



## Minutes

June 26, 2019, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Falls City Community Center - 320 N. Main St., Falls City, OR 97344

### 7:03-7:05 Call to order

*Wendy Hudson, Vice President*

Introductions – Guests and Board Members

Board Members Wendy Hudson, Mark Hazelton, Dan Farnworth, Dave Ehlers, Kathy Farnworth  
Guests Jerry Nicolescu (Dallas, retired Director Oregon Association of Conservation Districts),  
Joe Dabek (Monmouth), Amy Kaiser (NRCS representative for Linn and Benton Counties)  
Staff Kristen Larson

Minutes – **Action:** Approved May 9, 2019 Minutes, *Attachment A*

Time and attendance sheets passed around

Cookies were brought by Dave from Sarah for the meeting!

Gifts (pretty pink flower pot & pint of honey) and card for Kathy who is resigning as Secretary due to current health related activities: stem cell transplant scheduled for Aug 1 for cancer (multiple myeloma).

### 7:05 – 7:14 Public Comments

*All Present*

Amy Kaiser, NRCS– 4 strategies (1) oak restoration, native plants Fenders blue butterfly – overlaps with our organization here to see if any interest, (2) microdrip irrigation for hazelnuts, (3) forest resilience, (4) water quality with Benton SWCD- was in northern Benton Co, switch this year to southern Benton Co, can come to winter meetings. Meetings in Benton & Linn County, usually at Extension office in Tangent. Focus on Benton & Linn Counties. Can have a meeting in Polk County if we are interested in one, let her know.

### 7:14 – 7:xx Mission Moment & Questions / Comments on Committee Minutes / Activities

*Board and Committee Members*

Kristen – made the goal for the Love Your Watershed Outreach Fundraiser!!!

Mark – LWC Sips ‘n’ Science for the Geology of the Little Luckiamute Falls was well attended and well done, good presentation, good pizza.

Kristen – need people to sign up for the 4th of July Parade

### 7:xx – 7:39 Presentation – Summary of Upcoming Project Work

*Kristen Larson, ED*

Review projects

- Planting, 2018, 2019, 2020. Maxfield Creek, Upper Ritner & Luckiamute, Ash Creek
- Revegetation – weed control (reed canary grass moving in & taking over) Upper Ritner & Maxfield Creek. 3 sections the landowners would not participate. One may have a new owner, working on the property, opportunity to pursue request to participate.
- Revegetation – Plant Establishment, old and new and continuing projects
- South Fork Peedee Creek – found no freshwater mussels (found immediately in North Fork). Permitting & log procurement in progress, placement in September. Planting in 2021.
- Knotweed – first year since 2011 without a knotweed control program, hope to distribute information & seek funding to continue suppression efforts; all prior funding from OWEB has ended
- LSNA floodplain reconnection & revegetation Phase IV, delays in permitting, working for 2019 implementation but time available is shrinking, will be a big swing in the budget if postponed, \$200K, BPA is a big funder and dislikes extensions, likes work completed

within 12 mos. Phase V, Oregon Parks & Rec Dept. (OPRD) has been leasing 60 acres in the middle for farming. Access road is eroding, a concern to bring in farm equipment, lease was not renewed. OPRD has asked LWC about managing, goal plant in 2021, mimic existing forest.

- Little Luckiamute River enhanced, funded in 2014, 5 years ago, many delays, hope to plant 2021, coordinate with landowner enrollment in CREP, OWEB understands and agreeable to extension
- Upcoming proposals & new projects

#### **7:40 – 7:55 Fundraising Committee**

*Wendy Hudson, Chair*

##### Love Your Watershed Fundraising Campaign update, Attachment B

Kristen - One Tree Planted pledged to get us to our \$10k Goal, with \$1048 commitment.

Wendy - Associated Expenses \$697 (food, musician, supplies, printing for events at Redgate & Major Donor) reduced funds raised to \$9303. Could we ask One Tree Planted to kick in another \$697?

Discussion of Lessons Learned

Applause for Wendy's tireless leadership in this effort; she acknowledged Kristen's work also and stated that it was truly a team effort.

##### Development Staff, upcoming proposal, Marys River WC partnership discussion, Attachment C

Kristen reviewed the attachment

Noted that we want to plan Anniversary Campaign for 2021 (Item 6 on Task List, months 6-12 assuming hiring shared Development Staff in early 2020).

Dave, when are we at a million plants? Kristen - We are at 960,000 now so 2020 or 2021.

Dan notes description allows for possible separation in the future; Kristen acknowledges allowing for seeing how things go and adjusting with some transition time.

Kristen & Holly (Marys River WC ED) collecting letters of support from local donors/community partners (important for the grantor OCF: cities, MRWC ED, experience with organization like this before especially need for funds), won't make the July 1 early goal; deadline July 15.

