



WMSWCD Board of Directors Minutes
April 21, 2009

Those attending:

Directors: Sowder, Lightcap, Miller, Peterson, Hartline

NRCS: Steve Fedje

Agency: Claire Klock, Clackamas SWCD

Staff: Dick Springer

Guests: John Eccles; Jennifer, Adams [representing Preserve and Protect Sauvie Island (PAPSI)]

Meeting packet contents:

1. Meeting agenda;
2. *"Oregon Wildlife Habitat Conservation and Management Program Intern Proposal"* from Claire Klock and Clackamas Soil and Water conservation District (3 pages)
3. WMSWCD Minutes 3/17/09 (4 pages)
4. WMSWCD financial documents:
 - a. Balance sheet 4/15/09
 - b. General fund Budget vs. Actual July 2008-June 2009 (2 pages)
 - c. Unpaid Bills detail 4/15/09
5. Staff Reports:
 - a. Scott Gall April 2009 (2 pages)
 - b. Mary Logalbo (1 page)
 - c. Carolyn Lindberg (1 page)
 - d. Manager's report (Dick Springer) April 2009 (2 pages)
6. Flyer and agenda announcing the Oregon Association of RC&D Councils "Promoting Locally Produced Food" conference and business meeting in Eugene Oregon April 16-17, 2009 (2 pages)
7. WMSWCD FY2009-2010 Financial Budget Summary, and Forms LB-10, LB-20, and LB-30
8. Email messages outlining discussion concerning permitting required in conjunction with stream habitat restoration projects: requesting Board discussion/guidance (2 pages)
9. 2009 WMSWCD Workshop Schedule
10. Information flyer (handed out at meeting) provided by Guests with PAPSI

Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM by District Chair Brian Lightcap

Brian discussed his coming participation in RAP Camp for 2009.

Guest Jennifer Adams discussed the reasons for the formation of PAPSI and asked for the Boards support in opposing a request for a conditional use that was a non-conforming use in an agricultural zone on Sauvie Island. (See PAPSI informational flyer for details). The Board decided that the appropriate action for WMSWCD in deference to its mission and its public role would be to offer technical assistance if required but not enter into any advocacy role. However individual members of the Board could act on their own judgment as individuals or part of an advocacy group.

Claire Klock, from Clackamas SWCD, reviewed for the Board the history of the *Community Conservation Resource Consortium*, which was originally a four District consortium that developed an urban/small acreage

conservation program (of which he was hired to implement). He used this program to illustrate the history of cooperation between Districts in key areas of mutual importance.

Claire emphasized the importance of maintaining that collaboration by using all of the separate districts resources together to amplify the ability of each to create, promote, and sponsor workshops and other events to further the public education efforts of the SWCD Districts.

The board responded positively. However, it was unclear what action would be taken to further this cause.

[The Board recessed for a short break.]

The Draft Minutes for the 3/17/09 meeting were approved on a motion made by Director Hartline, seconded by Director Miller, unanimously with 5 YES votes, no NO votes, and no abstentions.

The Treasurer's Report for 4/21/09 was approved unanimously on a motion by Director Sowder, seconded by Director Miller, with 5 YES votes, no NO votes, and no abstentions.

Director/Staff Reports:

1. Director Lightcap informed the Board that he had attended the Monday staff meeting of April 13th. He suggested that occasional attendance could be helpful to other Board members as well.
2. Director Sowder discussed the issue of residences within the riparian buffer zone along Rock Creek between the Van Raden dam and the rail road track fill downstream in regards to stream dynamics and erosion control, and activity in and along the creek. There are about eight landowners right on the creek; soil erosion and flooding are threats to residences.
3. Director Peterson informed the Board concerning the upcoming PAPSI meeting on Sauvie Island
4. Steve Fedje briefly informed the Board concerning the expanded Conservation Easement programs available through the NRCS.
5. District Manager Dick Springer informed the Board about his efforts to continue the education necessary to make the Sturgeon Lake Project "real" to the public and others such as the OWEB Board, and the Nature Conservancy.
A discussion ensued as to what methods of education would be most effective. Helicopter over flight perhaps was suggested.
6. Director Sowder informed the Board about Manager Springer's and his introduction to John and Rene Orlando of Orlandia Farm on NW Skyline blvd. Director Sowder spoke about the mutual benefits of collaboration between the district and the Orlandos in terms of excellent PR for the district, and rainwater collection and other services for Orlandia Farm. The farm is in an area where very little water is available at great expense for agricultural uses.
7. Dick also mentioned the Zoo Earth Day event and the need for booth volunteers.

Discussion:

- **Budget Contingency:**
Dick informed the Board that Erica Stokes (District administrative Assistant) and Director Preeg Riggsby had reviewed the numbers and discovered a discrepancy in the proposed budget for FY2009/2010. They have proposed that the budget contingency fund be reduced from 10% to 8% to accommodate the \$25,000 discrepancy. The Board agrees. The amended LB-10, 20, and 30 will be sent to the TSCC on Wednesday, April 22.

[I believe Director Hartline had to leave early at between 7:30 and 8:00 pm.]

- The Board is asked to acquaint themselves with the issue of “permitting” as brought to the board attention by the Kammy Kern Korot email thread (in packet).
- The Board discussed how to fill the vacant “At-Large” board position on WMSWCD’s Board. Dick suggested a June 1st date for suggestions (nominations) for candidates.
- Dick Springer noted for the board that he had attended the recent “*River Renaissance*” meeting and had received compliments for Mary Logalbo’s efforts for Balch Creek.
- The board considered the proposal that once every quarter a staff member attend one of the monthly Board meetings to present a report on district activities and to answer any questions Board members may have. The Board thought highly of this proposal and looks forward to its implementation.
- Dick informed the Board that Director Lightcap and Administrative Assistant Erica Stokes have been instrumental in helping the OACD plan for the 2009 convention and will be in Pendleton on Friday, April 24th to further this effort.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm