

**Thurston County Agriculture Advisory Committee**

7:00-9:00 PM

3054 Carpenter Rd SE, Olympia, WA 9803

**Meeting Minutes for April 25, 2019**

**Members Present:** Richard Mankamyer (Chair); Joe Hanna (Vice Chair); Eric Johnson; Stephen Bramwell; Gigi McClure (Scribe).

**Members Excused:** Bryan Fisher; Kevin Jensen; Pat Labine; Robert McIntosh; Mike Moore.

**Members Absent:** Scott Von, Nicole Warren

**Ex Officio Present:** None

**Guests Present:** None

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**Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:55 PM by Richard Mankamyer.

Pledge of allegiance was rendered.

A round the table introduction was conducted for attending members.

Approval of the agenda for March 28, 2019 meeting. Motion made to approve by Joe Hanna and seconded by Gigi McClure. Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of April 25, 2019 meeting agenda. Motion made to approve by Joe Hanna and seconded by Gigi McClure. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Committee Items Discussed:**

- a. Voting for the two volunteers for the 2019 Thurston County Conservation Futures Ranking Committee was determined already approved the last meeting, so item was scratched from the meeting, no action was taken.
- b. Quick review of VSP meeting on 2/24/29: Richard discussed the information he was provided at the meeting stating that to meet the recording deadline by July 1, 2019. He covered all the relevant individuals like Kevin Hanson who discussed water quality, Matt Stevens from Corps GLS who focuses on Western Washington using Google for different technologies and methods for surveyance.
- c. By-Law discussion for the removal of an absentee member was on the agenda for consideration according to Stephen. Discussion was brought up to recommend Scott Von be removed. Voting for removal of Scott Von will be conducted at the next meeting.
- d. Final review of Comp Plan: To be discussed at the May meeting.

- e. There was no public comment provided.
- f. There were no “Green Sheets” provided for review.

**Other Business:**

- a. WSU update: Covered the “value added product grant”. Richard recommended getting training and additional information into the newsletter as new topics of interest are received for the group like the seminar Stephen planned for Saturday. Also making progress on grain storage facility at Port of Chehalis. Stephen also discussed links for value-added food processing workshop flyer.
- b. TCD update: formal letter for TCD member requested.
- c. News sharing:
  - 1) Flood damage to midwestern levees hand-out provided.
  - 2) Richard Mankamyer discussed the bio sludge fight going on and the hand-outs provided as there are a lot of questions regarding the product and pharmaceuticals or chemicals in the product. Would like to use if the source was reliable and guaranteed.
  - 3) Eric Johnson announced that a 17-year-old German exchange student who sent an e-mail to organic valley. She is looking for an internship for 6 months if anyone is interested.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.