

AGENDA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PORTLAND WATER DISTRICT
1-408-418-9388
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6:00 p.m., Monday, April 27, 2020

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| 1. | <u>Roll Call</u> | Clerk |
| 2. | <u>Convene Meeting</u> with vote to conduct the meeting remotely. | Clerk |
| 3. | <u>Acceptance of Minutes</u> of the Special Meeting of April 6, 2020 and the Workshop Meeting of April 13, 2020. | President Cote |
| 4. | <u>Invitation for Public Comment</u> | President Cote |
| 5. | <u>Reports:</u> | |
| | ▪ Operations Committee Reports (no report this month) | Trustee Siviski |
| | ▪ Planning Committee Reports | Trustee Lunt |
| | ▪ Administration & Finance Committee Reports (no report this month) | Trustee Garrison |
| | ▪ General Manager's Report | General Manager |
| 6. | <u>New Business</u> | |
| | A. <u>Resolution 20-006</u> awarding the Joseph A. DiPietro Scholarship. | President Cote |
| | B. <u>Order 20-015</u> authorizing an application in conjunction with Sebago Clean Waters partners to the Regional Conservation Partnership Program. | Planning Committee |
| 7. | <u>Other Business.</u> An item may be added to this agenda provided seven trustees vote to waive the rule regarding agendas. | President Cote |
| 8. | <u>Second Invitation for Public Comment</u> | President Cote |
| 9. | <u>Trustee Comments</u> | President Cote |
| 10. | <u>Adjournment</u> | President Cote |

Donna M. Katsiaficas
Clerk

Portland Water District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

April 27, 2020

New Business

Agenda Items 6A-6B



RESOLUTION
PORTLAND WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has established the Joseph A. DiPietro Scholarship in memory of Mr. DiPietro's fifteen years of dedicated service representing the city of Portland as a Trustee of the District, and

WHEREAS Priscilla Arsenault, a resident of Portland, is pursuing a degree in Architecture & Engineering Design at Southern Maine Community College, and

WHEREAS Ms. Arsenault has demonstrated need for the scholarship, and

WHEREAS Ms. Arsenault is the first in her family to attend college, and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees' Scholarship Committee unanimously recommends Ms. Arsenault to be a recipient of the 2020 Joseph A. DiPietro Scholarship,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees recognizes the accomplishments and needs of Ms. Arsenault and supports her academic endeavors by awarding her the \$1,500 scholarship for 2020 established in tribute to Joseph A. DiPietro.

Adopted this 27th day of April 2020.

Attest:
Donna M. Katsiaticas
Clerk

Guy Cote, President
Board of Trustees





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PORTLAND WATER DISTRICT
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WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has established the Joseph A. DiPietro Scholarship in memory of Mr. DiPietro's fifteen years of dedicated service representing the city of Portland as a Trustee of the District, and

WHEREAS Daniel Quinho, a resident of Portland, is pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering Technology at Southern Maine Community College, and

WHEREAS Mr. Quinho has demonstrated need for the scholarship, and

WHEREAS Mr. Quinho is the first in his family to attend college, and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees' Scholarship Committee unanimously recommends Mr. Quinho to be a recipient of the 2020 Joseph A. DiPietro Scholarship,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees recognizes the accomplishments and needs of Mr. Quinho and supports his academic endeavors by awarding him the \$1,500 scholarship for 2020 established in tribute to Joseph A. DiPietro.

Adopted this 27th day of April 2020.

Attest:
Donna M. Katsiaticas
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Guy Cote, President
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Portland Water District
From Sebago Lake To Casco Bay

BOARD OF TRUSTEES / AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Agenda Item: 6B Order 20-015
Date of Meeting: April 27, 2020
Subject: Application for Regional Conservation Partnership Program
Presented By: Paul Thomas Hunt, Environmental Services Manager
Christopher Crovo, Director of Asset Management and Planning

RECOMMENDATION

The following proposed language is presented for Board of Trustee approval:

ORDERED, authorizing an application in conjunction with Sebago Clean Waters partners to the Regional Conservation Partnership Program requesting up to \$8,000,000 in funds over five years; with the grant funds used to support the forest conservation goals of the District's Watershed Land Conservation Policy.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (the Farm Bill) mandated that the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) direct 10 percent of funds for conservation programs to protect sources of drinking water. It also increased funding for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) which provides financial and technical assistance for innovative conservation projects that protect source water and other natural resources. The partnership of conservation groups, Sebago Clean Waters, is innovative because it's a partnership of different types of non-profit organizations and accomplished water quality goals as well as many other important environmental and community goals. This effort is critical because conserved forest is a natural water treatment method, producing clean, high quality water in Sebago Lake while also supporting many other important environmental and community values. It is considered a very a strong candidate to receive funding through the RCPP.

