

THE MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 1, 2024

TIME AND PLACE

Pursuant to timely notice, the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust was held on May 1, 2024, beginning at 6:55pm at the Swauk Teanaway Grange and in virtual format. Dinner was catered by Ellensburg Pasta Company.

PRESENT

Present were 16 voting Directors and 1 non-voting Directors whose names are indicated on the attached Record of Board Attendance (Attachment 1). Several staff and 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 opened the meeting at 6:55 pm, welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited introductions around the room.

ACTION ITEMS

Action was taken on the following matters:

Approval of the Board Minutes. Minutes of the February 7, 2024 Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Sharon Linton and seconded by Bill Chapman. The board voted to approve the minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES - Jon Hoekstra

- The Greenway Trust has been nominated by the US Forest Service for a Forest Service Regional Volunteer and Service award.
- The Greenway is hosting a volunteer event May 18 at Lake Sammamish State Park with the Trust for Public Land (TPL) to celebrate our 30+ year partnership. In our early days the Greenway Trust was incubated by TPL who provided office space, organizational infrastructure, and even our very first executive director.
- We hired a new Kittitas Volunteer Stewardship Coordinator, Katie Spires, bringing our Greenway East staff back up to three.
- Our new Public Relations consultant garnered us an Earth Day appearance by Jon Hoekstra on Studio 13 Live (Local channel 13 TV) where he talked about the NHA and ways to get involved in the Greenway.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising Committee – Mike Woodsum

Mike recognized donors and sponsors who have made donations since our last meeting. He encouraged board members to keep inviting guests for the May 31 Breakfast in Lake Sammamish State Park. He also suggested we consider hosting and organizing small-group cultivation events to introduce folks to the Greenway.

Operations Committee –Tor Bell

Tor shared the Q3 financials and noted that Revenues and Expenses are both below budget due to delays on some planned projects leading to decreased revenues and project related expenses.

	Actual March 31, 2024	Budget March 31, 2023	Variance
Operating Revenues	\$2,578,649	\$3,484,914	(\$906,265)
Operating Expenses	\$2,761,921	\$3,750,691	(\$988,770)
Net operating Income	(\$183,272)	(\$265,777)	\$82,505

Executive Committee – Alison Washburn

Alison shared an update on the work of the Executive Committee which has been working on recruiting new members to the board. ExCom has reviewed nominations and is following up with several nominees in anticipation of election at the June meeting. She thanked all who submitted nominations and reminded us that nominations are always open and encouraged. If you have someone you think would be a good prospect, please nominate them so we can start getting to know them.

Our annual meeting is June 5 in Preston. We will elect board members, committee chairs and officers and be asked to approve the fiscal 2025 annual budget.

DEI moment – Jon Hoekstra

Jon, Caroline Villanova and Katie Egresi last month attended the ANHA meeting in the Atchafalaya NHA – America's foreign country (in SE Louisiana). They experienced sights, sounds, and flavors of Cajun and creole culture and living heritage. For our DEI moment Jon showed a video of Mavis Fruge’s French table at Nunu in Arnaudville, LA where they are working to keep the French/creole culture alive through these gatherings.

Kittitas County Project Updates

Checkerboard Partnership – Mitch Long, Kittitas Conservation Trust (KCT)

Mitch described the partnership between the KCT and the Greenway working to make forests more resilient. To find out more go to the KCT website. <https://www.kittitasconservationtrust.org>

Gold Creek Valley Restoration – Mitch Long, Kittitas Conservation Trust. The goal of the project is to restore the historic channel of the creek, restore borrow pits to a naturally functioning wetland and maintain recreational access. The Greenway (Nicky Pasi) is working with KCT on ways to maintain human access in these areas while restoring the important natural areas. Information about the project is available at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/f2d2efe3839c4c7fa6962a56a8b44a6b> and comments about the project are being accepted at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/okawen/?project=57415> .

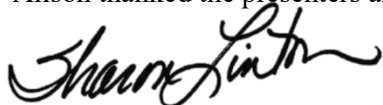
West Fork Teanaway Trails – Brian Crowley - Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance (EMBA)

Working on the Big Sandy Trail-a 4-mile multi-use hike, bike, horse, trail. Since it is multi-use they are working to ensure long sight line sand limited grade and working to stay away from environmentally and/or culturally sensitive areas. Working with DNR, WTA, and the Greenway. Trail will be machine built to speed up completion which is projected for fall 2024 – DNR will need to approve. They are counting on volunteers to help with the trail and have also done some local fund raising. Compliments to Nicky and Vince who have worked to bring volunteers. Trail building volunteers are needed on June 22.

Woody Material Aquatic Restoration in the Teanaway River – Becca Wassell, Mid Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group (a non-governmental agency) working with WDNR and WDFW. Becca’s engaging presentation helped us understand this project. Large wood (logs and log piles/structures) are placed in the river to increase the connection of floodplains and side channels, creating pools and trapping spawning gravels to help salmon and steelhead. She described this as process-based restoration. Find out more at: <https://midcolumbiafisheries.org/north-fork-teanaway-river-large-wood-additions/>

CONCLUDING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

Alison thanked the presenters and reminded us about upcoming events. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.