#### **7:55 – 8:06 Treasurer and Finance Committee**

*Mark, Treasurer*

##### April Monthly Report - Attachment D

Mark reviewed the attachment, discussion, requests made for additional clarification remarks in minutes as to conclusion of actions by Finance Committee

#### **8:06 – 8:38 Executive Director Update**

*Kristen*

##### Approval request for grant submissions – Attachment E

Kristen reviewed the attachment

- Next year's budget (starts July 1) not complete; will have draft to Finance Committee. Board authorizes Continuing Resolution for ED to continue spending money, with a request to the Board if an outlandish expense is contemplated prior to the approval of the new year budget. Kristen points out LWC is underspent to date. Also suggests we contemplate changing fiscal year to calendar year (Jan – Dec).

Continues review of attachment.

- Mark requests a written report on finances of the Ash Creek Water Control District (ACWCD) before LWC acts on suggestion of adding hours to use Caleb (as suggested in attachment) to support knotweed removal if the LWC contracts with ACWCD for that; LWC is submitting a proposal to ACWCD for knotweed removal.

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- Guest comments, and suggestion to provide Board packet to people expressing interest (like Joe?), notes that minutes & agenda posted on website. Amy asks about technical committee, Kristen will add her to email list. Jerry has long relevant experience with a 2 year break since he retired, comments to just keep trying.
- Kristen – Applications Pending - Board approves as potential funders National Fish & Wildlife Foundation; Collins Foundation.
- Kristen - Need a new Secretary, office required to be filled by the state, Suggestions made, Kristen will put out a call, Wendy suggests we also consider likely people to ask. Next Board meeting August.
- Kristen & Jean-Paul will be doing a radio show in Spanish a week from Monday, following her presentation last Friday on Salem radio KMUZ (now available online).

**8:38 – 8:39 New Business**

*All present*

None. Guests are excused.

**8:40 – 9:12 Executive Committee**

*Wendy, Vice President*

Offer of Donated Property, updates – Attachment F. The Board will enter Executive Session to discuss a real estate transaction.

Dave discusses the proposed Option Agreement and description, Attachment F. Discussion.

**9:12- 9:15 Exit Executive Session.** Dave Ehlers is authorized to move forward on seeking buyers for the Options for the properties offered for donation in Independence and off Perrydale Rd. Dave is authorized to accept any offer he is comfortable with. Kristen will consult our insurance carrier. LWC will proceed with signing the option.

**9:15 Meeting Adjourned**

**Projects**

<i>Application Pending*</i>	<i>Design &amp; Permits</i>	<i>Implementation</i>	<i>Maintenance &amp; Monitoring</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Western Native Trout Initiative (WNTI) Small Grant; to support Ash Creek volunteer opportunities and LO trainings <sup>1</sup>	Expand the Benefit Site 2 (Little Luckiamute) Riparian Reveg	<b>REVEG:</b> LSNA Phase III, Expand the Benefit Site 1 (Luckiamute), MMT MW “LP3” Reveg & Fencing, Maxfield Creek Reveg	<b>REVEG:</b> LSNA Phases I & II; Model Watershed Upper Luckiamute Phases I & II; Fencing/Reveg; Ash Creek	1 – Submitted June 18, notice in July
PGE Habitat Support Funding (managed by TNC) for site prep on LSNA Phase V work area <sup>2</sup>	LSNA Floodplain Reconnection and Revegetation <sup>3</sup>	Upper Ritner Creek Splash Dam Recovery Project	OWEB Small Grants: Ritner Creek Park Enhancement & Willow Staking	2 – submitted May 28, notice in June
Bring Back the Natives pre-proposal, also LSNA Phase V prep <sup>4</sup>	S. Fork Pedee Enhancement	Love Your Watershed Community Science Series (EnO committee)	OWEB TA - NetMap Modelling and Field Surveys & MW Culvert Assessment	3 – Permitting delays, uncertain if project can be done this year or if need to postpone to next summer

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	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 – to submit on June 27, if invited, full proposal due in August
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Next Meetings/Upcoming Events

- July 1 – Fundraising Committee (FRC) meeting, LWC office, 3-5pm
- July 4 – *M-I Rotary Grand Parade – Volunteers needed! Sign up today!*
- July 9 – Education and Outreach Committee meeting, 8:30 – 10am, Polk SWCD office
- July 9 - Finance Committee meeting, LWC office, 4-5:30pm
- July 30 - Finance Committee meeting, LWC office, 4-5:30pm
- July 31 – Executive Committee meeting, LWC office 3-5pm
- **August 8 - LWC Monthly Meeting, location TBD (tentatively Hoskins), 6:30-8:30pm**
- *August 17 – Founder’s Day, Adair Village, LWC Tabling*
- August 27 - Finance Committee meeting, LWC office, 4-5:30pm
- August 28 – Executive Committee meeting, LWC office, 3-5pm
- September 4 – Fundraising Committee (FRC) meeting, LWC office, 3-5pm
- September 5 – Projects Review Committee meeting, Monmouth Library, 5:30- 7:30pm
- September 10 – Education and Outreach Committee meeting, 8:30 – 10am, Polk SWCD office
- *September 11 – Dry Farming Tour, details coming soon!*
- **September 12 – LWC Monthly Meeting, location TBD, 6:30- 8:30pm**