



Minutes

Luckiamute Watershed Council
January 10, 2019, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Volunteer Hall – 144 S. Warren St. Monmouth, OR 97361

7:00-7:03 Call to order

Wendy Hudson, Vice President

Introductions – Guests and Board Members Kathy Farnworth, Mark Hazelton, Dan Farnworth, Dave Ehlers, Sharon Safina, Earth Science Students Maddie Peterson, Nicole Niskanen & Mandy Abel, Wendy Hudson, Kristen Larson

Minutes – **Action:** Approved Dec. 13, 2018 Minutes (*Attachment A*)
Time and attendance sheets

7:04 – 7:04 Public Comments

None

All Present

7:04– 7:15 Mission Moment & Questions / Comments on Committee Minutes / Activities

Board and Committee Members Dave & Kristen – Pacific Lamprey talk last night was interesting. 2014 tagged adults at Willamette Falls and put them into Fall Creek Reservoir on the McKenzie; they went up into the tributaries & spawned and the juveniles came back into the reservoir. Have trumpet-shaped structures at the dam to help smelts go downstream, thinks the lampreys may be doing so although not as strong a swimmer as salmonids. Kristen – had 50, standing room only, Dave & Sarah did the check-in at the front table. Speaker was sub for the booked speaker and was engaging and well received & appreciated Predate the dinosaurs Wendy – lamprey pie a traditional royal gift; English loved it so much they ate up all the lamprey and have to import it.

Feb 21 Next Sips & Science also an engaging speaker

Committee Minutes – Mark suggests identifying the transaction reviewed by the Finance Committee

Dave – ENO has changed their schedule, keeping second Tuesday changing to every other month for 1-1/2 hour and meeting at 8:30am at PSWCD office. Makes more sense to attract members and accommodate their different schedules.

7:15 – 7:41 Presentation & Q&A – Beaver

Mandy Abel, Former WOU intern

Former intern, returned to provide more information as requested by Board on review of her video report on ecological benefits to watershed from beavers. Discuss benefits of beaver activity and options to avoid problems, such as actions to prevent blocking of culverts, maintain stable pond level, provide protection of trees and crops. Showed a poster she prepared to be hung in our LWC office.

Q How can council persuade others of benefits of beavers? A Start early, takes time to change deep-seated views, don't wait until you want to start the project. Nicole – Education that beavers are a keystone species for the environment of a whole, instead of them relying only on observation of damage and inconvenience. Discuss positive as well as negative. Rehabilitation of damaged areas as well as trying to improve habitat for beavers, especially where the population has dropped, to attract them back.

Q for deeply incised Ash Creek, ACWCD Board wishes to handle flooding in a natural way to divert water, historically has killed beaver when a dam appears. Are you aware of any work done on putting beavers in an incised stream to measure how much land it takes to create a pond that could be used as natural overflow, to see how much would need to be set aside or purchased. Some farmers tried an experiment to attract beaver to remedy an area with incised streams, were building dams to make a more attractive habitat. Kristen – in drier zones of Oregon, ranchers

and farmers working on water restoration and possibly interested in beaver are trying not only to reconnect streams and floodplains but also to recharge the ground water, there may be information there.

Q What are other benefits to people, have heard about benefits to beaver A- More riparian vegetation and root mass would assist in reducing erosion

7:41 – 8:31 Executive Committee Report

Wendy, Vice President

Conflict of Interest Policy and Annual Forms – Attachments B, C, 5 minutes

Any comments on the policy are welcome, please provide to the governance committee

Board Meeting Time and Schedule for 2019 – Attachment D, Discussion, 5 minutes

1 error in schedule, tonight's meeting incorrectly identified as Jan 12, not Jan 10.

Discussion on timing: historically in the summer for farmers the late time is a problem because they are working late – Dave said not a problem for him, he'd prefer earlier. Kathy has a conflict with earlier than 7 until July 1. Kathy suggested considering changing day, as Thursdays bad for her; declined to change the day. Mark works in Corvallis and can't get here earlier than 6:30. Start meeting 6:30-8:30 in July.

Review of Draft Replacement Bylaws - Attachment E, Discussion, 15 minutes

Kristen reviews proposed changes in bylaws. Discussion

Revision from what was sent, added the State Law requirements for Duties of Care, Loyalty and Obedience. Further comment on specific positions is invited.