Sharon Linton, Secretary

DIRECTORS SIGN IN
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust Board Meeting ~~02-07-24~~

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First Name	Last Name	Ex-Officio Director	Initials	First Name	Last Name	Ex-Officio Director	Initials
Kristin	Bail	X		Melanie	Kitzan		
Cathy	Baker			Janet	Knox		
James	Becker		JB	Ken	Konigsmark		
Laurie	Benson		LB	Yvonne	Kraus		
Gary	Berndt		GB	Ken	Krivanec		
Mark	Boyar			Daniel	Levine		
Jason	Broenneke			Sharon	Linton		SL
Allison	Capen			Joshua	Lipsky		JML
Susan	Carlson		SLC	Rachel	Lodge		
William	Chapman		WHe	Elizabeth	Lunney		EL
Dow	Constantine	X		Benjamin	Mayer		
Kitty	Craig			Douglas	McClelland		DM
Deloa	Dalby			Roberta	McFarland		
Diana	Dupuis	X		Roger	Millar	X	RM
Bob	Ellis			Chad	Nesland		
Karl	Forsgaard			Thomas	O'Keefe		
Kurt	Fraese		KRF	Amanda	O'Rourke		
Hilary	Franz	X		Marie	Quasius		
Jim	Freeburg			Charlie	Raines		
Robin	Freedman			James	Reinhardsen		
Lindsay	Frickle			Vikram	Sahney		
Jen	Gradisher			Katherine	Schaefer		
Matthew	Grimm			Meredith	Shank		
Jon	Hoekstra		JH	Al	Smith		
Laura	Hoffman			Christopher	Thomas		
Katherine	Hollis			Harry	Thomas		
Mitsu	Iwasaki			Leah	Tivoli		
Cameron	Janes			Adam	Torem		
Sally	Jewell	EMERITUS		Alison	Washburn		
Warren	Jimenez	X		Jody	Weil	X	
Andrew	Kenefick		AK				



Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
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Advisors & Guests SIGN-IN

Name

Advisor or Guest?

Sue McLain

Chloe Ferrone

Bob Manelski

Mitch Long - KCT

Kelly Jiang

Brian Crowley

Sadie Thayer

Rachel Lauter

Advisor

Guest

Advisor

Guest

Guest

Guest

Guest

Guest

STAFF: JON, TOR, AMY, MIKE W.,

NICKY, VINCE, SHEN, KATY,

JAMIE

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

**Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
FY24 Spring Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 1, 2024, 6:00-8:30pm
at Swauk-Teanaway Grange Hall**

Chair: Alison Washburn

- I. Welcome 6:45pm
- II. Approval of Minutes – (VOTE)
- III. Announcements – Jon Hoekstra
 - Forest Service Regional Volunteer and Service award nomination
 - Trust for Public Land Stewardship Day with the Greenway Trust on May 18th
 - Kittitas Volunteer Stewardship Coordinator position filled
 - Studio 13 Live segment about the Greenway Trust
 - Upcoming Events
- IV. Committee reports
 - Fundraising Committee Update – Ken Krivanec, Mike Woodsum
 - Operations Committee Update – Amanda O’Rourke, Tor Bell
 - Executive Committee Update – Alison Washburn
- V. DEI moment – Jon Hoekstra
Sharing stories from the Alliance of National Heritage Area meeting in the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area & video of Mavis Fruge: La Table Française d’Arnaudville
- VI. Checkerboard Partnership Update – Mitch Long, Kittitas Conservation Trust
- VII. Gold Creek Valley Restoration – Mitch Long, Kittitas Conservation Trust
- VIII. West Fork Teanaway Trails Update – Ryan Schreiner, DNR, and Brian Crowley, EMBA
- IX. Woody Material Aquatic Restoration in the Teanaway – Becca Wassell, Mid Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group
- X. Closing -- Alison Washburn 8:25pm

GREENWAY BOARD ENGAGEMENT

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

FY24 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Spring Meeting - Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 6:00-8:30PM, Cle Elum

SPRING BREAKFAST Friday, May 31, 2024, 8:30AM, Lake Sammamish State Park

Annual Meeting - Wednesday, June 5, 2024, 6:30-9:00PM, Preston

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

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

Engagement Opportunities

The Trust for Public Land Stewardship Day with Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, volunteer restoration event – Saturday, May 18, 2024

Please join the Trust for Public Land and Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust board members, staff, volunteers and supporters of the [Jim Ellis Fund for Land Conservation](#) for a volunteer restoration day at Lake Sammamish State Park! We'll pull weeds and restore habitat in the company of friends.

Date: Saturday, May 18, 10AM – 1PM

Location: Lake Sammamish State Park, Issaquah

Register here: <https://mtsgreenway.org/event/tpl-stewardship-day-with-mtsg-2024/>

Spring Fundraising Breakfast | Friday, May 31, 2024 at Lake Sammamish State Park

Sign up as table captain: contact michael.woodsum@mtsgreenway.org or 206.250.9979

Register: mtsgreenway.org/breakfast

Annual Dinner and Celebration | Thursday, November 14, 2024

****New location**** Seattle Convention Center - **Summit Building**

mtsgreenway.org/annualdinner

Greenway Volunteer Events Saturdays | mtsgreenway.org/volunteer

Questions or interested in a large group event? Swan Phongwarinr, 206.473.7238 / volunteer@mtsgreenway.org