

The meeting of Luckiamute Watershed Council was held on June 11, 2015 at Volunteer Hall, Monmouth, Oregon. Meeting was called to order by George Grosch at 7 p.m.

Introductions of members and guests were held; Board members present were George Grosch, Dan Farnworth, Gail Oberst, Karin Stutzman (formerly Nembach), Steve DeGoey, Kelly Gordon, Ed Miller, Council Coordinator Kristen Larson. Volunteer time and attendance sheets were circulated.

Minutes from May were not available and will be considered next month.

Consent agenda items were approved by consensus.

Committee reports:

Education and Outreach committee reports by Gail: June 17th Fundraiser--- “Rockin’ the River”, plenty to do for preparation for the event. Gail is launching website for donations soon.

PRC committee question by Kelly (PRC Chair): What type of projects should we pursue and is it worth pursuing project funding if the primary reason is to secure funding and “keep the lights on”? Extensive discussion. Keeping the office open is important. Many board members indicated that projects that meet the LWC mission and help “keep the lights on” have value.

Steering Committee reports by George: Collaboration discussions with Marys River Watershed Council (MRWC) – does the LWC Board want to enter into negotiations with MRWC for increased collaboration up to and including merger? Board concludes it is not will to include merger as option in discussion. Kristen will follow-up with Xan and let her know LWC is interested in opportunities to collaborate but not up to merger. Staff will look for opportunities and bring something to the board if worthwhile.

Fundraising Update / Event Planning report by Gail covered in EnO Committee report.

Finance committee: Dan presented financial statements and treasurer’s report for April 2015. Kristen reported on changes in how financial and granting processes is changing with funders and MRWC (Marys River Watershed Council). She also reported on grant progression and our new budget. New budget approved by consensus.

Kristen reported on draft Fiscal Policies and changes thereof. Next steps: need to update by-laws and policies to keep all documents in agreement. The Board will see those in July.

Coordinator’s report: Kristen asked for volunteers for the 4th of July parade and Polk County Fair. She will send out email information.

Urban Knotweed Outreach / Partnership with Polk SWCWD / MOU – tabled until July.

Projects Update by Kristen: LSNA Floodplain Reconnection TA Pre-proposal submitted June 15. Sample production material for LSNA interpretive signage was available to look at; production and installation coming next.

No new business. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.