



1. Meeting location and time

- a. Location: District office
- b. The meeting was called to order at 5:38 PM.

2. Introductions/Agenda Approval

- a. Those present:
 - i. Directors: Hartline, Miller (late arrival), Patte, Preeg Riggsby, Peterson, and Sowder
 - ii. Staff: Dick Springer (District Manager); Erica Stokes (Executive Assistant);
 - iii. Agency: Steve Fedje (NRCS), late arrival

3. Minutes and Treasurers Report

- a. **Minutes were approved for October 2009 with 4 YES votes and 1 Abstention from Directors Preeg Riggsby.** Director Patte made a motion to approve the minutes. Director Sowder seconded the motion.
- b. **Treasurer's Reports**
 - i. *WMSWCD-Balance Sheet- As of November 12, 2009*¹
 - ii. *WMSWCD-General Fund Budget vs. Actual-July 2009 through June 2010*²

4. Directors and Staff Reports

- a. **Staff Reports:** Staff members Mary Logalbo³, Scott Gall⁴, and Kammy Kern-Korot⁵, submitted reports.

Manager Springer submitted a verbal report. Mary Logalbo, Dick, and Directors Lightcap, Peterson, and Sowder attended the OACD Convention and all reported favorably about the quality of this year's programming; particularly of note, was Dr. Frank Mitloehner's presentation on Biogas Facilities on the UC Davis campus. Manager Springer will be meeting with Metro Councilor Rod Park to discuss a possible feasibility study for a biogas facility on Sauvie Island. On behalf of Chair Lightcap, Manager Springer also noted that the convention will be held in Sunriver, OR next year most likely in November or at the end of October. Jean Fike, Manager of East Multnomah SWCD presented at one of the plenary sessions at the OACD Convention and her discussion of running a sustainable, conscientious, and strategically focused District was well received.

An OCEAN meeting (the employees' organization for SWCDs) also took place following the OACD Convention. The \$1M of OWEB money to be given to OACD and SWCDs has been partially allocated- \$260,000 will be appropriated to OACD and ODA to be used in support of strategic

¹ *WMSWCD-Balance Sheet- As of November 12, 2009*

² *WMSWCD-General Fund Budget vs. Actual-July 2009- June 2010*

³ *Mary Logalbo's Board Report*

⁴ *Scott Gall's Board Report*

⁵ *Kammy Kern-Korot's Board Report*

planning and tax base ballot measure efforts, the Connect 2010 training for technical staff, and for the ODA staff who support SWCDs. Allocating the remaining \$700,000 will be further discussed at the next Soil & Water Conservation Commission meeting in February. The District Managers felt as though they needed further time to explore the recommendations of how the money is spent, and give some recommendations of their own. One of these recommendations included funding CREP positions across the state. The allocation will depend on the result of the special election ballot measures in January.

Director Sowder asked how the hiring process was going for the Conservation Technician position. Manager Springer noted that staff will finish reviewing resumes by the end of the week. Candidates will be contact Friday and interviews will begin next week or the first week in December.

Erica Stokes mentioned the letter received by NRCS State Conservationist Ron Alvarado in recognition of the WMSWCD's hard work this year. District Conservationist Fedje nominated WMSWCD for the NRCS Partnership Award though the District did not win.

- b. Directors' Report:** Director Hartline mentioned that she had testified at the *Invasive Plant Policy Review and Regulatory Improvement Project* before the Planning Commission and presented a letter on behalf of the District. The proposal was approved by the Planning Commission and will be reviewed by the City Council in January. Additionally, she attended the sheep workshop hosted by OSU Extension Services, and a Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership and heard about an interesting program wherein students are canoed to waterfront access areas to pull invasive weeds. She thinks the District might do something similar for the Wapato Access Area project.

Director Preeg Riggsby noted that she and Manager Springer have been investigating how other SWCDs support "Friends of..." groups and they plan to report their findings and a proposal at the December board meeting. Though WMSWCD currently offers program support through its FISH grants to these types of groups, Director Preeg Riggsby is hoping to find money in this year's budget and in future budgets for larger support for staff and capacity building.

Director Sowder also enjoyed the OACD Convention, the menu, and Dr. Mitloehner's presentation.

Confirm next meeting date and location and adjourn.

The next meeting will occur at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at the Montgomery Park building.

Meeting adjourned by Vice Chair Hartline at 6:00 PM