



Minutes of the March 3, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting ~

Present:

Greg Wanner	Corinne Handelman
Bill Westbrook	Gerald Murphy
Alan L'Hommedieu	Jay Wilson
Scott Fogerty	Jill Josselyn
Carl Exner	Roy Iwai
Steve Wise	Bill Weiler
Cindi Kolomechuk	Rob Crusier, Guest
Bill Westbrook	

(A) Council Development ~

- a. Adopted the minutes from the January 27, 2014 meeting as written.
- b. Financials: Marilyn Peterson was unable to attend. Steve Wise will send out financials via email.
- c. Office Infrastructure Review (aka The Sandy Watershed Center):
MHCC: The roof leaking building is off the table; Steve visited a second (General Education) building with 1,400 square feet of office space. We proposed 5,000 hours of student engagement with SRBWC which adds up to a \$25,000 investment by us, but MHCC insisted upon charging us "going rental rate," which would be \$1,400/month for the first year.

Timing is a factor as the Dodge Park office closes its doors forever in April and we'll need to find a space for the donate office furniture. Steve Rayne has kindly offered storing the equipment in his barn.

No progress on the second office alternative: Oregon Trail School (Sandy).
- d. OWEB Updates: While OWEB is still considering "targeted areas for multi-year funding," i.e. A focused investment strategy, this new funding structure will not begin until 2016 at the earliest.

Salmon Stronghold and National Fish & Wildlife Foundation monies are all going for Oregon coastal habitat restoration projects.

Resort of the Mountain (Welches) riverbank restoration project is being revived and we may submit an April, 2014 OWEB proposal for log and boulder placement for what could end up being a \$500,000 project.

(B) Learning Moment: Ben Walszak, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife

We learned about the 2013 Sandy River spring Chinook broodstock population numbers from data collected at three traps:

ZigZag trap: 745 naturally produced Chinook; 167 hatchery Chinook. “No significant changes from 2012.”

Salmon River weir: 706 naturally produced Chinook; 98 hatchery Chinook. There are 70-80 redds in that area.

Bull Run weir: 18 naturally produced Chinook and 45 hatchery produced Chinook.

We learned that sockeye salmon have been showing up in the ZigZag River and naturally producing summer steelhead return to Bull Run.

(C) Council Updates: Bill Weiler reported on the March 5 (second) Sandy Delta Community Planting Day with Friends of Trees: 30 participants including Steve Rayne and Alan L’Hommedieu. Thank you for assisting. Along with the Confluence Project, we held our first interpretive hike after the planting work was accomplished.

Corinne discussed the subsequent March 12 Delta planting event where visitors from Japan pitched in as well as Nancy Hales, the wife of Portland Mayor Charlie Hales.

Corinne also reported on the successful vinca weed pull at the former Marmot Dam site. International SEED students, Sandy High School students, SRBWC staff, and NW Steelheaders also participated.

Troutdale Eastwinds Project Planning nearing an end. There will soon be the final meeting at the City of Troutdale for their approval.

The Restorative Floodplain Project RFP at Timberline Rim was sent out.

Roy Iwai reported on the Metro Nature In Neighborhoods tour of his two culvert removal projects on Beaver Creek. Steve Wise was part of the entourage.

Steve Wise was contacted by the Portland Brewing Company who is offering to donate proceeds from their Zig Zig Lager this summer. SWBWC will be the company’s designated non-profit organization. We may be planning a June event to launch the brew.

(D) Emerging Opportunities:

- a. Portland Water PUD Ballot Initiative: Measure 26-156) A May ballot initiative would transfer the Portland Water Bureau and Bureau of Environmental Services’ jurisdiction to an advisory board. Numerous organizations including

- SRBWC have shown opposition due in part to the measure not addressing how to lower water rates, poor environmental and equity impacts.
- b. Troutdale Energy Center: Friends of the Columbia River Gorge is litigating as well as two other plaintiffs, the U.S. Forest Service and Air Pilots Association.
 - c. SRBWC was asked to send a letter supporting the USFS Legacy Roads Program which funds road decommissioning, culvert removal, and road maintenance programs. The Board could not officially record a vote due to the lack of a consensus.
- (E) The next Delta Tree Care Event set for Saturday, May 10th from 9:00 a.m. – noon.

The Sandy Showdown Regatta has been postponed until 2015

Mark your calendar for the annual SRBWC Summer Picnic, July 28 at Dodge Park.

- e. Next meeting dates: May 28, 2014 and July 28 (Summer Picnic), September 22.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Weiler