



## West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD, the District) Board Meeting Minutes 04/15/2025

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

Location: Remote via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:49 PM

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

Directors Present: Oliver, Looney, Preeg Riggsby, Topaz, Sowder; Associate Directors Present: Spector, Foster, Hartline; WMSWCD Staff Present: DM Barlow, Williams-Conway, Mauser; NRCS District Conservationist Galland; Budget Committee Members Smith and Raider; Directors Absent: Hamer.

The agenda was approved by acclamation.

### **3. Minutes:**

Board members reviewed the WMSWCD Board Meeting minutes from 03/18/2025<sup>i</sup>.

Director Topaz made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Director Looney seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously with the following votes: Director Preeg Riggsby: Yes, Director Oliver: Yes, Director Topaz: Yes, Director Sowder: Yes, Director Looney: Yes. The Zone 4 seat is currently vacant, Director Hamer was absent from this meeting.

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

Director Oliver provided an overview of the District's current financial status, emphasizing that the District continues to be ahead in net income, largely because year-to-date expenditures remain below budget, and revenues are higher than anticipated. Although grant revenue came in lower than expected, the District is ahead in miscellaneous income, prior-year property tax collections, and notably, interest income. Director Oliver concluded by summarizing that the District remains financially healthy and invited questions; none were raised. Director Preeg Riggsby clarified that the monthly financials are informational and do not require a vote.

The following reports were reviewed:

- a) WMSWCD-Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2025<sup>ii</sup>
- b) WMSWCD-Budget Performance Report for March 31, 2025<sup>iii</sup>
- c) WMSWCD Financial Snapshot as of March 31, 2025<sup>iv</sup>

### **5. Public Comment Period:**

No public comments.

### **6. NRCS District Conservationist Update:**

This item was not on the agenda but added during the meeting. NRCS District Conservationist Galland provided an unexpected update, sharing that she, along with colleagues Kate and Drew, had accepted federal deferred resignation offers. Kate will depart at the end of this month, Drew's last day will be the 25th, and Galland has requested to remain until the end of June, pending approval. Amanda from the

Farm Service Agency is also pursuing deferred resignation, leaving the Beaver Creek office potentially unstaffed unless temporary coverage can be arranged. Galland expressed that this decision was difficult but necessary. She emphasized her appreciation for partners and coworkers and mentioned she intends to remain involved as a volunteer. Both Director Preeg Riggsby and DM Barlow expressed surprise, appreciation for Galland's contributions, and a commitment to remaining in contact as the transition unfolds.

## **7. Upcoming Meetings:**

The next Board meeting will be held remotely via Zoom on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

<sup>i</sup> WMSWCD Board meeting minutes March 18, 2025

<sup>ii</sup> WMSWCD Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2025

<sup>iii</sup> WMSWCD Budget Performance Sheet as of March 31, 2025

<sup>iv</sup> WMSWCD Financial Snapshot as of March 31, 2025

<sup>v</sup> Staff Reports