



Minutes of the January 25, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting

Present:

Carl Exner	Steve Rayne
Chris Gorsek	Jesse Holt
Roy Iwai	Corinne Handelman
Steve Wise	Bill Weiler
Katherine Cory	Gerald Murphy
Dianna Pope	Alan L'Hommedieu
Greg Wanner	Cindi Kolomechuk
Terry Black	Jack Glass

Council Development

- a. Approved the minutes from the November 16, 2015 meeting as submitted.
- b. Finances and Fundraising:
 - a. Year to Date Financials- Katherine Cory:
 - i. 2015 Total Income: \$513,367.64
 - ii. Year to Date Expenses: \$507,136.50

There has been \$88,300 new funding received since the November, 2015 Board meeting, while \$402,700 of new grants were submitted since November.

Our total administration costs are 9% of expenses

New Funders:

Outreach: Travel Oregon Recreation and Restoration Guide (funded)

Delta: Oregon Community Foundation (proposed)
Metro Nature in Neighborhoods (pending)
Mountaineers (to be submitted)
New Belgium Brewing (TBS)

- b. Board fundraising update: \$3,000 of \$5,000 was raised with 11 Board members contributing. Our 2016 goal is \$2,000 with 100% Board participation.
- Celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the Marmot Dam removal and also the Council's 20th birthday represent a possible fund-raising event for 2017.
 - The Board requested that this topic be placed on our March 2016 meeting agenda.

c. OWEB Updates

Focused Investment Program: Our full proposal was not approved as we were ranked seventh behind the six funded proposals from the Deschutes, Willamette, Harney Wetlands, Sage Grouse, Ashland Forest, and the Grand Ronde.

d. Equity Self-Assessment

Corinne led a discussion on the recent Equity Self-Assessment undertaken by both Board and Staff members. All Staff, and almost all Board members participated. Most responses were on the low end of the spectrum, meaning that the Council is just beginning to address equity issues and challenges. It was proposed that a Board Sub-Committee be created to draft an equity plan.

- This topic was requested to be considered at the next Board meeting.

e. 5-year Strategic Plan Check-up

- Year1: Where are we now:
 - Restoration Steve Wise reported that our 1 year restoration goals were on target with funded projects on the upper Sandy River and Delta. With the lack of FIP funding, our three-year goals will be determined.
 - Engagement: Similar to restoration, our 1 year goal has been achieved, while our mid-term goals are unmet.

Council Project Updates

a. Delta Projects:

- February 6 Planting Day is set
- Gresham Boy Scouts to construct turtle nesting area fences
- Turtle Surveys will occur monthly beginning in April
- Restoration work is being done on the existing split rail fence --- native thorn plants in place to keep visitors out of sensitive areas.

b. AmeriCorps Program:

- Jesse has been working to recruit Natural Resource 15+ Specialists/Group Leaders for our April 23 Delta Eco-Blitz. He coordinated a successful training day for volunteers to learn the iNaturalist system, the database we will use to input Eco Blitz discoveries.
- Targeting outreach to MHCC programs and student clubs.
- Promoting Beaver Creek restoration through outings and surveys
- Creating a watershed brochure

- c. Increasing Community Engagement:
 - Promoting recreation and tourist outreach through Travel Oregon
 - Leading statewide watershed council progress on diversity and equity inclusion
 - Building multi-cultural partnerships.

- d. SBVRC:
 - Scheduling winter-spring plantings along Still Creek
 - Planning summer 2016 EDRR partnership continuation.

Emerging opportunities

- Mt. Hood Community College Retrofit: Steve reported good news about signing a MOA to improve water systems within MHCC. Project partners include City of Gresham and East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District.

- Climate Resiliency: Potential FEMA funding for upriver projects
 - Wildlife Conservation Society now including social category to their grant applications. Used to be wildlife only.
 - NOAA grants: forthcoming

- THE TROUTDALE ENERGY CENTER PROJECT Proposal has been withdrawn!

Next meeting dates: March 28th & May 23rd

Upcoming events:

- Feb. 6th. Delta Community Planting Day
- March 12th. Planting with Mazamas
- April 3rd Naturescaping Basics Workshop
- April 13th. Native Plants Workshop
- April 23rd. Delta Eco Blitz
- May 14th. Rain Gardens Workshop