



Land Legacy Committee (LLC) Meeting Agenda
East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
 Monday, July 26, 2021, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

(July 12, 2021)

To be held via videoconference: (US Toll Free: 1 877 309 2073 Access Code: 465-098-485 **OR** log in on your computer, tablet, or smartphone at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/465098485>)

AGENDA

Item #	Time	Agenda Item	Purpose	Presenter	Packet
1	4:00 5 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Call to Order • Review/revise agenda • Previous action items • Approval of May 24, 2021 minutes 	Information/ Decision	Zimmer- Stucky	a) 5/24/2021 LLC Meeting Minutes
2	4:05 5 mins	Time reserved for public comment ¹	Information	Public	n/a
3	4:10 75 mins	Working Farmland Protection Program	Information/ Discussion	Shipkey/ Brown	a) Working Farmland Protection Program Objectives
<p><u>Overview:</u> Staff will review the six current Land Legacy Program farmland protection objectives and one or more specific examples of how those objectives have been advanced by the LLP, focused largely on EMSWCD’s interventions around the Mainstem Farm and Oxbow Farm properties.</p>					
4	5:25 20 mins	Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(e) held for discussion of real estate negotiations	Information/ Discussion	Shipkey	n/a
<p><u>Overview:</u> Staff will provide updates on several active land conservation projects.</p>					
5	5:45 5 mins	Farm Access Equity Initiative	Information	Shipkey	n/a
<p><u>Overview:</u> Staff will provide an update on the status of EMSWCD’s Farm Access Equity Initiative.</p>					
6	5:50	<p>Closing Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcements and Reminders • Action Items • Adjourn 	Information	Zimmer- Stucky	n/a

¹ Each member of the public who wishes to speak shall be given approximately 3 minutes.



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EMSWCD Board Members, Officers and Meeting Dates:

EMSWCD Board			LLC	Year	FY20-21 Schedule	Board	LLC
Members	Positions	Officers					
Joe Rossi	Zone 1 Director		X	2021	July	12 th	26 th
Laura Masterson	Zone 2 Director	Secretary	X		August	2 nd	
Mike Guebert	Zone 3 Director	Chair	X		September	13 th	27 th
Jim Carlson	At-Large 1 Director	Treasurer	X		October	4 th	
Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky	At-Large 2 Director	Vice Chair	X		November	1 st	29 th
					December	6 th	
				2022	January	6 th	31 st
					February	7 th	
					March	7 th	28 th
					April	4 th	
					May	2 nd	23 rd
					June	6 th	

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East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District Land Legacy Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 24, 2021

4:05pm- Call to Order

Guebert called to order the regular meeting of the EMSWCD Land Legacy Committee at 4:05pm on Monday, May 24, 2021, via teleconference.

4:06pm- Introductions, Review/revise agenda, Review previous action items

Guebert conducted introductions for the record. The following persons were present:

Land Legacy Committee: Laura Masterson (Zone 2 Director), Mike Guebert (Zone 3 Director), Jim Carlson (At-Large 1 Director) arrived at 4:08pm, Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky (At-Large Director 2), Joe Rossi (Zone 1 Director) arrived at 4:09pm

Staff: Nancy Hamilton (Executive Director), Andrew Brown (Conservation Program Supervisor), Lindsay Nelson (Office Manager), Matt Shipkey (Land Legacy Program Manager)

Guest: Theodore Labbe (Urban Greenspaces Institute) arrived at 4:12pm

Guebert reviewed previous action items.

- Shipkey/Brown to send an email to the Committee listing some potential options for future deepish dive topics for the LLP (Completed).

4:07pm- Approval of minutes

MOTION: Zimmer-Stucky moved to approve the March 29, 2021 LLC meeting minutes Masterson 2nd

Motion passed (3-0, Rossi and Carlson were not present for the vote)

Shipkey provided a brief program update. He shared that the Farm Transition Planning workshops led virtually in collaboration with Clackamas and Tualatin SWCD's just completed their third season in April.

4:09pm- Appointment of Committee Chair

Guebert gave a brief overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Committee Chair.

Zimmer-Stucky self-nominated to be the Land Legacy Committee Chair.

MOTION: Carlson moved to appoint Zimmer-Stucky at the Chair of the LLC Rossi 2nd

Motion passed (5-0, Rossi and Carlson were present for the vote)

Zimmer-Stucky took over as Chair for the rest of the meeting.