8:32– 8:45 Fundraising Committee

Wendy, Chair

End-of-Year Giving Updates - Attachment F, 10 minutes

Kristen reviews - Exceeded last year, did not achieve goal, unless include in kind and restricted donations, with them we met the \$6k goal with \$6769.

40% renewal rate for "Friends"/supporters is industry average and we achieved that.

March 3 Social & Celebration at Gentle House – Event planning and update - 5 min

Kristen – she & Suzanne are beginning to work on, planning some awards for volunteers, landowners, will send out

LYW Action Team and Board / Committee recruitment exercise – Attachment G, 10 minutes

Think of people helpful for Board, Committee, Love Your Watershed, provide names.

8:45 – 8:49 Treasurer and Finance Committee

Mark, Treasurer

November Monthly Report- Attachments H, I

Discussion, question on a note on operating expenses, question on transfer from Dan (who wrote this report) to new treasurer Mark; meeting with Kristen tomorrow to discuss. Point made that the Finance Committee is well staffed and functioning well. Mark won't be able to make 4pm Finance meetings for a while, will be a topic of discussion with Kristen tomorrow.

8:49 – 9:09 Executive Director Update

Kristen

ED Updates - Attachment J

Kristen reviews, beginning with thanks to Board members. Looking for business connections who have a connection to the watershed (example Marquis Spa works here but customer base is elsewhere). Importance of considering Service Area. Discussion/review. We have the only dedicated Outreach staff for the 5 local councils; made sense for us to be applicant for MMT

funding Americorps staffer \$40k with collaboration with other councils: point made, this is a good opportunity to work with other councils, with some funding for council participation. Wendy asked about OWEB funding; Kristen replies OWEB won't fund this activity anymore. Change Outreach to Landowner Recruitment only. Collaborative grant out of money this biennium, possibility for another year.

Pending and upcoming Grant Proposals – *Attachment K, for Board approval*
Reviewed, board approves submitting the grants shown in the attachment

Rickreall and Glenn Gibson WCs Capacity TA Project - *Attachment L (and see ED update), Update*

We are mentioned in this. Dan suggests everyone read this, displays example of dysfunctional boards. Both asked for more staff, might be an opportunity to do something with them if we can be very specific about what is to be done. Kristen - They share a council capacity grant and use Lucas as a coordinator. Exploring future options. Dave – collaboration good, need to make sure it will not damage us. Mark – we need to be identifying strategic partners for ourselves, and seek ones that will be beneficial to us. Dave points out we are already engaging in collaboration with a number of other watersheds, may not have capacity to accept more. Kristen will ask for requests in writing to understand what is being requested.

8:55 – 9:00 New Business
None

All present

Meeting adjourned 9:09pm

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 – submitted; rankings in March; notice in April
Polk Co. Fire DEQ SEP Funding ²	LSNA Floodplain Reconnection and Revegetation ²	Upper Ritner Creek Splash Dam Recovery Project	OWEB Small Grants: Ritner Creek Park Enhancement & Willow Staking	2- Approved
Walmart Community Grant Program ³		Love Your Watershed Community Science Series (EnO committee)	OWEB TA - NetMap Modelling and Field Surveys & MW Culvert Assessment	3 – Pending, 3-4 month review process
MMT Opportunity Grant ⁴	OWEB Small Grants: Woods Creek culvert removal, 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 – Submitted January 7, 2019 (see ED update)

Next Meetings/Upcoming Events

- Jan. 30 - EC meeting, LWC office, 3-5 pm
- Feb. 2 – Center for Nonprofit Stewardship Board Training, OSU, 8:30am – 3:30pm, registration required
- Feb. 5 - Finance Committee, LWC office, 4-5:30pm
- Feb. 6 – Fundraising Committee meeting, LWC office, 3-5pm
- **Feb. 14 - LWC Board meeting, Volunteer Hall, 7-9 pm**
- Feb. 21 – Sips ‘n’ Science Native Pollinators – Mason Bees, The Valkyrie, 6:30 – 8pm
- Feb. 27 - EC meeting, LWC office, 3-5 pm
- March 3 – Friends of the LWC Social and Celebration, WOU Gentle House, 2-4pm
- March 5 - Finance Committee, LWC office, 4-5:30pm
- March 7 – PRC Meeting, Monmouth Public Library, 5:30 – 7:30pm
- March 12 – EnO Committee meeting, Polk SWCD office, 8:30 – 10:00am
- **March 14 - LWC Board meeting, Volunteer Hall, 7-9 pm**