



WMSWCD Minutes 5/19/09

1. Meeting location and time

- a. Location: Montgomery Park
- b. Time: 6:00 pm; the meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM.

2. Introductions/Agenda Approval

- a. Those present:
  - i. Directors: Hartline (arrived late), Lightcap, Miller, Preeg Riggsby, Peterson, Sowder
  - ii. Staff: Kammy Kern-Korot (Conservation Team Lead); Erica Stokes (Executive Assistant); Steve Fedje (NRCS District Conservationist)
  - iii. Guests: David Patte (potential new board member), Nathan Varns (NRCS RC & D Coordinator)

3. Minutes and Treasurers Report

- a. **Minutes were approved for April 2009 with 4 YES votes, 1 ABSTENTION, and 0 NAYS.** Director Sowder made a motion to approve the minutes and reports. Director Miller seconded the motion.
- b. **Treasurer’s Reports**
  - i. *WMSWCD –Unpaid Bills Detail-As of May 12, 2009*<sup>1</sup>
  - ii. *WMSWCD-Balance Sheet- As of May 12, 2009*<sup>2</sup>
  - iii. *WMSWCD-General Fund Budget vs. Actual-July 2008 through June 2009*<sup>3</sup>

4. Directors and Staff Reports

- a. **Staff and Directors Reports:** Dick Springer submitted a written Manager’s Report<sup>4</sup>. Staff members Mary Logalbo<sup>5</sup>, Scott Gall<sup>6</sup>, Kammy Kern-Korot<sup>7</sup>, and Carolyn Myers Lindberg<sup>8</sup> submitted reports.

Director Lightcap submitted a written report<sup>9</sup>. Director Lightcap also noted that the Sturgeon Lake grant was resubmitted to OWEB, and that Manager Springer had been politicking to get the grant noticed by OWEB. A number of letters of support accompanied the grant. Director Lightcap worked on a cover letter for the application. *The Sturgeon Lake Declaration of*

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2 *WMSWCD-Balance Sheet- As of May 12, 2009*  
3 *WMSWCD-General Fund Budget vs. Actual-July 2008- June 2009*  
4 *Manager’s Report to Board*  
5 *Mary Logalbo’s Staff Report for Board*  
6 *Scott Gall’s Staff Report for Board*  
7 *Kammy Kern-Korot’s Staff Report for Board*  
8 *Carolyn Myers Lindberg’s Staff Report for Board*  
9 *Brian Lightcap’s Director Report for Board*

*Cooperation* was also submitted with the grant packet to bring greater awareness to the breadth of the partnerships involved on the project.

Director Sowder reported on his District Manager Springer, and District Staff Scott Gall's meeting with Tom Nygren of the Oregon Woodland Cooperative (OWC) to discuss ways in which the District and OWC can collaborate to further cultivate the District's forestry program. The ten year old OWC has 49 members, but hopes to grow to 100 members within the next five years, and would like to have 1 paid staffer. Director Sowder and Staff Gall also met with Amy Grotta of OSU's Forestry Extension to discuss partnership opportunities.

Director Preeg Riggsby reported that Staff Mary Logalbo gave an Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) presentation on invasive weeds to the Tryon Creek Watershed Council (TCWC) which was enjoyed. TCWC just received a grant from BES to continue its efforts to battle invasive weeds via its Restoration Mentor Program. Director Preeg Riggsby noted that this could be of use to the District as the conservation educated mentors are allowed to work on private lands. Lastly, the TCWC has hired a new Coordinator, Sean Tevlin who has lots of outreach and education experience.

Director Peterson noted that she attended the Balch Creek Summit along with ~40 other attendees. The presenters were excellent particularly the tour guide.

Director Hartline reported that the Native Turtles of Oregon group had its quarterly meeting. Director Hartline encouraged the Board to spread the word about native turtles. The District will post information on the District website regarding Oregon's two native species to further inform its constituency.

