



West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board Meeting Minutes 9/17/2019

1. Meeting Location and Time:

Location: Montgomery Park, 2701 NW Vaughn St., Suite 450, Portland
The meeting was called to order by Director Sowder at 6:09 PM.

2. Introductions and Agenda Approval

Directors Present: Directors Hartline, Lightcap, Looney, Miller, Peterson, Sowder; Directors Absent (excused): Preeg Riggsby; Associate Directors Present: Weedall; District Manager (DM): Cathcart; Staff: Ahr, Razalenti

The agenda was approved by acclimation.

3. Minutes:

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Director Hartline made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Director Peterson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 6-0.

4. Review of Treasurer's Reports

Director Miller reviewed the reports listed below. DM Cathcart confirmed that there will be a supplemental budget at the October board meeting.

The following reports were reviewed:

- a) *WMSWCD-Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2019ⁱⁱ*
- b) *WMSWCD-General Fund Budget Only Budget Performance July 31, 2019ⁱⁱⁱ*
- c) *WMSWCD-Sturgeon Lake Fund Budget Performance July 31, 2019^{iv}*
- d) *WMSWCD-Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2019^v*
- e) *WMSWCD-General Fund Budget Only Budget Performance August 31, 2019^{vi}*
- f) *WMSWCD-Sturgeon Lake Fund Budget Performance August 31, 2019^{vii}*

5. Public Comment Period

All public comments reviewed by the board were given as written testimony regarding the Multnomah County land use decision and permits for Metro Parks and Nature's Tualatin Mountains Access Master Plan. Written testimony was given by Carol Chesarek^{viii}, Catherine Thompson^{ix}, and Hank McCurdy^x.

6. Staff Recommendation – Multnomah County Land Use Decision and Permits for Metro Parks and Nature's North Tualatin Mountains Access Master Plan

Staff member Ahr gave a brief overview of the previous occurrences this topic came up at Board meetings, and how the new draft letter^{xi} incorporates the District's support with the caveat of three topics: 1) soil erosion and water quality, 2) fish and wildlife, and 3) building trust with the local

community. Director Sowder's recommendations and some public comment had also been integrated in the letter.

Director Lightcap moved to approve the letter as written, and Director Miller seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 6-0.

7. Greater Forest Park Conservation Initiative Collaborative Restoration Partnership Agreement

DM Cathcart gave an overview and highlighted the benefits of the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Verde, Forest Park Conservancy, West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, and Portland Parks & Recreation^{xii}. There may be minor changes to the draft, but once completed DM Cathcart asked the Board for authority to enter into agreement of this MOU. The partnership is being funded through an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grant, and is being led by Forest Park Conservancy. DM Cathcart will be the assigned staff to this project.

Director Miller moved that the Board delegate DM Cathcart the authority to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and carry on with the program. Director Looney seconded the motion and the motion was approved with a vote of 6-0.

8. Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) – Proposed Revisions to OACD By-Laws

DM Cathcart sent an email to the Board on September 3rd, containing the following attachments: OACD Bylaws Amendments^{xiii}, Ballot for OACD Bylaws Amendment^{xiv}, and OACD Bylaws Redline Version with Amendments^{xv}. The deadline to submit changes, revisions, or additional amendments was due after the Board meeting as the deadline was on September 17th. A position on how to vote will be taken at the October Board meeting. DM Cathcart confirmed that Director Preeg Riggsby had not raised any concern about the need to provide comment, and the Board felt comfortable with her review.

9. Sauvie Island Jubilee Shifts for Board Members

DM Cathcart gave the Board a thumbnail about a recent paper that District intern Indi Keith completed titled *Whose Land is Our Land? Spatial Exclusion, Racial Segregation, and the History of West Multnomah County*. He let the Board know the District's tent at the Sauvie Island Jubilee will have this work featured prominently as discussed at the September 16th Leadership Team meeting.

Staff member Razalenti listed off areas and times at the Sauvie Island Jubilee that could use Board members' help facilitating as available. Directors Lightcap and Looney were able to make commitments to help facilitate.

10. Directors' and Associate Directors' Check-In:

Director Looney gave an update on the massive mound of earth left at the mitigation site at the Linnton Mill. The Linnton Office Working Group that she is a part of has applied for three grants that would fund a charging station, a new roof and solar panels, as well as commission a Chinookan artist who will provide artwork for the site.

Director Hartline reported that the Weed Warrior group was negotiating to get native plants planted where they had previously pulled blackberry.

Associate Director Weedall reported that her Home Owners Association staff will get a presentation on invasive species ID and removal techniques. District staff member Delepine helped getting the presenter for them.

Director Miller reported that the City of Portland's Department of Equity and Human Rights will present an Equity 101 training for the Oregon State University Extension's Master Gardeners program similar to the one that he participated in at the District.

DM Cathcart gave an overview of the letter from Tim Greseth of Oregon Wildlife Foundation^{xvi} regarding the naming of Bill's Crossing at the Sturgeon Lake Restoration project site.

11. Announcements/Reminders/Confirmation of next Meeting:

The Oregon Association of Conservation Districts will have their annual meeting from November 5-7th. The next Board meeting will be on October 15th at 6:00pm. The Sauvie Island Jubilee (the District's 75th anniversary celebration & annual meeting) will be on September 28th from 10:00am-5:00pm at Howell Territorial Park on Sauvie Island, with the Annual meeting starting at 4:00pm.

Director Hartline moved to adjourn, and Director Looney seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

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ⁱⁱ WMSWCD-Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2019

ⁱⁱⁱ WMSWCD-General Fund Budget Only Budget Performance July 31, 2019

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^{viii} Public Testimony from Carol Chesarek sent September 16, 2019 regarding Multnomah County land use decision and permits for Metro Parks and Nature's Tualatin Mountains Access Master Plan

^{ix} Public Testimony from Catherine Thompson sent September 16, 2019 regarding Multnomah County land use decision and permits for Metro Parks and Nature's Tualatin Mountains Access Master Plan

^x Public Testimony from Hank McCurdy sent September 17, 2019 regarding Multnomah County land use decision and permits for Metro Parks and Nature's Tualatin Mountains Access Master Plan

^{xi} Staff Recommended Draft letter regarding Multnomah County land use decision and permits for Metro Parks and Nature's Tualatin Mountains Access Master Plan

^{xii} Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Verde, Forest Park Conservancy, West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, and Portland Parks & Recreation

^{xiii} OACD Bylaws Amendments

^{xiv} Ballot for OACD Bylaws Amendments

^{xv} OACD Bylaws Redline Version with Amendments

^{xvi} Letter from Tim Greseth of Oregon Wildlife Foundation dated 8/23/19

^{xvii} Staff Reports