



Luckiamute Watershed Council Board Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2021
Via web conference

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by Wendy Hudson.

Introductions:

Board Members: Wendy Hudson, Dave Ehlers, George Grosch, Britton Castor, Karin Stutzman, Jackson Stalley, Scott Youngblood

Staff: Kristen Larson, Aubrey Cloud

Guests: Andrea Berkley, Maya Cook

Approval of Minutes:

Wendy Hudson, President

The May 13, 2021 minutes were distributed prior to the meeting (**Attachment A**).

The board approved the May 13, 2021 meeting minutes unanimously.

Committee Announcements:

No committee announcements

Public Comments:

Maya Cook volunteered on a field day to help with temperature logger deployments. She enjoyed the day immensely and learned a lot and is eager to get into conservation work herself after graduation! Happy to help again.

Mission Moments:

- Drought focus of the last newsletter was well done, and packed with other items that made for a great newsletter. Thanks to Suzanne.
- Jackson saw a young beautiful cougar along the Luckiamute near Sarah Helmick.

Fundraising Committee

Wrap-up and results of 2021 Love Your Watershed Spring Campaign *Wendy Hudson, President & Kristen Larson, Executive Director*

- Goal was initially \$20k for the campaign. Goal-setting depends on what comes in during the first phase (the quiet phase) with specific members. Based on quiet phase, the goal was adjusted to \$18k. A little over \$15k was raised. This year seems harder than last year to fundraise, seemingly due to fatigue from ongoing pandemic.
- Kristen reviewed a spreadsheet of three years of Love Your Watershed campaign results.
- Maya brought up a potential issue with gmail filtering out the LYW emails due to it being from an email alias address.
- Karin pointed out that there was no opportunity to campaign in public events which could have affected earnings.

Finance Committee

George Grosch

April 2021 Financial Report, **ATTACHMENT B**



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- There are some negative numbers because of expenses being higher than income, but we have a lot of billables out for reimbursement right now. The finance committee has reviewed statements and doesn't have concerns. We are where we are expected to be at this point in the year.
- Kristen explained a few reasons for the negative numbers; flow of funds varies based on type of funding and fiscal year in which the revenue is recognized.

Executive Committee

Wendy Hudson, President

August Board meeting and EDI training scheduling

- August board meeting and EDI training needs date change to Aug 26th. Confirmed date change with board members. Schedule will be the same as July meeting; early, short meeting from 5-6pm with the second EDI training from 6-8pm with Maria.

LWC office lease ATTACHMENT C

- There may be a new buyer for office lot. The July 1 lease renewal added some language to protect LWC in case the sale goes through. There is also interest from the current owner to sell to LWC at some point in the future if the current offer is not accepted.
- Questions raised by board: is LWC capable of being a land and building owner and keep up with maintenance, being a landlord, taxes, etc. There are a lot of unknowns. Would be willing to keep talking but needs a lot of conversation. Do we want to stay in Independence or Monmouth forever or do we want to move closer to where we work?
- There may be a conservation land purchase opportunity with house onsite to explore as alternative office space. Kristen to follow up with Karin.
- Kristen will keep the board updated on new developments regarding current office space.

Committee Recruitment: Updates and Clarification

Wendy Hudson, President

- We are always looking for board and committee members. Board recruitment is difficult because of the time commitment, so the current focus is to recruit for committees which could lead to eventual board participation.
- Regular committee members are one type, and the other is advisors with less regular engagement who have a select set of skills that the committee feels they need. Advisors are not required to attend committee meetings unless a specific need arises.
- Homework assignment for committees – Kristen shared spreadsheet to fill out. In next committee meeting, fill this out and send to Kristen by August 9 with names of potential advisors or regular committee members.
- Britton pointed out that times for committee meetings can be challenging for those who work. Committee meeting schedules are set by current members and may be able to be adjusted as membership changes.
- Feel free to recruit or recommend people for a committee you are not a member of. Also, if people aren't willing or able to join a committee or board, still encourage them to get on LWC email list, volunteer alerts, or join as a Friend of the LWC. Any connection is good.



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Executive Director Update

Kristen Larson, Executive Director

Monthly Activity Report/ Minutes Highlights, ATTACHMENT D

- Kristen and George are working to resolve a penalty issue with the IRS. The IRS claims the LWC filed its Dec. 31, 2019 form 990 late, but we (and our CPA), do not believe we were late. Kristen is appealing.
- Photo contest was a hit, 110 photos submitted.
- Funding updates are in the report. OWEB rankings expected by the end of the month.
- OWEB council capacity staff recommendations for the new biennium include LWC recommended for funding. Increased amount compared to last biennium to \$131,465 for a two-year period.
- Discussion as to whether Kristen should join a city commission as an individual or as representing LWC. Some concerns expressed about potential impact to LWC depending on nature or positions of the commission. Kristen to find out more about goals of a Climate Task Force she would like to join and propose how to proceed and come back and update board.

Topics for Future Consideration

- Send any topics to Kristen prior to next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 6:03pm