



LWC Board Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2019, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Hawk Hall, 750 S 5th St, Independence, OR 97351

7:00 Call to order

Patrick Melendy, President

Introductions – Board Members: Patrick Melendy, Wendy Hudson, Dan Farnworth, Mark Hazelton, Dave Ehlers (joined via phone around 7:45 pm)

Guests: Sharon Safina

Staff: Kristen Larson, Caleb Price

Minutes – **Action:** February 14, 2019 Minutes (*Attachment A*) approved by consensus.

Time and attendance sheets passed around.

Public Comments

None

All Present

Mission Moment & Questions / Comments on Committee Minutes / Activities *Board and Committee Members*

Discussion on the February 27 EC minutes, third bullet under the OWEB 219-2021 Council Capacity Work Plan – Wendy asked for clarification around the need for defining “criteria” to join the Board or a committee. Pat has been talking to community members and people don’t feel “qualified” to join; LWC can help this by summarizing what we’re looking for and that people don’t need specific experiences to join. Noted as a job for the Governance Committee.

Discussion on the March 6, 2019 Fundraising Committee minutes – how does the Board feel about soliciting and / or accepting donations from Cannabis operations in our watershed? Are we okay with this? Are we worried that our constituents will be upset? General sense that these operations are now legal in Oregon and are essentially another farming and / or processing operation. We don’t police the practices of our other donors, why should this be different? It can open a conversation of how the operations can be more sustainable – conserve water, protect soil, etc.

2018 Temperature Monitoring Presentation

Caleb Price, Monitoring Coord.

Caleb provided a summary of the LWC monitoring program and data from 2018. Feedback and questions welcomed. Volunteers for field deployment trips also welcomed. Next presentation, March 21 for the public at the Monmouth Public Library.

Suggestion for the future to take the temperature monitoring presentation to the Kings Valley area to be more accessible to the landowners involved in the program. Can also go to the Falls City area. Use this as an outreach tool more effectively.

Executive Committee

Patrick, President

Offer of Donated Property on Ash Creek – *Updates on information gathering*

Pat is gathering information and working on a report for the Board. There are many issues to consider including zoning, interests of the City of Independence and neighbors, history of the site and potential for environmental contamination, liabilities, and access. Discussion that the Board can take some time to continue to do research and consider how to manage this offer and generate a benefit out of it if possible while managing risk. Some are concerned that there is little or no benefit to be derived and too much risk. Others feel the LWC can navigate the risks and potentially protect the property and / or generate revenue. Pat and Dave will be doing more research and report back next month.

Project Review Committee

Revised Restoration Goals - Action Item, Attachment B

Wendy and Kristen reviewed the history and context of the Restoration Goals. The PRC reviewed and revised the goals based on the new strategic plan. One overarching goal and three discrete goals. Intent is to review annually, generally at the December PRC meeting each year, and revise as needed.

Action: The Board adopted the revised restoration goals, approved by consensus.

Treasurer and Finance Committee

Mark, Treasurer

January Monthly Report- Attachment C

Mark presented the January reports. Nothing remarkable.

Kristen noted with recent grants and reimbursements, the LWC will have cash in its accounts exceeding the FDIC insured limit. Mark suggested contacting OSCU and asking for a higher insurance limit. Kristen will do this. The Finance Committee will review the topic at its next meeting.

Executive Director Update

Kristen

ED Updates and Looking at the Calendar

Kristen reviewed the ED update distributed to Board prior to the meeting via email. Kristen reviewed the context of the request for a letter of support for access to the Willamette Water 2100 model and for the model to be made available at a sub-basin scale and to open for all to use. Board approves sending the letter of support. Wendy submitted some edits to the draft.

Kristen reviewed the many upcoming events – mark your calendars. *Note – Kristen inadvertently omitted the May 12 Bird Walk at J2E Farm from the list. RSVP if you want to attend!*

The Board reviewed June / July / August Board meeting scheduling. The June and July Board meetings will be combined into a single meeting in late June - target June 27. Kristen will try to secure a venue in Falls City for this meeting since it will not conflict with their monthly city council meetings (also second Thursdays). The Board still wishes to visit other sites around the watershed for spring and summer Board meetings. Kristen will work on securing sites for the May and August meetings. *Note, after the meeting, Wednesday, June 26 was selected instead of June 27 via email to accommodate everyone's schedule.*

Suggestion to also look at combining the November / December meetings into a single meeting in early December. Will work on this in late summer / early fall.