Awarded in a five-year term (2021-2025), the RCPP grant would provide a stable funding source with which to pursue land conservation projects in the watershed. The local land trust partners are confident that with this additional funding, more forested land can be protected. Investing in forest conservation provides for cleaner source water and is less expensive than a constructed treatment plant.

ANALYSIS

Maintaining the long-term water quality of Sebago Lake will require that most of the land in the watershed remain forested. Sebago Clean Waters, formed as a means to support this goal, has been successful in conserving forest for several years. Additional funding is needed in order to continue this effort. The 2018 Agriculture Improvement Act instructs that 10% of program funding from this federal program is to be used to support protection of sources of drinking water such as Sebago Lake. Conserving watershed forest land is a key strategy to in the District's source protection program, and receiving RCPP funds would allow us to continue this effort for the next five years.

FISCAL REVIEW / FUNDING

There is no cost to submit an application and no incremental costs to prepare the application. PWD's match for these transactions would be lower than what we projected when the Board passed a resolution in support of Sebago Clean Waters.

LEGAL REVIEW

Corporate Counsel has reviewed the proposed Motion and has approved it as to form.

CONCLUSION(S)

Staff recommends the pursuit of this application and these funds. The Committee approved the staff's recommendation and agreed to send to the full Board for their consideration.

ATTACHMENT(S)

"Collaboration Can Protect Drinking Water Sources" flyer

COLLABORATION CAN PROTECT SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER

TOGETHER

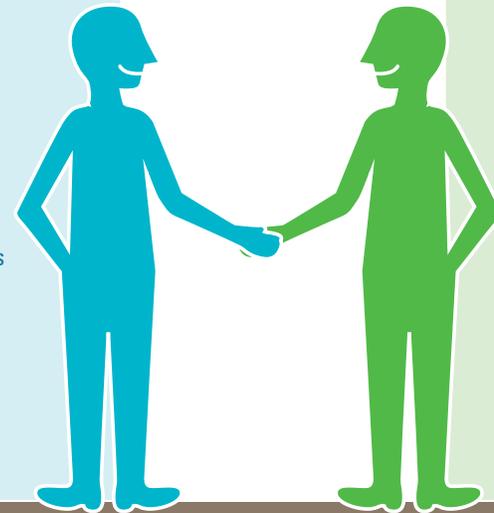
- Help NRCS direct 10 percent of conservation program spending to source water protection (2018 Farm Bill)
- Leverage funding
- Include multiple partners
- Measure progress
- Help producers and private landowners, agencies, and partners create a more sustainable future

STATE SOURCE WATER PROGRAM

- Share data and information on delineated source water protection areas, priority contaminants, sources of contamination, and water quality monitoring results
- Provide information and leverage potential funding sources
- Assist with implementation and help target USDA initiatives (e.g., identifying priority areas, potential to drinking water)
- Partner in conducting outreach to private landowners and operators
- Help engage drinking water utilities and other source water protection stakeholders
- Contact: asdwa.org/sourcewatercontacts

STATE CONSERVATIONIST

- Implement NRCS conservation programs – technical assistance and funding to private landowners and operators for conservation plans, and financial assistance for conservation practices
 - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
 - National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) Source Water Pilot
 - Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
 - Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership
 - Conservation practice standards
- Funding capacity, and discretion about what to fund
- Agreements with partners (e.g., conservation districts)
- Discretionary technical assistance (e.g. signup workshops for private landowners and operators)
- Contact: nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/contact/states/



OUR COMMON GROUND

- Voluntary (non-regulatory) programs for private landowners and operators
- Focus on protecting soil, water quality, and health
- Help assure overall health of communities
- Achieve and demonstrate water quality results in priority areas

Note: It's a good idea to find out who USDA NRCS work with in your state. We are using "private landowners and operators" as a general term in this infographic. NRCS may work with a variety of producers - farmers, ranchers, poultry and livestock producers, dairymen, forest landowners, including those who rent land.



The Source Water Collaborative, twenty-seven national entities representing federal, state, and local partners, works together to protect drinking water sources for generations to come.