



WMSW Conservation District Board Meeting Minutes 5/1/14

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, Lightcap (by phone); Board member absent and excused: Directors M. Miller, Patte, Peterson; Associate Director Looney; Associate Board members absent and excused: W. Miller, B. Wiley; Staff: Springer, Stokes

3. Presentation by Education Coordinator Erica Stokes: *Board Presentation, Education*¹

4. Minutes: *WMSW Conservation District 4/3/14 Board Meeting Minutes*²

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

5. Treasurer's Reports:

- i. *WMSWCD-Balance Sheet- As of March 31, 2014*³
- ii. *WMSWCD-General Fund Budget vs. Actual Fiscal Year-to-date as of March 31, 2014*⁴
- iii. *WMSWCD-Profit and Loss Budget Performance Fiscal Year-to-date as of March 31, 2014*⁵

6. Staff Reports and Sturgeon Lake Report: DM Springer shared *Staff Reports*⁶. Three staff are attending CONNECT training. Please refer to DM Springer's report to see information about Multnomah County meetings regarding Land Use Planning on Sauvie Island, i.e. transportation problems have been highlighted, but solutions are not yet decided. DM Springer is commenting as a citizen and property owner, and not as a representative of WMSWCD. DM Springer attended Sauvie Island Drainage Improvement Company (SIDIC) meeting to discuss how there are other similar levee projects locally, i.e. the Portland Airport's federal levees (which is an Oregon Solutions Project). An SIDIC representative will be attending Oregon Solutions meetings to learn from their process in case SIDIC has to do something else.

Sturgeon Lake is a continued focus. DM Springer met with ACE staff to check in on next steps. A review of the partnership agreement is underway by the WMSWCD attorney. They have concerns about our financial capacity to meet the dollar amount of the required match, but there is a plan in place to do so and hopefully their concerns have been alleviated. The restoration work initially involves culvert replacement via Multnomah County, with design and engineering to happen this fall. Following that, WMSWCD will have a responsibility as the local sponsor, though BPA will likely manage the property acquisition. DM Springer will provide a draft copy of the agreement and timeline to the board prior to the next board meeting. Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation (OWHF) is interested in supporting the Sturgeon Lake Project. DM Springer has met with them and a MOU will be forthcoming as OWHF plans to help WMSWCD raise the \$365k that is unidentified.

Director Hartline inquired about \$17k of required annual maintenance for 50 years for Sturgeon Lake. DM Springer said not a lot of progress has been made getting OWEB to commit to taking responsibility for that. However, WMSWCD could cover the costs if needed. ODFW may cover the costs, but there have been no commitments made. Director Hartline asked DM Springer to get an answer on what agency is covering that costs. DM Springer may discuss with Senator Johnson if needed. Director Hartline thought Mark Nebeker of ODFW might be able to absorb this project costs as well.

7. **Impact on Potential NRCS Changes:** DM Springer spoke to Leo Preston at NRCS; no new information was shared, but DM Springer noted that budget meeting was looming and it would be beneficial to hear about anything of significance prior to that.
8. **Adopt SDIS Trust Agreement Joinder:** Director Preeg Riggsby made a motion to approve the *SDIS Trust Agreement Joinder*⁷. The motion was seconded by Director Hartline and approved by all.
9. **Our next Board Meeting** will be at our offices at 2701 Vaughn St., Suite 450, in Portland on Thursday, June 5, 2014, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

DM Springer noted that board and staff could meet to discuss long-range capacity. The directors present suggested delaying the meeting until later in the year so it does not compete with the budget hearing as things cannot change regardless of what may be discussed in the board/staff meeting. DM Springer will contact Director Patte who was interested in this topic, but not present, to discuss when he would like to meet, and to clarify the scope of the meeting for board and staff.

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