



West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Meeting Minutes 10/10/2018

The Annual Meeting was held at Portland Brewing Company Taproom, 2730 NW 31st Avenue, Portland, OR 97210, from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

Board Members Present: Directors Hartline, Preeg Riggsby, Lightcap, Looney, Hartline; Board members absent (excused): Miller, Peterson; Associate Directors Present: Hamer, Wiley; District Manager (DM): Cathcart; Staff: Ahr, Delepine, DeMarco, Gall, Johnson, Kern-Korot, Levis, Logalbo, Magyar, Razalenti, Sindel; NRCS Staff: Galland; Guests: Approximately 25 guests

DM Cathcart gave introductions to West Multnomah SWCD District staff and attendees featured in the Annual report. He presented the District's 2017-18 Annual Report. Chair Preeg Riggsby introduced the West Multnomah SWCD Directors and Associate Directors. Accomplishments over the year were given as well as the District's budget outlook, and highlights of the Sturgeon Lake Restoration Project. Director Lightcap shared remarks about the Ground Breaking event for the project, highlighting Wisdom of the Elder's ceremony at the event. A portion of a video showing drone perspective of the Sturgeon Lake Restoration Project was screened, created by contractors on the project, Mosaic Ecology. The District's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work was acknowledged, as well as the release of the publication *Sauvie Island & Multnomah Channel Bottomlands Conservation Opportunities: A Resource for Landowners & Land Managers*, which Director Hartline presented as one of the creators of the publication. The Healthy Streams and Early Detection and Rapid Response Accomplishments Reports were also highlighted.

District staff and board presented Carl Axelson with the first ever West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District Lifetime Achievement Award for all of his conservation work with Tryon Creek Watershed Council, Friends of Tryon Creek, and beyond. Also presenting were Director Preeg Riggsby in her role as Executive Director for the Tryon Creek Watershed Council and Monica Smily, Executive Director, Friends of Tryon Creel.

District staff and Board recognized three groups for outstanding contributions in conservation. Staff member Logalbo presented Janelle St. Pierre of Portland Parks & Recreation with the District's award for Government Partner of the Year. Staff member Logalbo presented the Green award to Hilary Hunt and Lorena O'Neill with the Southwest Watershed Resource Center. Hilary recently left the Southwest Resource Center to move back to Michigan but was able to attend the presentation of this award remotely via Skype. Staff member Kern-Korot presented the Non-Profit Partner of the Year award to Pat Welle and Amber Kester with Scappoose Bay Watershed Council.

The Annual meeting adjourned for the October Board meeting.