Discussion regarding the new volunteer (recent OSU graduate) noted in the ED update. He is going to continue work on the Beaver training module. Suggestion to invite him to the May 2 PRC meeting. Kristen will do this.

New Business

None

All present

Meeting adjourned around 9:00pm.

Projects

<i>Application Pending*</i>	<i>Design & Permits</i>	<i>Implementation</i>	<i>Maintenance & Monitoring</i>	<i>Notes</i>
OWEB Fall 2018 proposals: Temperature Monitoring Ph. 2 and S. Fork Pedee Enhancement ¹	Expand the Benefit Site 2 (Little Luckiamute) Riparian Reveg	REVEG: LSNA Phase III, Expand the Benefit Site 1 (Luckiamute), MMT MW "LP3" Reveg & Fencing, Maxfield Creek Reveg	REVEG: LSNA Phases I & II; Model Watershed Upper Luckiamute Phases I & II; Fencing/Reveg; Ash Creek	1 – Monitoring ranked 1 of 1; S. Fork Pedee ranked #3; both likely funded
Walmart Community Grant Program ²	LSNA Floodplain Reconnection and Revegetation	Upper Ritner Creek Splash Dam Recovery Project	OWEB Small Grants: Ritner Creek Park Enhancement & Willow Staking	2 – Pending, 3-4 month review process
Charlotte Martin Foundation – LYW funding, notice in May	MMT Opportunity Grant ³	Love Your Watershed Community Science Series (EnO committee)	OWEB TA - NetMap Modelling and Field Surveys & MW Culvert Assessment	3 – Submitted January 7, 2019, revised Feb. 13, 2019 (see ED update)
	OWEB Small Grants: Woods Creek culvert removal ⁴ , LP3 Fencing / Reveg	OWEB - Knotweed Control Expansion (with ongoing outreach)	<u>MW – Instream Projects:</u> Maxfield Creek Phase II, Side Channel, Bridge Piers Modification; Upper Price Creek, Wolf Creek	4 - Woods Creek Small Grant cancelled due to change in project landowner and scope – to resubmit this summer

Next Meetings/Upcoming Events

- March 21 – Stream Temperature Monitoring Presentation (public), Monmouth Public Library, 6-7:30pm
- March 27 - EC meeting, LWC office, 3-5 pm
- April 2 - Finance Committee, LWC office, 4-5:30pm
- April 3 - Fundraising Committee, LWC office, 3-5pm
- **April 8 – S. Fork Pedee project tour, 10am at project site or meet LWC office at 9am – RSVP with Kristen by March 29**
- April 9 – Love Your Watershed Action Team, LWC office, 3-4:30pm
- **April 11 - LWC Board meeting, Location TBD, 7-9 pm**
- April 13 – Watershed Recreation Fair, 10am- 2pm, The Grove Coffee Shop
- April 20 – Earth Day Stewardship Event – Polk Co. Fire Station
- April 22 – Central Lions Club Earth Day Ash Creek Trail Clean up - ~11am (TBD)
- April 24 - EC meeting, LWC office, 3-5 pm
- April 30 - Finance Committee, LWC office, 4-5:30pm
- May 1 - Fundraising Committee, LWC office, 3-5pm
- May 2 – PRC meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 5:30-7:30pm
- May 5 – LYW Fundraising Event, Luckiamute Meadows Farm, 2-5pm
- May 4 – Adopt-a-Road clean up event, 9am, LSNA Paddlers Access parking lot
- May 7 - Love Your Watershed Action Team, LWC office, 3-4:30pm
- **May 9 - LWC Board meeting, Location TBD, 7-9 pm**

The LWC envisions communities working together to create vital, vibrant watersheds of thriving native fish populations and diverse, healthy habitats shared by people, plants and animals.