



WMSW Conservation District Board Meeting Minutes 7/17/12

1. Meeting location and time

Location: WMSWCD Conference Room, 2701 NW Vaughn St., Ste. 450, Portland

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Introductions/Agenda Approval

Those present:

- a. Board Members: Directors Hartline, Lightcap, M. Miller, Patte, Preeg-Riggsby, Peterson (by phone)
- b. Staff: District Manager Springer, Rural Conservationist Gall
Guests: Steve Fedje, NRCS District Conservationist; Carl Axelsen, Tryon Creek Watershed Council; Corrina Chase, Coordinator, Tryon Creek Watershed Council; James (Jim) R. Adams, US ACE, Portland, District

3. Minutes: *WMSW Conservation District 6/19/12 Board Meeting Minutes*¹

Director Patte made a motion to approve the minutes. Director Lightcap seconded the motion. The motion was approved (6-0), ayes all.

4. Tryon Creek Watershed Council Presentation

Carl Axelsen, co-chair, Tryon Creek Watershed Council and Corrina Chase, Coordinator, Tryon Creek Watershed Council provided thanks for the Conservation District's financial support and technical assistance from staff. Corrina presented an overview of partners and coordination, and 2011-2012 activities.

5. Update on Sturgeon Lake Project

James (Jim) R. Adams, US Army Corps of Engineers (US ACE), Portland District provided a status update. The feasibility study funded by US ACE was underway under section 1135 of the continuing activities program, but has stalled due to funding shortfall issues and higher priority projects nationally for the US ACE. (This would eventually require 25% cost share for implementation of project and also the feasibility study.) We are therefore looking at switching to the section 536 program which is a \$30M salmonid habitat mitigation program for the lower Columbia and Tillamook areas. Under this program, projects need to show high salmonid survival benefit units, which appears to be the case for the Sturgeon Lake Project. This program requires 50%/50% federal/non-federal cost sharing agreement up front for the feasibility study. Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) fish and wildlife program funds do qualify as non-federal match (ratepayer). However, the partner agreement must be signed by a non-federal agency such as the State or the Conservation District. The State however has funding limitations, even for pass-through funds such as BPA fish and wildlife program funds. Funds needed to complete the feasibility study are estimated to be \$300,000 (approx. \$600,000 total).

Next steps: District Manager Springer will meet with the US ACE 536 program manager, Mark Dasso, and pursue a joint meeting with US ACE, BPA and the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

Sauvie Island Wildlife Area manager. All questions and obligations for the implementation would follow based on the feasibility study. Implementation cost share is 65%/35%.

6. **Staff Reports²**: Rural Conservationist, Scott Gall and District Manager, Dick Springer provided an overview of the State's Agricultural Water Quality Act Management Area rules and plans (implementation of Senate Bill 1010). The Tualatin area rules are under review and the Conservation District is providing expertise and comments. (The Conservation District contains four water quality management areas.)
7. **Treasurer's Reports**: Director M. Miller reviewed and discussed the following reports:
 - i. *WMSWCD-Balance Sheet- As of June 30, 2012³*
 - ii. *WMSWCD-General Fund Budget vs. Actual Fiscal Year-to-date June 30, 2012⁴*
 - iii. *WMSWCD-Profit and Loss Budget Performance Fiscal Year-to-date June 30, 2012⁵*
8. **Next Meeting is August 21 at Manager Springer's property, time and possible tours, TBD. The Board discussed ideas and possibilities for the upcoming annual meeting, potentially on Sept. 18.**
9. At 8:08 PM Director Preeg-Riggsby made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Lightcap seconded. The motion was approved (5-0), ayes all.

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