



LWC Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2020

Volunteer Hall

144 S. Warren St. Monmouth, OR 97361

6:00 Call to order

Pat Melendy, President

Introductions

Board Members: Patrick Melendy, Karin Stutzman, Wendy Hudson, Dave Ehlers, George Grosch, Dan Farnworth

Staff: Kristen Larson

Project Manager: Jean-Paul (J.P.) Zagarola

Guests: Sharon Safina, Cliff Hall, Scott Youngblood (OPRD), Steve Taylor (WOU) and students, David Gibbons and Darrel Ward (Polk Master Gardeners), Olie Bergman

Action: Nov. 21, 2019 minutes approved as presented. Approved by consensus.

Public Comments - None

Mission Moment

2004 Watershed Assessment – Wendy H. looked through and thought she would be disappointed, but there was a heavy amount of scientific knowledge reflected in the assessment. She was also pleased with the results of the 2008 - 2011 fish survey and rapid bio assessment findings.

J.P. mentioned how impressed he was with how thoughtful D. Ehlers and his family have worked to sustainably work and restore their acreage, as is being reflected in the current pending grant application for a beaver project.

Questions / Comments on Committee Minutes / Activities – None.

Annual Projects Presentation for 2019

BEF Project Manager J.P. Zagarola gave a presentation recapping the projects he and the LWC have been working on and accomplishing over 2019. S.Fork Pedee Creek- 2.1 miles potential steelhead habitat – work is to promote natural regeneration of native forest – placing 22 large wood structures, now measuring collection of sediment and increase in habitat quality. Upper Ritner Creek - beaver component- work here is to improve salmonid and beaver habitat. Maxfield Creek Phase I – work is to restore riparian corridor and connectivity to the riverine habitat. LSNA – since 2010 – working to restore and enhance the floodplain forest at the confluence of the Luckiamute and Willamette River. Now seeing more bird and wildlife species, hope to restore off-channel habitat for salmonids here. Ash Creek – urban project since 2014– work is to restore riparian vegetation and to try to improve riparian function in an urban setting. Upper Luckiamute Mainstem Anchor Habitat- best place for winter steelhead, cutthroat, coho, and Pacific lamprey. There is nice wetland here, found a hybrid of Nelson’s checkermallow and meadow checkermallow; a unique hybridization in the wild. Work will be to keep wetland and watershed as high value habitat as possible. Finally, a recap of Phase IV work that will increase native fish access to the floodplain at LSNA.

Executive Committee

Pat, President

The LWC’s mission is to engage and assist landowners and communities in the voluntary protection, restoration and enhancement of the Luckiamute and Ash Creek watersheds.

Board Renewal and Election

Action: Renew Karin Stutzman's position on the Board for another 3-year term. Approved by consensus.

Action: Elect slate of officers for 2020 – Pat Melendy, President; Wendy Hudson, Vice President; Karin Stutzman, Secretary; George Grosch, Treasurer. Approved by consensus.

Board and committee recruitment next steps – Update – looking for more board and committee members. Wendy recapped her experience talking with potential board and committee members, and how she overcame their objections, helped them understand it's more about what strengths a person can bring to the council, don't have to be scientific. Board divvied up the remainder of calls to make. Kristen sent out a list for members to work on. Mention of Master Gardener's having a large volunteer potential base.

Treasurer and Finance Committee – Budget review of Oct/Nov. 42% of the way through the budget using some savings to pay bills up front. OWEB will be billed for reimbursement. Kristen ran through all the account balances and net positions as of Nov 2019. Moving forward, George G. will take over presentation to the board.

Fiscal Year 2020 Budget – this item was tabled, due to it not being available yet. Hope to have ready by March 2020. *A motion was made by George Grosch and seconded by Wendy Hudson to enact a resolution to continue spending and working off the budget adopted for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 until the new one is ready. Approved by consensus.*

Fundraising Committee – 42 donors so far with \$5,500 donated. One Tree Planted is going to give \$15,000, will be in unrestricted funds. Pat's is working to build the number of business donations to the LWC's Business Circle. So far some have products to donate, while others are contributing cash. March 1, 2020 (1st Sunday) a Friends of the Luckiamute Celebration will take place, venue TBD. Same format – volunteer recognition, socializing, chocolate competition, etc.

Executive Director Update – ED provided updates to her work load and upcoming grant proposals. See Attachment D from board meeting packet.

Executive Session - discussion about Rickreall Watershed Council and Friends of the LWC donor renewals.

Calendar Review– see calendar updates on agenda.

No new Business

All Present

8:30 Adjourn