



West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD) Board Meeting Minutes 04/18/2023

1. Meeting Location and Time: Location: Held at Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Classroom 33, Portland, OR 97219 with remote option via Zoom meeting. The meeting was called to order by Chair Preeg Riggsby at 7:37 PM.

2. Introductions and Agenda Approval.

Directors Present: Hartline, Lightcap, Looney, Miller, Peterson, Preeg Riggsby, Sowder; Directors Absent: (none); Associate Director(s) Present: Hamer; Staff Present: District Manager (DM) Barlow, Conway, Levis, Razalenti, Spencer

The agenda was approved by acclamation.

3. Minutes

Board members reviewed the West Multnomah SWCD Board Meeting minutes from 3/21/2023.ⁱⁱ

Director Miller made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes as written, and Director Looney seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 7-0.

4. Review of Treasurer's Reports

Director Miller pointed out \$2.1 million is the District's current cash position. By the time June 30th comes along, the District will be in a great financial position.

The following reports were reviewed:

- a) WMSWCD-Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2023ⁱⁱⁱ
- b) WMSWCD-Budget Performance Report for March 31, 2023^{iv}

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Discuss Board Stance on Legislative Issues

Director Preeg Riggsby reported that Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) has an advocacy group that meets every other Friday that anyone is welcome to join, and they look at upcoming house bills that will affect SWCDs.

The District has submitted a letter in support of HB 3366, which appropriates funding to OWEB for deposit in Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program fund for hiring related to Oregon agricultural heritage programs. This program supports farmers and conservation of agricultural lands.

Senate Bill 775 provides that zone directors on local soil and water conservation districts in counties with population size (to be determined) only reside within district and be registered voters. This would remove the barrier requiring managing or owning a minimum of 10 acres of land in order to be eligible as a director on a SWCD board.

7. Director and Associate Director Check-ins:

Director Lightcap noted that he's been working with DM Barlow and other staff for direction on ivy removal on private properties. Director Lightcap would like to talk about this topic more at the next Board meeting. At Director Lightcap's request, DM Barlow shared the information that staff are considering adding a link to resources (primarily contractors) for ivy removal to the District's website.

Director Lightcap also noted that Multnomah County Board of Commissioners is considering approval of the Metro Park and Nature's North Tualatin Mountains Access Master Plan. In 2019 the District's Board sent a letter of support, with a caveat, to Multnomah County Planning Commission about this project. Director Lightcap would like the Board to review that letter to determine whether the Board's position needs change, and for discussion at the next Board meeting.

8. Announcements/Reminders/Upcoming Meetings:

Director Preeg Riggsby announced the following upcoming meetings/events:

- Next Board meeting will be May 16, 2023, online via Zoom

Director Preeg Riggsby declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

ⁱWMSWCD Board meeting minutes March 21, 2023

ⁱⁱWMSWCD-Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2023

ⁱⁱⁱWMSWCD-Budget Performance Report of March 31, 2023

^{iv}Staff Reports