

Luckiamute Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes

General Monthly Member Meeting

Location: Volunteer Hall, Monmouth, OR

Date: March 13, 2014

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Finance Committee meeting took place at 6 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), Gail Oberst (Vice Chair), Ed Miller (Small Farms/Forests), Kelly Gordon-(Agriculture)
General: Kristen Larson (LWC Coordinator), Suzanne Teller (LWC Outreach Asst.), Cliff Hall- landowner, Tom Gallagher-guest speaker

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 February 2014 minutes.
Revision to Paypal concept wording, ***otherwise stand approved.***

*****Executive Session added to tonight's agenda at the end of the council general board meeting.*****

Speaker:

7:10 – 7:50 Watershed Councils and their role in the Community Tom Gallagher
Mr. Gallagher provided some background about himself and then discussed the role of the Ford Family Foundation's Leadership Community Program for rural communities. He emphasized that they provide scholarships, technical assistance grants, and specific youth programs that promote leadership development for rural communities and that watershed councils are the perfect vehicle for this type of leadership development program.

Business

7:50- 7:55

Consent Agenda Item: (Items on the consent agenda are approved as a single item unless a Board Member requests to have an item removed for discussion)

Proposed Actions:

- 1) *Approve Part I of Luckiamute Watershed Council Action Plan (2010) – Willamette River Model Watershed Program, Upper Luckiamute Proposal, Part 1B – 10-year Action Plan*
- 2) *Approve Budget and Allocation adjustments (see attached pdf)*

Consent Agenda items stand approved

7:55-8:10 pm Steering Committee Report

George, Chair

Paypal and LWC Savings Account – Get PayPal button on LWC web site to accept donations and sales of LWC T-shirts and other items.

Proposed Action: Approve opening a savings account at Citizen's Bank. The positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Luckiamute Watershed Council are authorized as signers on this account. This currently means that Chair, George Grosch; Vice Chair, Gail Oberst; Secretary, Karin Nembach; and Treasurer, Dan Farnworth will be eligible to sign / transact banking processes for the Council. **Karin motions, Steve seconds- discussion- this is being used to raise unrestricted funds for the council. Button and connection are free, because we are a nonprofit we qualify for a reduced fee, after discussion motion passes.**

Claim update- settlement offer negotiated, refer to Executive Session section at end of minutes

8:10 – 8: 35 pm Treasurer and Budget Committee Dan, Treasurer

*No Treasurer's report (at the February 13 meeting, the LWC board approved changing the schedule, so the Treasurer's report at the April meeting will cover February, and so on). We will be forming a budget committee for the compilation and presentation of the 2014-2015 FY budget.

Fiscal Services Provider Update: RFQ for fiscal services – Our contract with CPRCD is ending June 30, 2014.

Proposed Action: **Approve advertising request for qualifications for fiscal services. Gail motions to put an RFQ out with the proposed changes adopted at our board meeting on March 14, 2014. Steve 2nd's, no discussion, motion passes.**

8:35 – 8:55 pm Coordinator's Report Kristen, Coordinator

Grants update. We have been invited for a full proposal with our DEQ 319 project to supplement ongoing knotweed control with reveg. funding. We will be resubmitting an OWEB Restoration Grant on Upper Price Creek. We are receiving the full capacity funding for our Model Watershed Program from MMT for this fiscal year.

Proposed Action: **Dan motions to approve a new contract with Third-Stream for development of OWEB Technical Assistance Grant proposal in the Model Watershed for April 21 deadline. Steve 2^{nds}, no discussion, motion passes.**

Discussion of personnel policy guidelines surrounding our medical stipend and whether or not it is still tax deductible under the Affordable Health Care Act. We will research the options currently available to us and make changes as necessary.

Skipped. Benton, Linn, Lane, CREP Partnership agreement. **No action taken.**

Projects update- Proposed Action: **Gail motions to Request a shift of \$500 in MMT 13040005 from Development Assistance to Contracted Services; Allocate \$500 for Contracted Services (to cover someone to help with seeding planting areas). Karin 2^{nds}, discussion, our regular contracted replanting crew temporarily needs assistance, so we will hire another crew for the interim, motion passes.**

8:55pm -9:00 pm LWC member reports and Public Comments All Present
No comments

9:00 pm Special Executive Session
9:07 pm Out of Executive Session

Proposed Action: The council authorizes the chair to sign a release and settlement agreement in the matter of Gest vs. LWC. Gail motions, Ed seconds, no discussion, motion passes.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:10 pm

Next Meeting/Upcoming Events-

☐ April 3 – Next SC meeting, 5:00 LWC office

☐ **April 10 – LWC Monthly meeting (Change Location? Pedee? LSNA?)**