



West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Meeting Minutes 10/20/2020

The Annual Meeting was held via Zoom from 6:00pm-7:00pm.

Board Members Present: Directors Hartline, Lightcap, Looney, Miller, Peterson, Preeg Riggsby, Sowder; Associate Directors Present: Hamer; District Manager (DM): Cathcart; Staff: Ahr, Delepine, DeMarco, Gall, Kern-Korot, Levis, Logalbo, Magyar, Razalenti, Taylor; Guests: Approximately 15 guests.

DM Cathcart gave a land acknowledgement to acknowledge the Indigenous people's land being utilized: the Clackamas Chinook, the Willamette Tumwater, the Wasco-Wishram, the Watlata, the Multnomah, and other Chinookan peoples, as well as the Tualatin Kalapuya, the Cayuse, the Molalla, the Yakama, and other tribes and bands of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers. An overview of the year was given by DM Cathcart and the annual report was presented by staff member Magyar. Guests were given information to view the report online or to request a version for print.

Staff member Taylor presented the Urban Cooperator Award to the Cottonwood School of Civics and Science. Staff member Kern-Korot presented the Rural Cooperator Award to landowner Ashley Offensend. Staff member Delepine presented the Non-profit Partner award to Tryon Creek Watershed Council. Staff member Levis presented a few conservation question polls for the group to interact with. Staff member Logalbo presented the Green Award to Community Engagement Liaisons, LLC. Director Preeg Riggsby presented a special recognition to Indi Keith for her contributions to the District with her ongoing work on the document titled *Whose Land is Our Land?: Spatial exclusion, racial segregation and the history of the lands of western Multnomah County*.

The Annual meeting adjourned for the October Board meeting.