

Luckiamute Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes

General Member Monthly Meeting

Location: Volunteer Hall, Monmouth, OR

Date: January 9, 2014 (December '13 meeting was cancelled)

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Finance Committee meeting took place at 5:30 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)

General: Kristen Larson (LWC coordinator), Suzanne Teller (LWC Outreach Asst.), J.P. Zagarola (project manager)

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 November 2013 minutes.

Revisions to volunteering and landowner attendance @ MW mtg, please see revised November minutes.

Business

7:10- 7:30

Projects Overview- J.P. Zagarola- PM

J.P. provided an overview of our current project accomplishments in the watershed. In 2013 we completed large amounts of knotweed surveying and control, and riparian re-vegetation after knotweed removal along the Luckiamute and Lil Luckiamute. Along the Upper Luckiamute River we have completed a side channel reconnection project and have begun constructing riparian fencing for cattle exclusion and native re-vegetation there.

7:30 – 7:55 pm Steering Committee Report

George, Chair

Officer Elections - nominations taken from the floor are as follows- George Grosch- Chair, Karin Nembach-Secretary, Gail Oberst- Vice chair, Dan Farnworth- Treasurer.

Action: Steve deGoey motions to re-elect standing officers and Ed Miller seconds.

Motion stands as approved.

Claim update- settlement offer being negotiated.

Social Event- Feb 19th \$12 a person, 6-8 pm at the Ragin River Steak House

Mary's River WC collaboration talks- potential fiscal sponsorship talks- alternatives to our current arrangement. We may have potential for some synergistic projects and staffing, as well as possible fiscal sponsorship. As part of our capacity building

we shared our talks with OWEB. Our next step is a proposal for fiscal sponsorship services seeing that our missions align.

Benton Co. Coop Weed Mgmt Area- is requesting donations toward their new logo development. **Action: Gail motions to donate \$25 toward their logo and Dan seconds. Motion stands as approved.**

7:55 – 8: 30 pm Treasurer and Budget Committee Dan, Treasurer

Dan provided a thorough review and explanation of how to read our budget reports to the board, showing the group exactly what to look for when looking at the report each month. OWEB Ash Creek grants funded, OWEB Building Capacity grant funded. CPRC&D is working on changing over to our new chart of accounts. CP is transitioning over to their new software, due to be completed by April 2014. OPRD awarded the LWC a matching \$20k grant for our LSNA work, the money will be added to our existing grant projects there. **Action: Friendly amendment to the following motion: We will add in the \$20 K from OPRD to our overall project budget. Action: Karin motions to approve the LWC FY'14 amended budget and Steve seconds. Motion stands as approved.**

8:30 – 8:50 pm Coordinator's Report Kristen, Coordinator

Provided our outreach assistant's work plan layout and how the position will be funded. Some highlights of the assistant's work will include creating some interpretive signage for the LSNA, mail outs and a knotweed workshop toward our OWEB projects, and outreach/work party for our new Ash creek project. Kristen also provided a grants update.

8:50pm -9:00 pm LWC member reports and Public Comments All Present

Next Meeting/Upcoming Events-

- Jan 30th- LWC steering committee meeting – LWC office, 5 pm
- February 13th – LWC monthly meeting
- February 19th LWC Social – 6-8pm @ Ragin River Steak house

Meeting is adjourned at 9:03 pm