



WMSW Conservation District Board Meeting Minutes 1/2/14

1. Meeting location and time

Location: WMSWCD Conference Room, 2701 NW Vaughn St., Ste. 450, Portland
The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

2. Introductions/Agenda Approval

Board Members present: Directors Hartline, Sowder, Preeg Riggsby, Peterson, M. Miller, Patte; Board member absent and excused: Director Lightcap; Associate Director Looney; Staff: Springer, Levis; Guest: S. Fedje, NRCS District conservationist

3. Minutes: *WMSW Conservation District 11/7/13 Board Meeting Minutes*¹

Director M. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Preeg Riggsby and approved by all.

4. Treasurer's Reports: Director M. reviewed the following reports, noting that resources and expenditures were all within budget, with underspending being primarily timing related:

- i. *WMSWCD-Balance Sheet- As of November 30, 2013*²
- ii. *WMSWCD-General Fund Budget vs. Actual Fiscal Year-to-date November 30, 2013*³
- iii. *WMSWCD-Profit and Loss Budget Performance Fiscal Year-to-date November 30, 2013*⁴

5. Budget FY2014-15: After discussion and review, Director Patte made a motion to appoint District Manager Springer as Budget Officer for the coming budget cycle for FY2014-15 and to approve the proposed budget calendar. The motion was seconded by Director Preeg Riggsby and approved by all.

6. Green space Preservation: After discussion of the issues and history related to the green space adjacent to Woods Park, Director Patte made a motion that WMSWCD endorse the efforts of the Multnomah, Ashcreek, and Crestwood Neighborhoods, the Friends of Woods Park, and other concerned Portland residents to urge the City to rescind the sale of the Freeman Water Tank property and then consult with the listed parties to determine the appropriate uses of this strategically-situated property for purposes consistent with its high value, including but not limited to habitat, open space, neighborhood connectivity, and public safety. The motion was seconded by Director Sowder and approved (5-0-1), with Director Preeg Riggsby abstaining from the vote.

7. Report from Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): District Conservationist, Steve Fedje, recapped transition plans in place for when he retires on January 10, 2014. Management responsibility for the USDA/NRCS 140 acre Wetland Reserve Program conservation easement at the confluence of McCarthy Creek will be assumed by WMSWCD. NRCS's cooperative work agreement with WMSWCD will continue and both Dean Moberg (Hillboro NRCS) and Kris Homma (Clackamas NRCS) will fill in until a permanent replacement is found for the Multnomah County NRCS District Conservationist position.

8. Staff Reports: DM Springer reported on his meetings with the Multnomah County planning & transportation commission's marinas & moorages sub-committees. The Board discussed activity/practices at in-District marinas. DM Springer will continue to attend meetings and keep Board informed. Director Preeg Riggsby gave an update on Tryon Creek Watershed Council's activities,

including process of obtaining non-profit status. The Board considered having a joint Staff and Directors meeting to review the Strategic Plan, however, after discussion, it was determined that the Strategic Plan was on course and no modifications or revisions were necessary at this point. DM Springer referred the Board to Staff's reports for recaps of all other activities and projects.

9. **Sturgeon Lake Update:** In addition to updates given in S. Gall's Staff report, DM Springer reviewed with the board a year-by-year projection of funding sources by agency also broken out by what phase of the project the funding would pay for. The Directors asked that sources be split out by Federal sources versus those sources that could be used as part of the local cost-share. The Directors asked for clarification of whether the District's property tax revenues could legally be spent on public lands. In the current year's budget (FY2013-14), allocated funds for Sturgeon Lake total \$117,435, representing a grant of \$42,500 and cash of \$74,935. Director M. Miller asked that the schedule be modified to include a line representing what the District's 25% match obligation would be by year based on projected Army Corps of Engineer's spending by year.
10. **Our next Board Meeting** will be at our offices at 2701 Vaughn St., Suite 450, in Portland on Thursday, February 6, 2014, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
11. At 7:50 PM Director Patte made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Preeg Riggsby seconded. The motion was approved by all.

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⁵ Staff Reports