



## West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Meeting Minutes 10/19/2021

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, Wiley; Staff Present: District Manager (DM): Cathcart; Staff Members: Avendano, Delepine, DeMarco, Gall, Kern-Korot, Levis, Logalbo, Magyar, Razalenti, Taylor; Guests: Approximately 15 guests.

Director Preeg Riggsby 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. DM Cathcart summarized his opening message in the Annual Report stating that conservation work was ripe with the opportunity to "lead with hope". The annual report was presented by Associate Director Hamer (Garlic Mustard retrospective), Director Miller (Long Range Business Plan), Director Hartline (Healthy Streams & Special Habitats), Director Lightcap (Program Highlights), and staff member Magyar (financial summary, featured Board member Weston Miller, annual awardees, metrics and map of project sites).

Staff member Logalbo presented the Urban Cooperator Award to Joel Hanawalt. Staff member Logalbo presented the Non-profit Partner award to Neighbors West Northwest. Staff member Levis presented the Volunteer Award to Xuan Sibell. Staff member Gall presented the Rural Cooperator Award to Jennifer Rose Marie Serna. Staff member Delepine presented the Government Partner Award to Mitch Bixby of City of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services. All awardees were present and expressed appreciation to the District for being recognized.

The Annual meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm and was followed by the October Board meeting.