

WMSWCD Board Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2009

Meeting called to Order at 6:10m pm by Chair Lightcap

Those in attendance:

Directors: Lightcap, Sowder Peterson, Preeg-Riggsby, Hartline Miller, David Patte

Staff: D. Springer,

The Meeting Packet was comprised of the following items:

- Meeting agenda
- Draft Meeting minutes – 06/09/09
- Treasurer's report/financials: balance Sheet, as of June 30 & July 14, 2009; General Fund vs. Actual June 17, 2009 through June 30, 2010 & July 2009 through June 2010
- Staff reports from: Dick Springer; Scott Gall; Mary Logalbo; Kammy Kern-Korot (includes email outline and budget for Skyline School Project and proposed budget for new WMSWCD Healthy Streams/Beneficial Buffers Program) ; and Carolyn Meyers Lindberg;
- WMSWCD 2009-2010 Draft Employee Annual Work Plan for Scott Gall; Kammy Kern-Korot; Mary Logalbo; Carolyn Meyers Lindberg; and Erica Stokes
- Report: FISH grants awarded – Fiscal Year 2008-2009
- Announcement and brochure: WMSWCD's participation in control and mitigation of wildfire risk near Forest Park

Added to agenda: 2009 OACD Convention Activities

1. Agenda item #1 Minutes and Treasurers Reports

The draft minutes of the 06/09/09 WMSWCD Board meeting were approved as presented by Secretary George Sowder on a motion by George Sowder, seconded by Terry Preeg-Riggsby. 7 Yes votes;

The Board discussed with Dick Springer the nature of and the advisability of participation in RiverFest 2009 (part of Portland's River Renaissance Program).

The Board decided that it would be best to expend the Districts efforts at the Multnomah Days Celebration.

The Treasurers report and financials were accepted as presented by Treasurer Terri Preeg-Riggsby.

2. Agenda Item #2 Directors and Staff Reports

Dick Springer informed the Board that the amended budget documents had been submitted to the TSCC; and related documents had been sent into the State Auditors Office,

Director Sowder briefly updated the Board concerning Multnomah County's Urban/Reserve process.

Director Patte discussed a suggestion with Kammy Kern Korot concerning an inventory/assessment of quality and type of Forest resources on land in Multnomah County.

Director Hartline reported on the success and attendance of the Sauvie Island Garden Tour. (386 attendees). The Board also briefly discussed the extent of new types of invasive plants on Sauvie Island.

District Manager Dick Springer briefly discussed the Sauvie Island Tour with Multnomah County Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury. He also discussed the Kruger property and the “events in an agricultural zone” case before Multnomah County. (Non agricultural activities, such as weddings, music concerts, bicycle races, denied)

Director Lightcap discussed his tenure as an instructor at RAP camp 2009. He commented that the camp was in its 18th year and was very successful as usual. He added the following details: there were 10 teachers on the faculty and the cost was exceptionally low for a (residential) camp of this quality: \$200/student. The camp is held at Lake of the Woods, between Ashland and Klamath Falls each year in June.

Director Lightcap also reported that he, Erica Stokes, and Scott Gall had attended the Dixie Mountain Strawberry Festival. He found it interesting that representatives of the Tualatin SWCD attended; but no one from Columbia county SWCD (of which he was aware).

Director Lightcap reported that Erica Stokes had been very helpful in planning for the 2009 OACD Convention and in defining the theme for the convention: Energy Efficiency and lowering your carbon ‘footprint’.

The Board discussed the issued of unpaid, volunteer time by district staff for convention planning.

Director Lightcap noticed that there were very little information or files available relating to past exhibitors and found this frustrating and an inconvenience. It was noted that Rick Gruen of Clackamas SWCD had been responsible for exhibitors for the 2008 convention.

3. Agenda item #3 Personnel Committee

Chair Lightcap informed the Board that the Personnel Committee needed to be reconstituted in light of the following two tasks:

- The suggestion by District Manager dick Springer that a third full time Conservation Planner be hired and that a job description and application be developed, and
- The need for the Employee Handbook to be revised and updated.

Chair Lightcap appointed Directors Miller, Preeg-Riggsby, and Peterson to sit on the Personnel Committee.

4. Agenda Item #4 New Business – approve 2009-2010 ODA Scope of Work

(The WMSCD is the compliance agent for the ODA for the ODA concerning the Clean Water Act and SB1010)

- Director Hartline made a motion, seconded by Director Patte, to approve the ODA SOW. Motion passed unanimously with 7 YES votes.
- Director Lightcap informed the Board that the OWEB Grant Review Team had recommended the approval of the ODF&W/WMSWCD Sauvie Island technical Grant application be approved.

The primary tasks of the Grant would be to pay for a hydrological analysis and a relevant literature search. The Grant Review Team recommended an amount of \$50,000.

- Director Hartline informed the Board that the draft Sauvie Island Management Plan was available for review and comment. She suggested that it was important that WMSWCD Board and staff review and submit comments on the draft plan. (This plan is a five year plan that concerns ODF&W management of wildlife and wildlife habitat on Sauvie Island.)

Chair Lightcap proposed a special meeting in August with staff attending, to consider the plan.

- The Personnel Committee will meet sometime in August.