



Minutes of the March 18, 2015 Watershed Council Meeting

Present:

Gerald Murphy	Steve Rayne
Alan L'Hommedieu	Jill Josselyn
Roy Iwai	Corinne Handelman
Steve Wise	Bill Weiler
Katherine Cory	Julie DiLeone
Dianna Pope	Cindy Kolomechuk
Rob Burkhart, DEQ	Jay Wilson
Micah Meskel, Audubon	

(A) Council Development ~

a. Approved the minutes from the March 18, 2015 meeting as submitted.

b. 1) Financials: Katherine Cory:

Checking account: \$180,883.47
Total current assets: \$181,149.43
Total expenses: \$119,570.97
Net ordinary income: \$10,477.99

\$156,876.50 in pending incoming grant reimbursement requests (\$84K received).

2) We have ~\$1 million in pending grant requests.

3) Fiscal In-housing

We are preparing for a 2015 financial audit or financial review.

4) Board pledge update: \$1,800 out of our \$5,000 goal has been received to date with seven contributors. The Meyer grant report is due October 15th. The goal of this campaign is all-Board participation. Cindy and Corinne are working on a board fundraising pitch that can be taken to local businesses to support our work.

c. OWEB Updates

1. OWEB is responding to state priorities to fund sage grouse conservation, \$10 million in 10 years.
2. Focused investment program: State's plan is to invest in 5-6 focused awards, a six year commitment if funded. OWEB ranked SRBWC again at its highest General Support performance level.

3. New match funding pledges accompanied our re-submission of the CLT Side-Channel project to OWEB: \$20,000 from Timberline Rim and \$50,000 from the Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District.
- d. Staffing: The Council was awarded an AmeriCorps Member. Portland State University has provided an intern from Japan. The notice for our Invasive Species Outreach Assistant position has been posted
- e. Diversity Training Outcomes: Surveys show that people of color are deeply interested in conservation. The most effective organizations are managed toward diversity. Youth of color will comprise 50% of Portland's population in 2020.

The Council created a Diversity Strategy with the following goals:

Year 1 Initiate focused diversity discussion

Year 3 Diversity criteria in recruitment

Year 5 Measurable progress in leadership diversity

B) Learning Moment: Rob Burkhart, Water Quality Specialist at Oregon DEQ: Troutdale Energy Center Wastewater Permit

Rob brought copies of the DEQ draft permit and did not foresee problems with a final permit being approved.

Water for the plant will originate from City of Troutdale Waste Water Plant and groundwater. 1.53 million gallons/day will come from wastewater and between 3.0 to 5.4 million gallons drawn from ground water.

EPA will also need to give their approval to the water withdrawal because of an existing fluoride plume that is a remnant of Superfund Cleanup on the proposed former Reynolds Aluminum plant.

Impacts to fish are measured against established criteria, which identified salmon migration and rearing habitat as potential project threats. Apparently, the project was deemed to not have negative impacts to salmon migration.

C) Council Project Updates: Staff

- 1) Delta --- Successful initial field trips with schools from Beaverton, Portland, and Troutdale involving 240 students and 35 volunteers. Our final spring field trip is scheduled for May 27 with two classes from the Woodland Elementary School in Fairview.
- 2) The Columbia Land Trust Floodplain Re-connection Project proposal was re-submitted to OWEB for funding for a 2016 construction timeline

- 3) The Summer 2015 “Weed Smackdown” is getting started, will ramp up in early June with our seasonal hire, working in partnership with CCSWD, TNC, and others
- 4) Timberline to Troutdale Clean-up: Event dates are set, September 12 at the Salmon River headwaters and September 19 for the lower Sandy. Funding is needed for these activities.
- 5) Volunteer Accomplishments: 2015 to date --- 459 volunteers donating 1,781 volunteer hours.
- 6) Upcoming Events:

June 2: Bridgetown Service Event

June 3: Delta Wetlands Closure sign placement

June 8: OWEB Field visit for the Weed Smack Down grant.

D. Emerging Opportunities

- 1) Pembina Propane Terminal: Given initial approval by the City of Portland Sustainability and Planning Commission, but still needs City Council hearing.
- 2) Troutdale Energy Center: May 22 is last day for water quality permit comments.

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Clackamas County Restorative Flood Response Demo Project: Jay Wilson discussed restoration opportunities at “Site 5” upstream of CLT project site to reconnect and restore floodplain channels. Clackamas County’s Sandy River Channel Migration Report is available for public review (recommended reading).

E) Next meeting dates:

July 27: Summer picnic
September 28: Annual Meeting
November 23: Holiday Meeting