



**Land Legacy Committee (LLC) Meeting Agenda
East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District**

(November 22, 2021)

Monday, November 29, 2021, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

To be held via videoconference: (US Toll Free: 1 877 309 2073 Access Code: 993-088-381 OR log in on your computer, tablet, or smartphone at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/993088381>.)

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 September 27, 2021, meeting minutes 	Information/ Decision	Zimmer- Stucky	a) 9/27/2021 LLC Meeting Minutes
2	4:05 5 mins	Time reserved for public comment ¹	Information	Public	n/a
3	4:10 60 mins	Land Legacy Program Strategic Planning Discussion	Information	Caldwell/ Dozier	n/a
<p><u>Overview:</u> Land Legacy Committee will have a discussion, facilitated by EMSWCD’s strategic planning consultants, addressing some strategic questions for the Land Legacy Program. This will also be an opportunity for LLC members to share with staff what additional information related to strategic planning which they would like to see developed.</p>					
4	5:10 20 mins	Farm Access Equity Initiative	Information	Shipkey/ Brown	n/a
<p><u>Overview:</u> Staff will provide an update on the status of the Farm Access Equity Initiative.</p>					
5	5:30 5 mins	Property Update	Information	Shipkey	a) City of Gresham Shaul property acquisition email announcement
<p><u>Overview:</u> Staff will provide an update on the Shaul property acquisition, and activities at certain EMSWCD farm properties.</p>					
6	5:35 15 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>					
7	5:50 10 mins	Monitoring	Information	Shipkey	n/a
<p><u>Overview:</u> Staff will provide a briefing on EMSWCD’s working farmland easement and Agricultural Management Plan monitoring work.</p>					

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



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8	6:00	Closing Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcements and Reminders • Action Items • Adjourn 	Information	Zimmer- Stucky	n/a
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EMSWCD Board Members, Officers and Meeting Dates:

EMSWCD Board			LLC	Year	FY21-22 Schedule	Board	LLC
Members	Positions	Officers		2021	July	12 th	26 th
Joe Rossi	Zone 1 Director		X		August	2 nd	
Laura Masterson	Zone 2 Director	Secretary	X		September	13 th	27 th
Mike Guebert	Zone 3 Director	Chair	X		October	4 th	
Jim Carlson	At-Large 1 Director	Treasurer	X		November	1 st	29 th
Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky	At-Large 2 Director	Vice Chair	Chair		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	



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

Monday, September 27, 2021

4:05pm - Call to Order

Zimmer-Stucky called to order the regular meeting of the EMSWCD Land Legacy Committee at 4:05pm on Monday, September 27, 2021, via teleconference.

Introductions, Review/revise agenda, Review previous action items

Zimmer-Stucky conducted introductions for the record. The following persons were present:

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

Staff: Nancy Hamilton (Executive Director), Andrew Brown (Conservation Program Supervisor), Matt Shipkey (Land Legacy Program Manager), Kathy Shearin (Conservation Program Supervisor), Dan Mitten (CFO)

Guest: Ted Labbe

Previous Action items

Shipkey noted that American Farmland Trust report on farmland loss was circulated to the LLC members.

Approval of minutes

MOTION: Guebert moved to approve the July 26, 2021 LLC meeting minutes

Carlson 2nd

Motion passed (3-0, Masterson not present for the vote)

4:08pm - Time reserved for public comment

Labbe commented that there had been a number of unsuccessful attempts on possible property transactions, and noted that information on the staff time and other costs that have gone into unsuccessful projects during the history of the Land Legacy Program may be useful information for the LLC to consider.

4:10pm – Contextual Overview

Brown provided an overview of the briefings staff had covered in the three preceding LLC meetings in 2021. He also noted that the LLP is not presently on a sustainable path forward in terms of staffing capacity and identified outcomes and tasks. Previous meetings dealt with working farmland protection in more details, and this meeting is focusing on natural areas / access to nature component of the Land Legacy Program.



4:14pm – Access to Nature / Natural Resource Lands: Achievements and Strategic Considerations

Brown provided a history of the natural lands / access to nature component of the Land Legacy Program, including the current approach to this work relying on partners to lead on natural area / access to nature protection projects.

Shipkey provided the LLC with details on each of the projects funded to date (project specifics, partners and EMSWCD roles). Shipkey also spoke to the following:

- Why projects were not pursued by the LLP
- Funding, acreage and project count of farmland / non-farmland projects
- LLP strengths, weaknesses/limitations, opportunities, and threats
- Shipkey asked the LLC to consider the following question: **Have our non-farmland investments safeguarded / created important assets for our constituents and advanced our mission?**
- There was a general discussion about whether it would be desirable to pursue fewer projects with richer outcomes, or more projects with more limited outcomes; it was acknowledged that this is question that applies multiple EMSWCD programs

LLC members offered the following input:

- Zimmer-Stucky asked:
 - o If there had been consideration of protecting lands of high cultural value? Brown noted the NAYA project included this, but that is not a named specific programmatic focus.
 - o If we might consider identifying gaps in land protection stemming from the service areas identified by partner organizations as an assessment tool?
 - o What does project development entail? Shipkey described same.
 - o Are there opportunities for additional collaboration between LLP and Urban Lands? Brown noted that there is good communication, but the opportunities for synergy are often limited.
- Masterson noted that while she saw value in the non-farmland projects pursued to date, she would like to see the main focus remain on farmland / rural opportunities. She noted in particular the capacity of other organizations to take forward non-farmland project development, and that the LLC recognized that and was why they concluded this would not be a programmatic focus, but instead provide a limited additional support to others.

