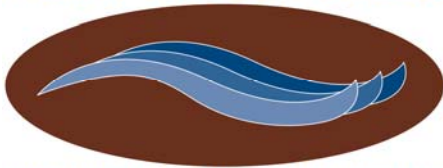


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SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

WMSWCD Minutes 6/15/10

1. Meeting location and time

- a. Location: District office
- b. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

2. Introductions/Agenda Approval

- a. Those present:
 - i. Directors: Hartline, Lightcap, Miller, Patte, Peterson, and Sowder
 - ii. Staff: Dick Springer (District Manager), Erica Stokes (Executive Assistant)
 - iii. Agency: Steve Fedje (NRCS)
 - iv. Guest: David Fortney, WMSWCD Water Quality Intern

3. Minutes and Treasurers Report

a. Update from David Fortney

David discussed his water quality work with Scott Gall, Rural Conservationist. Their draft report is available via Scott. David created the report along with Scott for a graduate school requirement for WMSWCD to use in its future water quality work. The document lists best practices and discusses ground and surface water quality studies on Sauvie Island agricultural properties, and sites along the Gilbert River, as well as benthic and macro studies as well.

Chair Lightcap asked if any public lands were tested. Fortney responded no, but Scott Gall has tested Sturgeon Lake which is a public waterway. Chair Lightcap also asked if this water quality work was going in tandem with the OSU/WMSWCD nitrogen study. Fortney noted that WMSWCD is pursuing the water studies and OSU soil studies. Steve Fedje also mentioned that based on the results of these projects there may be NRCS funding available.

Director Patte also asked about the depth of the wells where the ground water samples were taken. Director Hartline noted that the wells on Sauvie Island are generally between 60'-80' in depth. Director Sowder asked about the number of sites tested and the frequency of the testing. There were 4 Gilbert River sites tested and 8 ground water sites tested. These sites will be tested again in fall. The benthic/macro sites will be tested in the summer when the invertebrates are the most active.

b. Minutes¹ were approved with the correction listed below for April 2010 with 6 YES votes.

Director Patte made a motion to approve the minutes. Director Sowder seconded the motion. Minutes correction: Director Patte noted that during the budget process Citizen Member Woods and he discussed moving toward a program budget style for presentations to the public and to committees (versus line item style-- which is always needed and can stay in the background). He will assist the District staff in this endeavor. He also noted that the Army Corps of Engineers is looking to spend mitigation funds on projects that assist with fish restoration along the lower

Columbia. He will be in touch with Dick Springer about the opportunity. Several Sauvie Island projects could possibly qualify.

c. Treasurer's Reports

i. *WMSWCD-Balance Sheet- As of June 10, 2010²*

ii. *WMSWCD-General Fund Budget vs. Actual-July 2009 through June 10, 2010³*

4. Directors and Staff Reports

a. Staff Reports

Staff members Michael Ahr⁴, Scott Gall⁵, Kammy Kern-Korot⁶, Carolyn Myers Lindberg⁷, Mary Logalbo⁸, Dick Springer⁹, and Erica Stokes¹⁰ submitted reports.

b. Directors' Reports

Chair Lightcap noted that he has continued to attend OACD Convention Committee meetings. Bonneville Power Administration has been asked to come on as a speaker and sponsor to discuss water quality issues throughout the Columbia Basin. He has also asked Mary Logalbo, Urban Conservationist, to send in a speaker's proposal on how WMSWCD runs its invasive weed program in both rural and urban areas. All Districts have invasive weeds and Mary has a good understanding of how to work with multiple partners to leverage resources and work together to manage projects. Lastly, Chair Lightcap is on the North Reach Scientific Panel that is looking over the Siltronics proposal (The River Plan).

Vice Chair Hartline toured The Nature Conservancy's Zumwalt Prairie Preserve which is currently 30,000 acres. TNC is planning to expand to 60,000 in the future. Interestingly, TNC is using cows to battle invasive weeds as the cows are trained to eat these grasses.

Director Sowder noted that the State of Oregon has created its first public forest in over 60 years- The Gilchrest Forest. He also noted that in Washington County, the Petercourts' property has been listed as an urban reserve. Though this listing does not mean that it will definitely be developed, his sense is that it will because of the development pressure on North Bethany.

Director Miller noted that he will be tabling at the Dixie Mountain Strawberry Festival. Chair Lightcap will also do so.

c. Agency Report

Steve Fedje noted that he will be working in Tangent, OR for the summer for NRCS. Additionally, he is working on his WRP agreement for the wetland property on Cornelius Pass Rd.

Manager Springer asked Director Miller what he thought of the Portland City Club presentation on Forest Park. Director Miller felt that the report was comprehensive and well done, but feels that there should be an independent agency managing the park rather than another level of bureaucracy added to the pre-existing park management structure. The Intertwine may be added to the current management system. Additionally, Director Miller feels that there should be better communication between the management agencies and those that work in the park like the No Ivy League. Director Patte noted that Metro might be in a better position financially to manage Forest Park than the City of Portland.

Director Sowder was curious as to why Portland Parks and Recreation does not relinquish the park so that they can focus their limited resources on other parks.

Confirm next meeting date and location and adjourn.

The next board meeting will occur at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at the Montgomery Park building.

The board meeting adjourned by Chair Lightcap at 6:54 PM.

¹ *May 2010 Board Meeting Minutes*

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¹⁰ *Erica Stokes Staff Report*