

Luckiamute Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes (Amended for November 2013)

General Member Monthly Meeting

Location: Volunteer Hall, Monmouth, OR

Date: November 14, 2013

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Finance Committee meeting took place at 5:30 p.m. Volunteer Hall

Attendance:

Voting board members: (consensus minus one) George Grosch (at large, Chair), Karin Nembach (Education, Secretary), Steve deGoey (state), Dan Farnworth (Treasurer), Kelly Gordon (agriculture), Gail Oberst (Vice Chair), Rob Burns (at large)

General: Kristen Larson (LWC coordinator), Mike Tenney (landowner)

7:00 -7:10 pm Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting Call to Order

Introductions – Guests and Council Members

Volunteer time and attendance sheet completed

Approval of Minutes: Members reviewed October 2013 minutes.

Revisions to member status, grants, executive session, please see revised October minutes.

Business

7:10- 7:20

Public Comment by Mike Tenney- landowner

Steve Taylor from WOU recommended that Mr. Tenney come to our meeting and ask about the flora and fauna on his property. He has a slough in his back yard that is flooded each year; he lives in the Willamette River flood plain near the Rogue hopyard. He would like to know what plants to use in his landscaping to maintain the slough's natural state. Steve deGoey offered his help and we said we would also send out our project manager to the property to discuss management options.

7:20 – 7:40 pm Coordinator's report

Kristen, LWC Coordinator

*Board member packets compiled at volunteer work party by Karin, Steve, Dan, J.P., and Kristen. Handed out at meeting.

*Outreach Assistant hiring process – there are a good set of candidates, hope to hire by the week of Nov.22nd.

*NOWC Gathering – brief review of sessions attended. How to handle a volunteer program in a watershed setting – excerpts from Johnson Creek's experience, crowd funding. CREP funding and landowner recruitment. Lamprey recovery plan- how to

get funding for a species in decline. If anyone is interested in learning more about the convention please contact the council.

*Projects Update- LSNA Phase III ranked 4 out of 9 and is likely to be funded in full.

Upper Price Creek barrier removal and Enhancement will have a site visit on December 17th, and a decision regarding funding will be made in February 2014.

7:40 – 8: 30 pm Treasurer and Budget Committee **Dan, Treasurer**

*FY'14 Amended budget and CP RC&D Transition- Dan gave an update and primer on reading and understanding our budget database and documents. Please see the attached treasurer's report for remarks.

*The '14 budget should be amended to reset allocations where we were over and under budget to rebalance it, hopefully in December 2013, Dan is working on communication with CP RC&D to get the numbers we need to do our own budget balancing.

*For our new chart of accounts we want specific lines for each entry, CP RC&D are working to incorporate our new format into their current system, since their new system should be able to incorporate this with no problems, once it comes out.

*Dan gave us a breakdown of the excel spreadsheet he worked on to set up our grant structure so that it's easier to understand. Went over how we go about estimating a budget for the year (income and expenses) and then how adjustments are made along the way as necessary.

*Dan reported on his findings from the NOWC gathering.

8:30 – 8:45 pm Project Review Committee Update **Karin, PRC Chair**

*Karin gave a brief review of the MMT- Model Watershed landowner meeting that was held at the Happy Workers Club on Luckiamute Road in Philomath. There were six landowners in attendance from the area. We went over what accomplishments the council has been able to do so far, and then gathered stakeholder input as to what they would like to see us focus on over the last five years in our Model Watershed Program. Most interest focused on riparian re-vegetation.

* Karin shared her NOWC Gathering findings. We should look into the nationally based River Network partnership to develop our organization to the next level.

8:45pm -9:00 pm Steering Committee Report **George, Chair**

*It's time for officer elections in December. Seats are for a one-year term, please vote for who you'd like to be elected/re-elected.

*Social event will take place after the New Year.

LWC member reports

All present

Next Meeting/Upcoming Events-

- Nov. 19th – LWC Reps to meet with MRWC to discuss potential collaboration opportunities.
- Nov. 26th-steering committee meeting – LWC office
- December 12 – LWC monthly meeting

Meeting is adjourned at 9:11 pm