

Minutes – WMSWCD Board Meeting – 10-20-2009

- A. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Lightcap
- B. Those in attendance:
1. Directors: Patte; Sowder; Hartline; Miller; Sowder; Lightcap
 2. Staff: Springer; Logalbo;
 3. Agency Fedge (NRCS)
 4. Guests: Tricia Sears Tricia Sears, City Planner II
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- C. The Board packet included:
- a. Meeting Agenda for October 20, 2009
 - b. *Invasive Plant Policy Review and Regulatory Improvement Project* summary
 - c. *WMSWCD Minutes 9/15/09*
 - d. The following financial documents:
 - i. Balance Sheet 10/16/09
 - ii. General Fund Budget versus Actual 07/09 – 06/10 [two pages]
 - e. The following staff reports:
 - i. Scott Gall
 - ii. Kammy Kern-Korot
 - iii. Mary Logalbo
 - iv. Dick Springer [*Manager's Monthly Report- 10/20/09*]
 - f. Announcement of up-coming event 11/10/09: *Oregon Thrives; A Case for Government – Reframing Public Perception*
 - g. Explanation flyer: *Equity Audit; A Center for diversity & the Environment Service*
 - h. NRCS report: *County Practice summary (applied Practices that were reported to PRS – 10/16/09*
 - i. OACD Officer Candidates nominees (email) [for OACD annual convention – 11/04-07/09]
 - j. WMSWCD 2009 Annual Awards [*Urban, Rural cooperator of the Year; Outstanding Government and Non-Profit Partner of the year; Volunteer of the Year*]
 - k. **“And the nominees are....!”** [2009 Annual Awards Application – 4 nominees]
 - l. TSCC document outlining changes in relationship and funding Re: HB 2074 [letter from Tom Linhares with attachments – 3 pages]
 - m. Dick Springer memorandum announcement concerning possible Sauvie Island bio-gas energy facility.
- D. The Minutes for September 15, 2009 were adopted as amended.
- E. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and accepted.
- F. Director Reports
- a. Brian Lightcap
 - i. Skamania Lodge conference (fish biology); off channel refugia
 - ii. “Sturgeon Lake meeting – RFP

G. Trisha Sears presentation: (document)

Proposed Draft: Invasive Plant Policy Review and Regulatory Improvement Project.

[A complete copy of this report can be found at:

<http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=51202&a=266490>]

Trisha presented a summary of and discussed the City of Portland Invasive policy Review and Regulatory Improvement Project. [See document: *Portland BES Invasive Plant Policy summary. PDF* – available at <http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?&c=51202>]
[Documents also on file at WMSWCD]

The board, during discussion noted the “required removal” language; reviewed the distinction between “non-native; but non-invasive” and “invasive” species; discussed revision of the “plant list”; discussed Clark County, Washington as a model.

Director Patte made a motion, seconded by Brian Lightcap, as follows:

The District [WMSWCD] will prepare and send a letter of support and suggested improvements to the Portland draft invasive plant policy revision, for example, adopting a law similar to the City of Chicago’s law prohibiting the sale of certain plants. The letter would be sent to the Planning Commission by November 10th.

Passed unanimously with six YES votes

H. Staff Presentation, Mary Logalbo

Mary submitted the following documents:

- a. Her monthly staff report and
- b. *WMSWCD Invasive Plant Species Program Report* [with PowerPoint presentation]
- c. *Balch Creek Partners Declaration of Cooperation*

Mary Discussed Balch Creek projects; The *Backyard Habitat Certification Program* Fanno Creek Projects; Tryon Creek Projects Education and Outreach events; Strategic Partners; FISH Grants; projects on the Multnomah Channel, (Newberry Road, Innis Creek, Miller Creek)

I. District Manager Dick Springer and Director Lightcap discussed:

- a. The SWCC meeting held at the offices of EMSWCD [10/27-28/09]
Dick discussed the possible distribution formulas for the approximately \$1,000,000 in funds becoming available.
- b. Umatilla County SWCD
- c. Director Lightcap also wished to thank Kate and John Askew for their generous hosting of the WMSWCD Forest Workshop 09/27/09
- d. **OACD Officer Vote:**
Director Sowder made a motion, seconded by Director Patter to accept OACD Officer Slate. Motion passed unanimously with six YES votes.
- e. Annual Awards Vote:
Director Lightcap made a motion, seconded by Director Patte, to approve the four candidates for the WMSWCD Awards for Rene Breier for *Urban cooperator of the Year* and Cindy Reid for *Rural cooperator of the Year*; Bureau of Environmental Services City of Portland for *Outstanding Government and Non-Profit Partner of the year*; and Jan Secunda and John Shaw for *Volunteer of the Year*; Motion Passed unanimously with six YES votes.
- f. TSCC Vote:
Director Sowder made a motion, seconded by Director Miller, to approve the expenditure by WMSWCD for the funding of the TSCC for the sum of \$500.00. Motion passed unanimously with six YES votes

J. Discussion:

Sauvie Island Biogas Facility: Dick Springer discussed his proposal for a biogas facility on Sauvie Island that would turn agricultural waste and possibly Portland food waste into methane for electrical generation. His inspiration was the Stahlbush Farms facility (anaerobic digester) near Corvallis. (See document in packet)

K. Directors' Reports continued:

- a. Director Miller discussed his weed removal volunteer work at Warrior rock (The Lighthouse work Party); and the Forest Park Conservancy volunteer day with 250 volunteers for invasive plant species removal, and the Forest Park Conservancy 60th anniversary auction and party. He also reported that he had reviewed the WMSWCD Personnel Manual. He also reported that WMSWCD would review conservation planner candidate applications in a week or so.
- b. Jane Hartline reported that she and her husband Mark had visited a plant materials center in Corvallis and returned with Camas bulbs to plant on Sauvie Island.
- c. District Manager expressed a desire to discuss the budget process in early 2010 with Director Miller.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm