

# WMSWCD Board Minutes – 07-20-2010

Montgomery Park

Meeting called to order by Chair Lightcap at 6:00 pm

Those in attendance: directors Sowder, Lightcap, Miller, Patte, Preeg-Riggsby, and Hartline

Staff: Carolyn Meyers Lindberg; District Manager Dick Springer; Guest: Alex Schay [Carbon Solutions Northwest]

1. Minutes of the WMSWCD Board meeting of 06-15-10 were read and passed with 4 Yes votes with Director Preeg-Riggsby abstaining. [Director Hartline arrived after this vote] on a motion made by director Patte, seconded by Director Miller.

2. Treasurer Preeg-Riggsby presented the Treasurer's report dated 07-20-10  
Director Miller spoke to the reports and said that he felt the numbers looked good; the board had no further comment; Treasurer's report accepted.

3. Presentations:

WMSWCD Communications co-coordinator Carolyn Lindberg gave a presentation to the board concerning WMSWCD's outreach efforts to small farm, urban/rural interface homeowners, and forest owners. Sample copies of WMSWCD brochures *Invasion of the invasives* and *Horse Health and Water Quality* were distributed to the Board. Director Hartline spoke to the community gardens and OSU extension master gardener program that have received assistance from WMSWCD.

The Board discussed the WMSWCD website [<http://www.wmswcd.org/>]. The consensus was that it was quite useful.

Alex Schay gave a presentation of the current status of the WMSWCD biogas/anaerobic digestion initiative. Mr. Shay discussed feed stocks, potential partners, and financing.

- Sources [and who has access to, or control over these sources]
  - Agricultural waste
  - Residential food waste
    - Pre-consumer waste
    - Post-consumer waste
- Northwest Food processors Association
- Potential partners:
  - Allied Waste [Lane county]
  - Recology [North Plains; Aumsville]
- Funding:
  - One Energy Renewables
  - Energy Trust

The Board discussed biogas/Anaerobic digestion of agricultural waste/ food waste extensively. For many on the Board this was their first in depth exposure to this initiative.

Director Hartline felt that this project/initiative may be beyond the purview of the WMSWCD.

Director Preeg-Riggsby felt some discomfort with the private nature of the potential partners.

4. Director and Staff Reports

- Director Hartline reported that she with staff had toured the north end of Sauvie Island, specifically Cunningham Slough; Further, that Sturgeon Lake was being surveyed (via GPS) for Invasive plant species of which Indigo Bush is one.

Also it was noted that the District had been loaned a GPS unit by the Trimble salesman for test purposed.

- Director Miller wanted to know what happened at the July 16<sup>th</sup> Dick Springer had attended with the Forest Park Conservancy. Director Miller and the Board discussed the lack of a coordinated effort between the Portland Parks Department, the *NO Ivy League*, The Forest Park Conservancy; and the WMSWCD to eradicate (diminish?) ivy in forest park and surrounding parcels. He felt that there was an opportunity here for WMSWCD to get more involved.
- Director Lightcap discussed the planning activities he has performed for the 2010 OACD Convention which will be held at Sunriver on October 27-29, 2010. He mentioned the keynote speaker will be the new director of Oregon SOLV.

5. The Board discussed upcoming events, with Multnomah Days as the major focus.

6. The Board members for whom it is necessary to be elected/re-elected on November's general ballot for Multnomah County were reminded of the filing deadlines with the Oregon Department of Agriculture and Multnomah County Elections.

The Board was presented with the WMSWCD's ODA TA/LMA SOW for 2010-2011. Director Sowder made a motion to approve the SOW 2010-2011, seconded by Director Lightcap. Passed with four YES votes. [Director Patte departed just prior to this vote].

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting will be August 17, 2010 at Director Hartline's residence at [Jane Hartline/Mark Greenfield 14745 NW Gillihan Rd., 97231](#)).

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Additional documents available at meeting:

- WMSWCD Manager's July Board Monthly Report
- Staff Reports/July 2010
  - Michael Ahr
  - Scott Gall
  - Kammy Kern-Korot
  - Carolyn Meyers Lindberg
  - Mary Logalbo