

Luckiamute Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes

General Monthly Member Meeting

Location: Luckiamute State Natural Area- Buena Vista Road

Date: May 8, 2014

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Finance Committee meeting took place at 6 p.m.

Attendance:

Voting board members: (consensus minus one) Gail Oberst (Vice Chair)

Karin Nembach (Education, Secretary), Steve deGoey (State), Dan Farnworth (Treasurer),
Ed Miller (Small Farms/Forests)

General: Kristen Larson (LWC Coordinator), Suzanne Teller (LWC Outreach Asst.), Sarah
Dyrdahl (RPC, N & S Santiam WCs), J.P. Zagarola (Project Mgr. LWC)

7:00 -7:10 pm Call to Order and Introductions

Gail, V. Chair

Meeting Call to Order

Introductions – Guests and Council Members

Volunteer time and attendance sheet completed

Approval of Minutes: Members reviewed April 2014 minutes.

Dan moves to approve them with no changes, and Ed seconds with no discussion.

Minutes stand approved with no changes.

Speaker:

Riparian Revegetation Strategies

Sarah Dyrdahl (RPC, N & S Santiam WCs)

7:10-8:20 pm

Sarah is the Regional Projects Coordinator for the N. and S. Santiam WC's. She uses a riparian re-vegetation strategy designed by Peter Guillozet and others, called R3, or the Rapid Riparian Re-vegetation method. This method has worked well for their council's re-veg program. It is designed to be a low risk, and relatively low cost restoration tool for large scale projects. Beginning with assessing a reference site, the PM can then design planting plans to model the reference characteristics and monitor the area for desired future conditions. Her projects have been successful enough over the last four years that she is able to enter into "contract grows" with local native plant nurseries, and order years ahead of time, what she will need for the coming years projects. What helps make the projects successful are highly trained professional Re-veg Contractors who are fully trained in native and invasive plant ecology, and are available year round to do the on the ground planting work. Together with a host of partners including the Fresh Water trust, DEQ, BEF, NRCS-CREP, and the City of Salem, their riparian re-veg program continues to be a success.

Business

8:20- 8:30pm

Consent Agenda Item: (Items on the consent agenda are approved as a single item unless a Board Member requests to have an item removed for discussion)

Proposed Actions:

1) *Approve Budget and Allocation adjustments. Karin moves and Steve seconds. No discussion. Consent Agenda item stands approved.*

8:30- 8:45 pm Steering Committee Report

Gail, Vice Chair

Fiscal Service Transition – all parties are in the know, we are drafting up a revised fiscal sponsorship agreement and will present it at the next board meeting. **Proposed Action:** *The board directs WC Coordinator to begin drafting an agreement for Fiscal sponsorship with the Mary’s River Watershed Council. Dan moves, and Steve seconds, no discussion and the motion stands approved.*

LWC Bank Account Transition from Citizen’s Bank to OSU Federal CU -Action Item

Proposed Action: *Approve opening a checking and savings account at OSU Federal Credit Union. The positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Luckiamute Watershed Council are authorized as signers on this account. This currently means that Chair, George Grosch; Vice Chair, Gail Oberst; Secretary, Karin Nembach; and Treasurer, Dan Farnworth will be eligible to sign / transact banking processes for the Council. Karin moves, Steve seconds, there is no discussion, and the motion stands approved.*

Medical Stipend / LWC Personnel Policy – Action Item

Proposed Action: *Approve purchase of group medical benefits plan (in lieu of medical stipend) for full time employees and amend LWC personnel policy to reflect change in policy (see attached language change). Medical stipend funds not put towards the insurance plan will be shifted to Coordinator wages. Karin moves, Steve seconds, and the motion stands approved.*

8:45 – 9:05 pm Treasurer and Budget Committee

Dan, Treasurer

March’s Report was presented and discussed. The budget format will be changing, there will be another meeting to discuss the proposed budget and then it should be ready for the June board meeting.

9:05 – 9:10 pm Coordinator’s Report

Kristen, Coordinator

SOLVE Adopt-a-River Program – Action Item

Proposed Action: *Approve registering main stem Ash Creek with the Adopt-a-River Program. Karin moves, Steve seconds, no discussion, motion stands approved.*

9:10- 9:20 pm Projects Update

Application Pending	Recruit & Development	Design & Permits	Implementation	Maintenance & Monitoring	Notes
Oregon Parks Foundation Fund through OCF – supplement boot brush development at LSNA¹		LSNA Phase III	Model Watershed/ Upper Luckiamute Phases I & II	LSNA Phases I & II	1 – Not funded
DEQ 319 full proposal – supplement knotweed control project with reveg funds			MW SIP Upper Luckiamute Riparian Revegetation & Fencing (OWEB)		
Upper Price Creek Barrier Removal and Enhancement ²	Ash Creek Riparian Revegetation			MW Culvert Assessment	2 – Resubmitted April OWEB Cycle

Technical Assistance Grant – Modelling and Survey for project prioritization and development ³			OWEB - Knotweed Control Expansion (with ongoing outreach)	<u>MW – Instream Projects</u> : Maxfield Creek Phase II, Side Channel Reconnection, Bridge Piers Modification	3 – Submitted in April OWEB Cycle
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9:25 pm LWC member reports and Public Comments

All Present

No comments

Meeting is adjourned at 9:25 pm