



# Washington Organic Recycling Council

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### **Executive Director**

Mike Oechsner

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

March 9, 2023

Minutes

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President Kate Kurtz.

### **Roll Call:**

Roll Call indicated the following board members were present:

Dan Corum

Dave Keeney

Douglas Parker

Gavin Schmidt

Kate Kurtz

Kelsey Bailey

Liv Johansson

Mary Harrington

Michael Bryan Brown

Nehamias Chalma

Reingard Rieger

Scott Deatherage

The following staff members were present:

Mike Oechsner

### **Mission Statement:**

The Board of Directors read and reviewed the Mission Statement.

### **Antitrust Statement:**

The Board of Directors read and reviewed the Antitrust Statement.

### **Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2023:**

#### **Decision:**

Scott Deatherage moved and it was seconded to approve the January 12 minutes as presented. The motion was adopted unanimously.

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### **House Bill 1799:**

#### Discussion:

Mary Harrington shared an update on House Bill 1799.

The bill requires cities and counties with populations over 25,000 to have a compost ordinance. The compost ordinance deadline has passed.

There continues to be interpretation reviews of the bill. The goal is to solidify procurement.

There is a fact sheet, but it may be updated related to ongoing discussions.

Capacity is an issue in many communities.

Diversion requirements do not include commercial.

WORC should probably review the User's Guide to Compost and move it to a more prominent place on the website. We also may want to create an "ask me" form on the website. The Website and Soils for Salmon committees will jointly meet and determine what resources on the WORC website can be highlighted and promoted to support the changes that have come from this legislation.

### **Finance Update:**

#### Discussion:

Scott Deatherage shared the finance update. WORC is in a very strong financial position after a very successful 2022 fiscal year.

As of February 28, 2023, year to date financial reports reflected the following:

Total Revenue	\$24,928.90
Total Expenses	\$8,861.75
Net Income	\$16,066.15
Checking Balance	\$54,120.19
Savings Balance	\$48,856.54

### **CFOT Update:**

#### Discussion:

It was noted that we anticipate the WSU cost, which includes time, materials, lab testing, and more to be just under \$6,000, so clearly below the budgeted cost. WSU will be presenting a contract.

The committee has not yet met, but will begin meeting soon. We are looking at October 9-13 or October 16-20 and will identify this shortly.

### **Annual Conference Update:**

#### Discussion

The board confirmed that we will definitely continue partnering with TILTH. We do not have any financial result expectations, and we are comfortable with that. WORC will absorb staff expenses and staff travel.

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WORC will take a lead role in the planning of the Thursday sessions. We will also support the Farm Tours and demonstrations.

The current preferred dates are October 26-28 at Fort Warden.

The office will make sure a MOU is in place for the event.

### **Legislative Update:**

#### Discussion:

A formal thank you to Janet was made for the great efforts this session.

### **Soils for Salmon:**

The committee has not yet met.

### **Newsletter:**

#### Discussion:

Janet is working on it. It might be nice to include a legislative update in conjunction.

### **Webinars:**

#### Discussion:

We have 6 webinars planned, 5 with confirmed dates. We will need webinar sponsors.

It was noted that we want to be sure we all take advantage of our relationships for marketing of the event.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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