park Service is consulting with Tribes in the area of our NHA as part of the requirements of the Dingle Act. This doesn't impact our designation but is being done

for all recently approved NHAs.

Jon and Caroline attended the Association of National Heritage Areas (ANHA) in Muscle Shoals Alabama and found it to be a valuable conference with great networking and learning opportunities. The Greenway will host the ANHA in spring of 2026.

### **Operations Committee Report – Tor Bell**

Budget and planning for 2024 fiscal year is underway and will be reviewed for approval at the June Board meeting.

### **Board Engagement Committee Report –Amy Brockhaus**

Nominations are being accepted for new board members and members are being contacted for renewals of expiring terms. The slate of new and renewing board members and officers will be voted on in June.

### **Fundraising Committee Report –Mike Woodsum**

Donors since our last meeting were acknowledged and we were reminded to fill tables for the May 20 Breakfast Event.

### **DEI Moment- Introduced by Jon Hoekstra**

The board viewed a short video about gender identity and pronouns and how being attentive to using the right pronouns is a sign of care and respect that will help us as an organization be welcoming.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Collaborative Conservation and Partnerships across the Greenway NHA**

Nicky Pasi welcomed the board to Kittitas County and introduced the topics for the evening's presentations from partners and collaborators.

### **Trust for Public Land update**

Laurie Benson (who recently joined TPL after being with DNR) updated us on three TPL 50th Anniversary celebrations and events.

### **Checkerboard Partnership Update**

Cathy Baker informed the board that **The Nature Conservancy's** Taneum project ranked #1 nationally for LWCF funding. Depending on the president's budget, it may receive \$12 million to transfer Taneum to USFS. They cite the Greenway's NHA designation as helpful in their ability to garner funds.

Jim Becker provided an update on a Recreation conservation grant to move another parcel on the Cle Elum Ridge into protected status – the matching program is only \$100K short of achieving its match goal.

### **Thorp Mill Update – Lisa Ely, Richard (Moose) Mack**

Thorp Mill was recognized during the Greenway's parade of accomplishments last fall. At this meeting, presenters shared information about the historic use of the flour mill and some heritage and interpretive

displays and tours that are being developed. The mill sits on 20 acres that could be used for camping or other activities. Students from CWU partner with the Mill on a number of projects.

**West Fork Trails Update – Larry Leach (DNR), Alan Carter-Mortimer (WTA)**

DNR and state Fish and Wildlife have owned and managed the Teanaway Community Forest land for 10 years and are now working in partnership with WTA and others to create and execute a plan that will build over 60 miles of trail over a 5-year phased plan. There will also be trails and snow park areas for winter recreation. Several organizations including the Greenway are taking the lead to fund and work on specific aspects of the trails in the Teanaway Community Forest, prioritizing trails that connect to the Towns to Teanaway network so as to link with nearby communities

**Salmon Education Days – Vince Pruis**

This spring the Greenway has partnered with Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group to **supplement Salmon Education Days** for three schools (Thorp, Swiftwater Learning Center, and Easton) with a visit to restoration sites along the North Fork Teanaway River. Fourth and fifth graders will have the chance to evaluate habitat conditions and draw conclusions about the location’s suitability for salmon.


**Kittitas Stewardship Fund – Nicky Pasi**

It has been a year since this program was kicked off where local businesses ask customers to donate 1% of their purchase to support public lands. In its first year the program raised nearly \$20,000 to provide grants for projects in Kittitas County. A great start for a program like this. The Steering Committee plans to seek applications for grant funding this summer.

**CONCLUDING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Alison shared closing remarks, shared a reminder about upcoming events, and noted the Annual Board Meeting date in June.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Sharon Linton (signed digitally)   
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Sharon Linton, Secretary

**DIRECTORS SIGN IN**  
**Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust Board Meeting 04-26-23**

First Name	Last Name	Ex-Officio Director	Initials	First Name	Last Name	Ex-Officio Director	Initials
Kristin	Bail	X		Yvonne	Kraus		
Cathy	Baker		CB	Ken	Krivanec		
Jim	Becker			Daniel	Levine		
Laurie	Benson	X	LB	Sharon	Linton ✓		
Gary	Berndt		GB	Joshua	Lipsky ✓		
Mark	Boyar			Elizabeth	Lunney		
Jason	Broenneke			Robert	Manelski		
Allison	Capen			Ben	Mayer		
Susan	Carlson			Douglas	McClelland		
Bill	Chapman			Roberta	McFarland		
Dow	Constantine	X		Roger	Millar	X	
Kathleen	Craig			Chad	Nesland		
Deloa	Dalby			Thomas	O'Keefe		
Diana	Dupuis	X	DD	Amanda	O'Rourke		
Bob	Ellis			Kizz	Prusia		
Karl	Forsgaard			Marie	Quasius		
Kurt	Fraese			Charlie	Raines		
Hilary	Franz	X		Janet	Ray		
Lindsay	Frickle			Jim	Reinhardsen		
Jen	Gradisher			Vikram	Sahney		
Matthew	Grimm			Kate	Schaefer		
Jon	Hoekstra			Meredith	Shank		
Laura	Hoffman			Jill	Simmons		
Katherine	Hollis			Al	Smith		
Mitsu	Iwasaki			David	Sturtevant		
Warren	Jimenez	X		Harry	Thomas		
Cora	Johnson			Christopher	Thomas		
Andrew	Kenefick		AMIC	Leah	Tivoli		
Melanie	Kitzan			Adam	Torem		
Janet	Knox			Alison	Washburn		
Ken	Konigsmark			Jody	Weil	X	



