

Luckiamute Watershed Council Board Meeting 12-13-12

Attending: Kristen Larson, Suzanne, George Grosch, Ron Nestlerode, Gail Oberst, Hollis Fishelson-Holstein, Kelly, Kirk

Corrections to Minutes:

Yeasty Beasty – discussion last time was different date and time

ACTION: Motion made & seconded – Hollis/George – approved

Kelly expressed interest in re-joining board. Will vote at January board meeting.

Steering Committee Report

Officer Elections

Nominations:

Chair: George Grosch

Vice Chair: Gail D. Oberst

Secretary: Karin Nembach

Treasurer: Daniel L. Farnworth

Any other nominations? No

ACTION: Ron moved, Hollis seconded the motion to approve the full slate of nominees. Motion approved.

Non-profit board training

Approve use of council support conference funds for attendance (Kristen, Karen, Dan, George). Dan is contributing his own conference fee.

ACTION: George moves and Gail seconds the motion to approve attendance support for Kristen, Karen and George. Motion approved.

Ron suggests (and approved) for attendees to present what learned at February board meeting.

Year end gathering

Will be gathering history of organization as part of this.

How broad should invite be?

Ron will give list of people (that were particularly involved in past) going back to Council's history to Kristen to invite.

Peter's contract. Pending Kristen and Peter's final review, will be circulated for signature.

Claim

Still hasn't been filed, so not yet official.

Coordinator's Report

Grant Proposal Update

- Submitted DEQ519 pre-proposal. Funding for riparian re-veg. Will hear by Dec 21 if invited for full proposal.
- Last Friday – submitted to American Rivers, proposal for additional funding for side-channel reconnection project; moving forward with single consultant who responded to RFP with funding already available.
- Did NOT submit to weed board grant for knapweed. We were discouraged because it's a one-year grant cycle with no follow-up plan. We were told we need more commitment from landowners for follow up as well as additional funding for ongoing maintenance. Hopefully we'll be ready for next year.

Personnel Policy Development

Kristen passed out rough draft for discussion purposes. Kristen will have a draft of items to include with recommendations for review prior to the next Steering Committee meeting.

Extension of Liz Redon's contract

Facilitation, general training, specific excersies such as documenting history of council, training new board members, self-evaluation of board members (requirement for council support grant), assessing first part of self-evaluation; guidance on by-law updates and language use and preparation for strategic planning and miscellaneous items.

Deliverables – eg materials from previous , assistance for self-evaluation and her time

Note: No financial impact.

Gail moves to approve scope of work and extend Liz's contract through February 28, 2013. Hollis seconds. Approved.

OWEB Listening session

Xan (coordinator of Mary's River council) and Kristen organized a session on November 29 to have OWEB present changes in council funding. Ron, Dan, Karen, Kirk & Debbie? (Cascade Pacific), came plus members of Mary's river council. OWEB (Courtney) presented and asked for questions. Was useful and more useful than larger Salem session. Next step: Oweb board meeting in January. Will summarize feedback and suggestions. IN June board meeting, will present new alternatives for public comment.

George suggested we continue those discussions with local councils (eg Mary's River and N. Santiam) even if OWEB is moving slowly.

Ron suggested collaborating on projects on the Willamette – eg American Bottom duck slough (encompasses LSNA and Independence; other side is Santiam)

Within out Reach Conference

Tribe still interested in doing lamprey research. Kirk has given permission. Note: We need to replace Rebecca McCoun because she's resigned from the tribe.

Suzanne approached by Greenbelt Land Trust Executive Director about getting involved; getting to know each other and explore opportunities to work together.

People have taken notice of work we've done.

Meyer and OWEB applied for International River prize award for SIP on Willamette and won. Received \$300k check and will be set up with 'twinning' city.

Focus on successes.

River café break-out. How inspire people? Where should we be in 2 years?
Importance of early education.

Importance of having fun!

Evaluation of program given we're in year 4.

Kristen met lots of people she needed to meet. Had our LSNA exhibit.

New Business:

OSU PhD student - Dan Calvert - studying model watershed councils and landowners. Request for us to participate. Specifically model watershed in Willamette. Would involve interviewing random selection of participating landowners. 5 of model river are involved. Mary's (hopefully coming around). He approached Nicole earlier. Asking for list of model watershed participating landowners with no identifying identification. Would take random sample of 8-10. Council would ask for permission. If say no, hasn't seen anything. If they say yes, we would provide contact information and he interviews. Good opportunity for Kristen to reach out to landowners. Suzanne suggested Kristen ask Peter his opinion.

Council approved our willingness to participate by consensus.

Project Report

Update provided in agenda.

Treasurer & Budget Committee

See attached reports. In good shape. Spending money. It's outreach and education need budget and start spending.

Do have significant money in unrestricted funds, but still reserving for unknown taxes, penalties from unemployment insurance claims.

Bank account set up and EFT for tax transfer.

Finance committee met several times. Working on policies and procedures. It turns out much bigger project than originally anticipated. Intention is to have draft just after first of year.

Education and Outreach

Gail has list of categories of types of skills needed for Board members. Then will make list of potential members to invite to attend meetings. Priorities by required skills. Eg: scientific and technical expertise; fundraising skills; professional skills; educators; landowners; political community leaders. First step is to post on web (later will develop packet).

Kristen had talked to Steven Taylor (Senior at WOU) interested in working with us. During winter term, 4-5 hours per week. Interested in youth education. Kristen will be developing specific plan with her. Karen will meet with her (because interested in education). She's looking for input on ideas that have or have not worked in past with respect to creating curricula.

Received email from someone in Falls City. Students at Falls City High School have put together DVD on history of falls. Ron to review and see if worthwhile for presentation to council. Out of that, community (Falls City Alliance) is hoping to buy the land surrounding the falls. Ideally connect with bicycle route to Black Rock. May ask for support from council. Kelly – be careful it's not an action that will be offensive to some surrounding landowners.

Press in I/O about today's meeting.

Perhaps set up armchair lecture series again, separately from meeting. Series of four in past.

LWC member reports and public comments

Thank you to out-going officers.

Laura Hulk (was at last meeting). She'll be Ron's alternate for Jan, February and March.