



Luckiamute Watershed Council Board Meeting

LWC Board Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2021

Via web conference

6:00 Call to order

Wendy Hudson, President

Introductions

Board Members: Wendy Hudson, Dave Ehlers, George Grosch, Scott Youngblood, Jackson Stalley, Karin Stutzman

Staff: Kristen Larson, Aubrey Cloud

Project Manager: J.P. Zagarola (Bonneville Environmental Foundation)

Guests: Judy Maule, Karen Hans (ODFW), Nick Hazelton, Kelly Wiggins, Amy Kaiser (NRCS), Amy Pinkley-Wernz, Matt Malinowski, Britton Castor, Andrea Berkley, Julianna (last name unknown), Gary and Kathy Larson (during 2020 Projects Overview only)

Action: December 10, 2020 minutes approved as presented (Attachment A). Approved by consensus.

No committee announcements, public comments or mission moments shared.

The Fundraising Committee agenda item will be attended by the Board only to protect donor privacy.

2020 Projects Overview, Presentation

Jean-Paul Zagarola, Project Manager

Aubrey Cloud, Assistant Project Manager

Presentation recorded. Several current and upcoming projects were described throughout the watershed.

Recording will be available on the LWC website soon. Q&A:

- Q: Are these large plantings put on a volunteer calendar or limited due to COVID? Any weekend projects?
A: A lot of the large-scale plantings are done by contractors and we use volunteers to help fill in gaps and do more manageable areas.
- Q: Bush Farm property – where is the culvert work happening, have you seen that work? Excavator doing work there now. Between Hoskins and the bridge.
A: One of the fields is under new ownership and they have been active doing work out there, haven't seen the culvert work. David: they did a huge land leveling project there. There is a seep right there.
- Q: At LSNA Floodplain Reconnection site, do we think the grass seed started growing before floods?
A: It did germinate. The cuttings made it in right before floods.

January 28 – Sips 'n' Science event to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the council. All are invited.

Executive Committee

Wendy Hudson, Chair

Mercer Dam Project, ATTACHMENT B:

- Potential roles for LWC could include: engage with landowners for participation; working with local government planning; grantee on funding instruments; field work and monitoring. For field work and monitoring, LWC staff and volunteers can be involved as much or as little as would like.
- Karen Hans shared latest science on lamprey species in Oregon.
- The first major funding opportunity comes up in Fall 2021.
- Discussion that this could be an interesting project and process. Staff should document decisions, structures, and process. Keep it in mind as a potential future Sips 'n' Science event.

Action: Board approved participating in this partnership, which is outside the LWC service area, for the time being. Board would like to review major milestone decisions such as applying for funding through the Executive Committee as they come up and the EC can decide what needs to come to the Board.

Finance Committee

George Grosch, Chair

November 2020 Financial Report, ATTACHMENT C

- Dan Farnworth's term is up and he is stepping down after 9 years of service on the Finance Committee and the Board. He will continue on the Finance Committee but not as a Board member. Kristen will coordinate a "thank you" gesture.
- George reviewed Attachment C, financial reports for November 30, 2020. No questions or comments.

Potential Second PPP Loan

- There is potential to apply to a new round of PPP loans. LWC already was awarded once and got the loan forgiven. Eligibility for this round of funding is unclear.
- Discussion, if LWC is eligible, shall we apply? FC and EC recommend applying if LWC is eligible.

Action: If LWC is eligible for another round of PPP loans, LWC will apply. Approved by consensus.

Governance Committee

George Grosch, Chair

Revised General Operating Policies, ATTACHMENT D

- This is a set of miscellaneous policies that do not fit anywhere else as standalone policies. We have now updated them, including changing Board membership details to match OWEB rules and Oregon Statute. Also removed standing committee descriptions to their respective policies and bylaws.

Action: Revised General Operating Policies approved by consensus.

Executive Director Update

Kristen Larson, Executive Director

Monthly Activity Report/Minutes Highlights, ATTACHMENT E

- As part of the Conflict of Interest Policy the Board fills out a Conflict of Interest form each year. Kristen will send it out via DocuSign. When in doubt, declare any potential conflict of interest.
- LWC has one pending beaver stakeholder engagement grant application and one pending technical assistance beaver grant. It is not clear at this time what the current ranking means for funding – will hear in February. If a resubmit happens it would be in April most likely.

20th Anniversary Kick-Off, ATTACHMENT F

- This event celebrates the 20th anniversary of the date that the Polk County Commissioners recognized the Council. Theme for 2021 will focus on history of LWC and the indigenous history of the watershed.

Fundraising Committee

Wendy Hudson, Chair

Non-board members except Kristen Larson (ED) signed off the call to protect donor privacy.

End-of-Year Campaign Update

Kristen gave an update on progress of the end-of-year campaign so far. Donations are winding down. We are comparable to 2019 gross revenue and exceeding 2018 donations by over \$1,000. The FRC feels pretty good about this given the challenges with COVID-19 – no in-person events, economic hardships in the community, and potential that donors might shift their giving to other causes in light of COVID-19 and wildfires.

Friend of the LWC Renewals and Contacts

The Board reviewed a list of contacts who have not yet renewed as a Friend of the LWC for 2021. Board members took assignments to check in with folks and encourage them to renew. EOY talking points distributed via email. Everyone will report back at the February Board meeting.

Topics for Future Consideration:

None.

Adjourned around 8pm.