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4:12pm- Time reserved for public comment

Labbe requested again that the Board consider funding for acquisition of the Shaull property. He shared that the City of Gresham went through a prioritization process with the community that put the Shaull property at the top of the list for spending.

4:14pm- Working Farmland Protection Program objectives

Brown gave a brief overview of the objectives for the working farmland protection presentation. The purpose of this agenda item was to provide additional foundational information for LLC members, and to begin to gain a better understanding of what each Committee member's perspectives, priorities, and interests are.

Shipkey presented on the working farmland protection program, including the following:

- Why farm protection
- The six objectives associated that the program tries to incorporate into each working farmland transaction, where appropriate
- How EMSWCD approaches prioritization and evaluation of potential working farmland transactions
- A SWOT analysis of the working farmland protection program.

Each LLC member was given the opportunity to express feedback on the presentation. The following was shared:

- Masterson commented on the history of the Land Legacy Program. She then shared that she was mostly interested in the Program staying focused on farmland protection efforts but wanted to hear what the other LLC members had to say. She also expressed support for all of the six objectives discussed by Staff.
- Guebert shared that some of his top priorities include tackling farmland affordability (while ensuring current farmland owners can realize the value of this asset) and diversifying the demographics of farmland ownership, but that he saw value in all 6 of the objectives.
- Carlson added that he would like to see the District continue to prioritize projects.
- Rossi shared that it helps him to make decisions if things are prioritized by what has the biggest effect for the least amount of expenditure so that the District can take on more projects. He also mentioned a concern that when the District acquires farms it may close out the option for other farmers to purchase properties.
- Zimmer-Stucky expressed agreement with much of what had been shared and emphasized that she is particularly interested in our work to broaden access to farmland and tackle affordability but saw value in all six of the objectives. She also asked Shipkey and Brown to share where they have found the sweet spot of Land acquisition has been, and where there have been challenges.

Brown walked through the farmland prioritization methodology the District has developed and implemented, and the specific parcel evaluation process utilized.

5:10pm- Non-farmland projects

Shipkey and Brown presented details on the prioritization/evaluation screen utilized for potential projects, opportunities the District has not pursued, the non-farmland projects that the District has completed to date, and mentioned some considerations for the role EMSWCD might play going forward.

Each LCC member shared what they are most interested in learning more about. The following was said:

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- Zimmer-Stucky is interested in learning more about which areas in East County are less parked versus more parked so that we can help address imbalances when opportunities arise.
- Masterson stated that she is pleased with the evolution of the Land Legacy Program and thinks there's an opportunity for the District to be really strategic and continue to play a supporting role where that would add value to a project.
- Carlson would be interested in knowing what types of easements the District has applied to purchases in the past.
- Rossi expressed his appreciation for the information provided on prioritization and evaluation and thought it would be helpful if we could share that with other prospective partners.

5:31pm- Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(e) held for discussion of real estate negotiations

Executive session entered at 5:31pm

Executive session ended at 6:19pm

6:19pm- Decisions related to matters discussed in Executive Session

MOTION: Guebert moved to approve that the District will maintain the original agreement with our original contribution amount for the well rehabilitation.

Masterson 2nd

Motion passed (5-0)

6:23pm- LLC Meeting dates and times

Shipkey asked the Committee if they were okay with the LLC meeting schedule for FY2021-22. The Committee members all agreed that the schedule worked for them.

6:25pm- Closing items: announcements, reminders and action items

There were no announcements, reminders, or action items at this time.

6:26pm- Adjournment

Zimmer-Stucky adjourned the meeting at 6:26pm.



Land Legacy Program

Working Farmland Protection Objectives

At the July 26, 2021 Land Legacy Committee Meeting, staff will review the six current Land Legacy Program farmland protection objectives and one or more specific examples of how those objectives have been advanced by the LLP, focused largely on EMSWCD's interventions around the Mainstem Farm and Oxbow Farm properties.

As a reminder, those 6 program objectives are:

- **Limit Farm Conversion:** Reduce the incidence of conversion of farm properties to non-farm uses.
- **Keep Farmland in Production:** Ensure a high level of sustainable farm production on farm properties with high production capability.
- **Soil and Water Protection / Enhancement:** Improve and sustain soil health and retention, water quality and quantity.
- **Natural Resource Protection / Enhancement:** Improve and protect natural resources like streams, steep slopes, riparian forest, and other unique and sensitive habitats.
- **Farm Affordability / Ownership:** Help keep farmland affordable and in the ownership of farmers.
- **Farm Access:** Create opportunities for farm access across all demographics.