

West Multnomah SWCD Budget Hearing & Board Meeting Tue. June 10, 2008 6:00 PM
At: 2701 NW Vaughn St, Montgomery Park, Suite 443.

6:15 PM Budget Hearing called to order.

Present: Directors Brian Lightcap, George Sowder, Kim Peterson, William Goode, Terri Preeg Riggsby, Elizabeth Callison

Associate Director John Eccles

Staff: Jim Robison, Dick Springer, Steve Fedje

Guest: Sheila Ault, ODA

Sheila Ault, Water Quality Specialist for ODA, provided a presentation describing ODA's programs addressing water quality.

A few key points in her presentation were:

The Tualatin Ag Water Quality Management Area Plan is due for review.

Enforcement of Ag water quality is getting more aggressive.

Compliance investigations are on the rise.

7:02PM Board Business Meeting is called to order.

Discussion of a vehicle purchase was added to the agenda.

1. Minutes and Treasurers Report

Sowder moved to approve the Draft Minutes for 5-21-08. Preeg Riggsby 2nd. Preeg Riggsby noted a correction in the presentation discussion. Motion passed, Aye 5, Nay 0, Abstaining 1 (Callison).

Treasurer's report was provided:

Balance Sheet as of June 6, 2008

General Fund Budget vs Actual

Unpaid Bills Detail

Open Invoices

Journal: May 2008

2. Directors and Staff Reports

Fedje reported on the new Farm Bill adopted by Congress, and noted that the rules for implementation have not yet been completed. Key points included:

Wetland Reserve Enhancement Program has been created which will function similarly to the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), allowing states to enhance the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP).

The Farm & Ranchland Protection Program has been expanded to add forest land as eligible. Fedje expects that in Oregon the land targeted by this will be Oak Savannah and Spotted Owl habitat.

District/Metro/Farm Alliance Program – To encourage new farmers.

Agricultural Water Enhancement Program – To improve water availability.

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is being restricted to non-industrial private agricultural lands.

Lightcap reported:

The Sturgeon Lake "Declaration of Cooperation" is in a final draft.

The publication "Trees are the Answer" from NACD has many good templates and ideas for the district to set up a forestry program.

Kammy is working to put together a forestry workshop for December.

He has put together some information regarding manure which can be posted on the district web site.

The Personnel Committee will be meeting in July.

Eccles reported that Tom is confined to his home, but that they are moving forward with forming a 501(c)4 corporation for the film project.

Callison reported that she will be assisting with reviewing applications for the Executive Assistant position.

Preeg Riggsby reported that the Tryon Creek Watershed Council (TCWC) is hosting a series of workshops (8 over 2 years), and that TCWC has developed a site assessment tool for use in urban areas.

Springer provided a written report ("June Director's Report to WMSWCD Board (6/10/08)") and noted some highlights from the report. When noting the new office space relocation, Callison expressed interest in including a workspace for Board members to work at, with a computer and desk.

3. Discussion

For the sake of time, Discussion agenda items were skipped.

4. New Business

Decision-08-09 Budget

Robison presented the budget documents and noted changes made from the Budget Approved by the Budget Committee. The changes increased the beginning cash balance for the year (adjusted to what is expected based on current spending), an increase in Materials & Services to cover the expanded office space lease, an increase in the General Operating Contingency and an increase in the Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance.

Preeg Riggsby moved to approve the budget resolution ("A Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2008 to 2009 budget, Appropriating Funds, Levying and Categorizing Taxes for the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District") as submitted. Sowder 2nd.

Springer noted that all proper notices were made and the Budget Hearing held as required by law.

Preeg Riggsby expressed pleasure with the budget committee process.

Aye 6, Nay 0, motion passed.

Logo

Two logo designs were passed around for Board members to initial their selection. One design was selected.

Board Meeting Date

The need to consider potentially changing the meeting night was discussed.

Board members noted their availability to participate in the Personnel Committee Panel to interview applicants for the Executive Assistant position.

Meeting was adjourned.