

Luckiamute Watershed Council (LWC) Board Meeting Minutes from December 6, 2014

Monmouth Public Library, Monmouth, Oregon

In Attendance: Gail Oberst, Karin Nembach, Kelly Gordon, Ed Miller, Steve DeGoey, Dan Farnworth

Kristen Larson: Coordinator Jan McGowan: of Non-Profit Consulting and Strategic Planning Moderator

Call to Order @ 2:55 p.m.

Discussion was presented by Kristen Larson regarding entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Mary's River Watershed Council (MRWC). She wanted the board to vote on this now, so that if we agreed, the Coordinators from MRWC and the LWC could begin searching for funds to support the work over the next few months. The board reviewed the contents and language of the MOU, and then Steve De Goey made a motion that the LWC enter into an MOU with the MRWC to engage in possible collaborations, and restructuring of the two councils. Dan seconded the motion. Gail called for discussion. She wanted to make clear to the board that she was concerned about sacrificing our autonomy by entering into an MOU. Members of the board addressed the specific language that showed that we were not sacrificing anything, just looking at possible ways we could combine some programming and bring some more efficiency to our shared work. There was language that stated that nothing was binding about the agreement, except that fact that we would be discussing possible collaborations. Feeling like she had a better understanding of the reason for the MOU, Gail motioned to move ahead for a vote. All voted in favor, none were opposed, and the motion passed.

Next discussion involved whether or not we should pursue 501c3 status. Out of the six board members present, 3 were in favor, 2 needed more information (neutral), and one was opposed. Kristen will work to provide answers to the questions that were raised regarding pursuing this status, and then we can make a formal vote as to whether we should move forward or not.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.