Guest Nathan Varns, NRCS RC & D Coordinator, reported that he is the new coordinator as of April 13, 2009. Mr. Varns has 28 years of experience with NRCS and is in the process of visiting various Districts in his service area to find out in what ways the NW RC & D can help the District. Director Lightcap noted that the RC & D's have worked with the District on a number of projects in the past including Sturgeon Lake and the Tryon Creek Culvert. Director Sowder asked how many RC & D projects are active. Varns noted 30. Directors Sowder and Lightcap noted that they are interested in a new project with RC & D in the Rock Creek area. Director Lightcap suggested setting a meeting up between District Manager Springer and Mr. Varns to discuss the project. Lastly, Mr. Varns noted that the next RC & D board meeting will take place on July 9, 2009.

District Conservationist Steve Fedje reported that the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) had been awarded \$84,000, the large majority of which will be used for a District constituent's linear sprinkler system. Also, 1 constituent signed up for the Grassland Program and an organic farmer in the District signed up for EQIP. Director Preeg Riggsby inquired as to whether EQIP was used to help conventional farmers transition to organic farming and/or if organic farmers can apply for EQIP monies. Fedje replied that both opportunities exist if farmers are EQIP eligible. Director Lightcap inquired if Orlandia Farms was participating. At this time, no. The District hopes to engage Orlandia Farms for promotional purposes.

## **5. Discussion**

- a. **Forestry Assistance Presentation:** Conservation Team Leader Kammy Kern-Korot presented the *WMSWCD Forestry Program*<sup>17</sup> to the Board.

Kern-Korot also showed the Board the tentative *2009-10 Workshop Schedule*<sup>18</sup>. Director Lightcap noted that in this fiscal year the District will also be tabling at the Dixie Mountain Strawberry Festival. The District will share the booth with Tualatin SWCD. Director Miller hopes the District will continue to put on Invasive Weeds Workshops in this fiscal year as they are very informative and desired by the community. Kern-Korot also mentioned the upcoming Oak Habitat Summit that the District is hosting for conservation restoration professionals. David Patte, a potential new Director, suggested that the District get Audubon involved with the Summit. Audubon will be involved, and the District is actively trying to engage the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in the Summit as well as ODFW manages Oak Island (on Sauvie Island).

- b. **Board of Director Vacancy:** Director Miller introduced David Patte to the Board. Director Miller has known Mr. Patte for approximately 10 years through their work together on the Forest Park Conservancy (formerly Friends of Forest Park) board. Director Miller also noted that Mr. Patte and his wife have worked personally with an SWCD in Georgia where they own property.

Mr. Patte submitted his *Resume*<sup>19</sup> to the board for review. Mr. Patte told the board that he had been with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for 19 years working on budgets and communications specifically. He and his wife own 40 acres of forest in Washington that is Forest Stewardship Council certified. He is a member of Sauvie Island Organics' CSA, has a conservation plan implemented on his property, and is eager to work with the District on landowner outreach.

- c. **Storage Space:** Staff Stokes informed the Board that as of June 6, 2009 the District will no longer have its large storage space as it costs ~\$225 per month. The space will be cleaned out prior to then for free, and the paperwork that the District is required to keep will be moved into the NRCS storage space. The Board is invited to peruse the items in the storage space if so desired.

## 6. New Business

- a. **Appoint New Director: 6 YES votes, 0 Nays**

Director Preeg Riggsby inquired as to whether Mr. Patte was still interested in joining the Board. He replied that he was. He will be sworn in at the next meeting. Director Hartline made a motion to appoint him to the Board. Director Sowder seconded the motion.

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17 *WMSWCD Forestry Program Presentation*

18 *2009-10 Workshop Schedule*

19 *David Patte's Resume*

**Confirm next meeting date and location and adjourn** The next meeting will occur following the Public Budget Hearing at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at the Montgomery Park building.

Meeting adjourned by Director Lightcap at 8:15 PM