Zimmer-Stucky asked LLC members to reflect on the LLP opportunities content and identify whether anything particularly resonated with them.

- Zimmer-Stucky indicated that considering lands of cultural significance and incorporating Equity learnings into the work are compelling to her. She indicated she thought that perhaps the work Metro is doing on outreach might obviate the need for the LLP to do work in that



area. Doesn't want to see the LLP approach projects with an urban vs. rural lens. Would like to see us consider expanding the scope of what we invest in (e.g. capital not solely limited to acquisition costs). And, she would like to see if additional synergies between Land Legacy, Urban Lands and Rural Lands could be developed.

- Guebert stated he is interested in seeing Equity learnings incorporated into the work of the LLP, and whether there might be ways to create meaningful access in new ways. He also indicated that he thinks a reactive approach to non-farmland projects is probably what makes the most sense.
- Carlson stated he would like to see the LLP continue to focus on farmland protection given the threats to farmland our District faces. He also suggested that better communication of the breadth of work the District does might uncover additional opportunities.
- Masterson noted that our work on non-farmland projects has always been challenging given the limited staffing capacity, and suggested that a discussion be held about whether the District continues to play a role in non-farmland projects.

5:15pm – Strategic Planning Considerations

Shipkey reviewed some key LLP wide strategic planning considerations, high level considerations specific to our farmland and non-farmland work, and (as food for thought) some possible options for our approach to non-farmland projects.

LLC members offered the following comments on this content:

- Guebert felt some good questions had been teed up and was particularly interested in advancing the development of carbon mitigation incentives. Guebert stated it felt like deciding on whether to place the LLP emphasis on farm or non-farm projects feels like a threshold question for strategic planning.
- Masterson suggested that the options for our approach to non-farmland projects be expanded to include a fourth option wherein the LLP would not have a role in non-farmland projects.
- Zimmer-Stucky suggested potentially seeing if agreement could be reached on what level of investment would be put into farmland vs. non-farmland projects prior to entering into Strategic Planning. Hamilton noted that this question would be discussed in Phase I of the Strategic Planning work.

5:35pm - Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(e) held for discussion of real estate negotiations

Executive session entered at 5:35pm

Executive session ended at 5:46pm

5:46pm – Farm Access Equity Initiative

Shipkey provided an update on the status of the farm access equity initiative. Masterson asked about the duration of the Advisory Group appointment, and how staff would keep the Board looped in so that any asks made of the Board wouldn't come as a surprise. Shipkey indicated there would be regular updates on



key developments at LLC and Board meetings, and that the Board would likely be invited to at least one Advisory Group meeting.

5:55pm - Closing items: announcements, reminders, and action items

Guebert announced he will not be able to attend the Monday Board meeting, and is making arrangements for Zimmer-Stucky to chair the Board meeting.

Hamilton requested that if Board members had not already done so, to please schedule meetings with Board equity consultants Veronica and Katherine.

Action Items:

- LLC members to provide to staff any suggestions they may have for desired topics at future meetings, and what information could be developed to best inform a discussion about LLP emphasis.
- Shipkey to keep LLC members apprised of key developments with Farm Access Equity Advisory Group.

5:59pm - Adjournment

Zimmer-Stucky adjourned the meeting at 5:59pm.

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Gresham Parks Community Survey

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Update on Shaul property

In response to the Gresham Parks Community Survey, the City signed a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Shaul property on June 15, 2021 and then began the process of conducting the typical due diligence steps required to complete the purchase. An environmental site assessment, appraisal of the property and title review were all conducted with no concerns found.

The Seller embarked on the extensive process of removing all waste and structures from the site. After successful demolition, with the support of East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District who graciously contributed \$200,000 to the acquisition, and after close coordination with Metro staff responsible for the 2019 Bond Local Share Funding, the City was able to close on the property on November 15, 2021. The City of Gresham extends its heartfelt appreciation to those external partners who contributed to realizing this important community investment in access to nature.

In the coming months, our priority will be to assess the tree grove more closely to identify any potentially hazardous trees, and then remove any trees that pose a threat to surrounding homes or future park users. As part of the City's current efforts to engage the community in parks and natural resource investments, future improvements to this property and the adjoining Southwest Community Park will be prioritized against other potential projects for funding. As funding is identified, we will work with local educators, community groups and wildlife experts to design opportunities for nature experiences for park visitors while protecting the site's habitat.

More information on the Metro Parks and Nature Bond and previous reports on the Shaul property can be found at GreshamOregon.gov/Parks-Planning.



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