



West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD) Board Meeting Minutes 3/15/2022

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

Location: Held via Zoom meeting. The meeting was called to order by Director Preeg Riggsby at 6:04 PM.

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

Directors Present: Hartline, Looney, Miller, Peterson, Preeg Riggsby, Sowder; Directors Absent (excused): Lightcap; Staff Present: District Manager (DM) Cathcart, Delepine, Gall, Kern-Korot, Levis, Magyar, Logalbo, Razalenti, Taylor

The agenda was approved by acclamation.

### **3. Minutes:**

*West Multnomah SWCD Board Meeting minutes from 2/15/2022<sup>i</sup>*

Director Sowder made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes as written, and Director Miller seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0. [Director Looney was not present at the time of voting.]

### **4. Review of Treasurer's Reports**

Director Miller reported that the District's financial position is good and more revenue than budgeted from the property tax levy has been received. The staff are doing a great job with conservation work and spending. The District is expected to head into next fiscal year in good standing financially.

The following reports were reviewed:

- a) WMSWCD-Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2022<sup>ii</sup>
- b) WMSWCD-Budget Performance Report for February 28, 2022<sup>iii</sup>

### **5. Public Comment**

No public comment.

### **6. Annual Work Plan Presentations**

DM Cathcart introduced the staff's annual work plans<sup>iv</sup> for the upcoming fiscal year 2022-2023, and explained that they were updated to reflect how the tasks tie to specific strategic directions and tactics from the Long Range Business Plan (LRBP). The work plans are drafts that may be modified during the budgeting process. For presentations this year, the staff chose team leads for each strategic direction. The team leads pulled from the relevant tasks of the various individual annual work plans to present to the Board how staff will be implementing the LRBP through specific strategic directions.

The staff presented<sup>v</sup> on strategic directions as indicated below, highlighting the goals, upcoming and continuing projects relevant to each goal:

Staff member Gall presented on Strategic Direction 5, Protect and improve water quality and soil health.  
Staff member Kern-Korot presented on Strategic Direction 6, Habitats and biodiversity.  
Staff member Taylor presented on Strategic Direction 7, Working farms, forests and gardens.  
Staff member Logalbo presented on Strategic Direction 8, Climate change.  
Staff member Delepine presented on Strategic Direction 9, Relationships with the land.  
Staff member Magyar presented on Strategic Direction 4, Sharing conservation information.  
Staff member Levis presented on Strategic Direction 3, Financial sustainability.  
DM Cathcart presented on Strategic Direction 2, Organizational health.  
Staff member Taylor presented on Strategic Direction 1, Equity and inclusion.  
Strategic Direction 10, Long Term Success, was skipped due to lack of time.

#### **7. Directors' and Associate Directors' Check-in**

This agenda item was skipped due to lack of time.

#### **8. Announcements/Reminders/Confirmation of next Meeting:**

Director Preeg Riggsby noted the following upcoming meetings/events:

- Budget Committee meeting – April 19, 2022
- Next Board Meeting (follows Budget Committee meeting) – April 19, 2022
- Next Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee meeting – April 12, 2022 (TBD in person or remote)
- Next Equity Training (Board welcome) – White Supremacy Culture & Tokenism – May 26, 2022 (via Zoom)

The Board will continue to meet virtually in April due to lack of time to discuss pros and cons of in-person vs. virtual, and will revisit having this discussion at a future board meeting. Comments regarding staff work plans from the Board should go to staff members DM Cathcart, Kern-Korot, and Levis. Comments are welcome by April 10th. If it should impact the budget, comments or questions should come in sooner if possible.

The Board adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

<sup>i</sup>WMSWCD 2/15/2022 Board Meeting Minutes

<sup>ii</sup>WMSWCD-Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2022

<sup>iii</sup>WMSWCD-Budget Performance Report for February 28, 2022

<sup>iv</sup>FY 2022-2023 Annual Work Plans

<sup>v</sup>FY 2022-2023 Annual Work Plan presentation

<sup>vi</sup>Staff Reports