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# Advisors & Guests SIGN-IN

Name	Advisor or Guest?
Crystal Smith	Guest - Field + Stream Club
Kirsti McCallum	Tech Advisor
Madelyne Godley	Guest
Rachel Lanter	Guest
Lisa Ely (Thorp Mill)	Guest
Andy Piacsek " "	Guest
Jay McGowan	"
Larry Leest	DNR-SE
TYLER MACKAY	WM
Dara Butane	Guest
Mitch Long	Guest
Martha Wyckoff	Guest
Alan Carter Mortimer	WTA
Brian White	

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Mike W., Mike S., Tom, Amy, Nicoles, Kay, Vince, Jamie



*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  
Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors  
April 26, 2023, 6:00-8:30pm at the Swauk-Teaaway Grange**

(6:00) Dinner

**Chair: Alison Washburn**

(7:00) I. Welcome, introductions

(7:13) II. Approval of Minutes – (VOTE) Sharon Linton

(7:15) III. Announcements – Jon Hoekstra

(7:20) IV. Board of Directors business

NHA Advisory Committee – Elizabeth Lunney/Jon Hoekstra

Operations Committee Report – Amanda O'Rourke/Tor Bell

Board Engagement Committee Report – Marie Quasius/Amy Brockhaus

Fundraising Committee Report – Ken Krivanec/Mike Woodsum

(7:35) V. DEI moment – Meredith Shank/Jon Hoekstra

(7:40) VI. Collaborative Conservation and Partnerships across the Greenway NHA

Trust for Public Land update – Laurie Benson

Checkerboard Partnership Update – Darcy Batura and Jim Becker

Thorp Mill Update – Lisa Ely, Richard Mack, Andy Piacsek

West Fork Trails Update – Larry Leach (DNR), Alan Carter-Mortimer (WTA), Brian Crowley (EMBA)

Salmon Education Days – Vince Pruis

Kittitas Stewardship Fund – launch anniversary! – Nicky Pasi

(8:25) VIII. Closing – Alison

## GREENWAY BOARD ENGAGEMENT

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

## FY23 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 7, 6:30-9:00PM, Jim Ellis Memorial Preston Community Center

## REGISTER NOW! SPRING FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST:

Join us for breakfast in the park followed by hikes, native plant explorations, and more!

Saturday, May 20, 2023, Lake Sammamish State Park | [mtsgreenway.org/breakfast](https://mtsgreenway.org/breakfast)

## SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL DINNER AND CELEBRATION

Wednesday, November 1, 2023, Seattle Convention Center | [mtsgreenway.org/annualdinner](https://mtsgreenway.org/annualdinner)

## 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

### Bike the Eastrail | Friday, May 12, 10AM-12:30PM

Join Eastrail Partners and Leafline Trails Coalition members for a bike ride on the Eastrail to see new trail connections and infrastructure in Kirkland and Woodinville.

Questions and RSVP: [amy.brockhaus@mtsgreenway.org](mailto:amy.brockhaus@mtsgreenway.org)

Event published here: <https://eastrailpartners.org/events>

### Teanaway Spring Workparty | May 21, 9:00am – 1:00pm

The TCF is shifting their larger volunteer work party to the fall, so this May 21<sup>st</sup> we'll host two small (6 person) volunteer groups to tackle campground clean up and derelict fencing removal.

### National Trails Day @ Gold Creek Pond | Saturday, June 3, 10AM – 1:00PM

Join the Greenway Trust and our partners at the Cle Elum Ranger District to prepare this popular recreation area for the summer! We'll be installing new signage, brushing the boardwalk trail, and cleaning up the parking area.

### In a Landscape: Meadowbrook Farm Preserve Classical Music Concert | August 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7pm

Part of the Trust for Public Land's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, an opportunity to hear music in a culturally significant, beautiful, setting. [Tickets here](#)

## [EXPLORE THE GREENWAY 2023: mtsgreenway.org/get-involved/events/trips/](https://mtsgreenway.org/get-involved/events/trips/)

Saturday, June 17 – Yakima River float

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

Questions or interested in a large group event? Swan Phongwarinr, 206.473.7238 / [volunteer@mtsgreenway.org](mailto:volunteer@mtsgreenway.org)