



## West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District Board Meeting Minutes 5/9/2018

### 1. **Meeting Location and Time:**

Location: WMSWCD Conference Room, 2701 NW Vaughn St., Ste. 452, Portland

The meeting was called to order by Director Preeg Riggsby at 6:05 PM.

### 2. **Introductions and Agenda Approval**

Board Members Present: Directors Hartline, Lightcap, Looney, Miller, Peterson, Preeg Riggsby, Sowder; Associate Directors Present: Weedall; District Manager (DM): Cathcart; Staff: Ahr, Kern-Korot, Razalenti; NRCS Staff: Galland; Guests: Karen Vitkay, Jonathan Soll (Metro); Pat Welle (Scappoose Bay Watershed Council); Alexandra Clarke; Mike Lindberg (Coalition to Protect Forest Park); Hank McCurdy; John Miller

### 3. **Minutes:** *WMSW Conservation District 4/11/2018 Board Meeting Minutes<sup>i</sup>*

Director Looney made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Director Hartline seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 7-0.

### 4. **Staff Presentation**

Staff member Kern-Korot, along with Scappoose Bay Watershed Council (SBWC) staff Pat Welle, presented highlights of the District's partnership with SBWC over the years and what's to come for the upcoming fiscal year. They went over the history of the partnership, water quality monitoring at Multnomah Channel moorages, development of a publication to support Sauvie Island conservation efforts, and Sauvie Island canal water quality monitoring and maintenance planning. Kern-Korot also touched on the District's Healthy Streams and Habitats programs and the Wetland Reserve easement she works on with NRCS.

### 5. **Multnomah County Land Use Decision and Permits for Metro Parks and Nature's North Tualatin Mountains Access Master Plan**

Metro staff Jonathan Soll and Karen Vitkay presented Metro's North Tualatin Mountains Access Master plan to the Board and asked for, if Directors see fit, a letter of support for Multnomah County incorporating the access master plan in the County's comprehensive land use plan and issuing the land use permits for Phase I of the access plan – trailhead and trail development within the Burlington Creek Forest and a small portion of the McCarthy Creek Forest properties. These proposed actions by the County are pending a hearing in front of the Multnomah County Planning Commission; the date of the hearing is to be determined after being postponed twice before when scheduled previously. Soll gave background on the access master plan and Vitkay gave an overall orientation to the access master plan as it stands, changes made in response to previous expressed concerns, and explained the various ways that stakeholders gave input. The Board will discuss whether or not they will provide a letter of support on a future meeting date as there was not enough time allotted on the agenda.

**6. Public Comment (Multnomah Land Use Decision)**

Four public commenters: Alexandra Clarke, Mike Lindberg of Coalition to Protect Forest Park, Hank McCurdy, and John Miller, gave testimony about their concerns regarding Metro's North Tualatin Mountains Access Master Plan. Written testimony was submitted to the Board and each person spoke briefly on some highlights from their testimony. The written testimony from all are filed with the District's May Board meeting minutes. Hank McCurdy's testimony can also be accessed electronically on the Multnomah County website's Document library: <https://multco.us/landuse/document-library>.

**7. Treasurer's Report**

Director Miller reported that the general fund is looking good, and that everything is on track with the budget. The District was below budget by \$90,000, and chronic underspending has been addressed for upcoming fiscal year. The Sturgeon Lake Restoration Project budget had significant spending, with a lot more anticipated and its budget will be tight.

The following reports were reviewed:

- a) *WMSWCD-Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2018*<sup>ii</sup>
- b) *WMSWCD-General Fund Budget Only Budget Performance March 31, 2018*<sup>iii</sup>
- c) *WMSWCD-Sturgeon Lake Fund Budget Performance March 31, 2018*<sup>iv</sup>

**8. US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Update**

NRCS staff member Galland reviewed NRCS's Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners Checklist<sup>v</sup> for Board members to sign. A seventh line was added to include space for all Directors to sign, and all Directors signed the document that Galland will have on file at NRCS.

**9. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Report**<sup>vi</sup>

Associate Director Weedall talked about the Equity Lens training that staff participated in. The Committee will figure out ways to get Board members up to speed on this topic. The next DEI Committee meeting is on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:30a – 1:30p, and Directors are encouraged to attend.

**10. Sturgeon Lake Restoration Project Update**

DM Cathcart reported updates on the status of the project including successful negotiations with the four private and two public landowners for entering into the necessary temporary construction and permanent conservation easements for the project; , landowners were compensated including for releasing any interests in tidally influenced lands that the State claims ownership off, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife approval came through earlier in the day, and joint fill and removal permit came in from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Oregon Department of State Lands. The District is waiting on land use permits from Multnomah County as well as a right-of-way permit from the County. A stormwater permit will also need to be obtained after the land use permit is obtained. The construction contractors were hired (Elting Northwest) and construction is scheduled to start on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**11. Directors' and Associate Directors' Check-in**

Associate Director Weedall reported that she attended Soil School, and that it was well attended with a more diverse audience. Director Hartline reported that she is working on an Oak Prairie plan. Director Looney reported that pollinator monitoring has started up. Director Lightcap reported that he went to the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) SW Basin meeting, and found a temporary

basin Chair for the SW basin. He will not be able to attend the June meeting. Director Preeg Riggsby reported that she will not be able to attend the June meeting.

**12. Announcements/Reminders/Confirmation of next Meeting:**

The next Budget Hearing and Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00 PM. Director Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM; Director Looney seconded; all approved (7-0).

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*i WMSWCD 4/11/18 Board Meeting Minutes*

*ii WMSWCD-Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2018*

*iii WMSWCD-General Fund Budget Only Budget Performance March 31, 2018*

*iv WMSWCD-Sturgeon Lake Fund Budget Performance March 31, 2018*

*v NRCS Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners checklist*

*vi Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report*

*vii Staff Reports*