



Minutes of the November 20, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting ~

Folks present:

Mike Sherrill
Dianna Pope
Don Mench
Steve Rayne
Carl Exner
Scott Fogerty
Kelly Warren
Matt Moreland
Steve Wise
Cindi K.

Corinne Handelman
Greg Wanner
Gerald Murphy
Terry Black
Alan L-Hommedieu
Jill Josselyn
Roy Iwai
Marilyn Peterson
Bill Weiler

1. Reviewed and adopted minutes from the Annual September 23, 2013 meeting as corrected: 380 logs and 1.2 miles of side channel were the updated numbers in the USFS Still Creek Restoration Project.
2. Council Development
 - a. New Council Member nominees: Gerald Murphy, Scott Fogerty
Gerald and Scott were unanimously voted in as two new “At Large” Board members.
 - b. Office infrastructure: USFS/Sandy, MHCC, and Sandy School District
Three office choices have been explored – staying with the Forest Service at their Forest Supervisor locale in Sandy, setting up a new office at the former “Child Care Center” at Mt. Hood Community College. MHCC administration seems to enthusiastic at offering us space, especially if we offer educational services to their students and staff. Carl Exner said that the a decision involving the future use of old Sandy High School is a couple years off. The Board unanimously voted for SRBWC staff to continue our office search.
 - c. Finances: Marilyn Peterson
Marilyn gave an upbeat report about the Council’s current finances:
Profit-Loss net income: \$8,263.92
Currently (in the bank): \$136,000
Balance sheet: \$140,044.83

Fiscal agent transition is 80% completed and Carl Exner offered City of Sandy assistance to finish the transition.

d. OWEB Updates:

- *Happy Creek Project and required Reporting are completed
- * Council is considering becoming the Sandy Basin vegetation Restoration Coalition Lead from The Nature Conservancy. Most of the work involves coordinating an annual meeting and managing volunteers.

OWEB's 2015 Council Support Checklist. Dyann Pope, Cindi K., Carl Exner, and ? volunteered to be on the OWEB Review Committee.

3. Learning Moment: Kelly Warren, Natural Resources Dept., Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs described the Willamette Basin Acquisition Project. Though the Sandy River basin appeared to fall within the project's jurisdiction, presently there are no plans to include Sandy River watershed properties for purchase. As the high priority Willamette Basin lands have been acquired, future lands will focus on procuring conservation easements. Warm Springs acquisition is the "Red Hills" property in Yamhill County, adjacent to the Trappist Monk Abbey.

4. Council Project Updates:

Bill Weiler described the highly successful November 9 Sandy River Delta Community Planting Day. 128 volunteers enjoyed a perfect morning planting oak trees, ninebark, snowberry, serviceberry and Oregon grape. Bill also discussed the Camp Collins Project, and on procuring the proper permits.

Corinne described her work at Salmon Carcass Placement (flinging!) with students and groups like SOLV. 1,200 coho from the Sandy River Hatchery have been tossed into Lost Creek and Still Creek.

Corinne also discussed her work updating our website and informed us that 60% of the people visiting our website are new users.

5. Emerging Issues:

- a. O & C BLM lands – Steve Wise showed us a map, in which BLM lands in the vicinity of Gordon Creek are being considered as timber lands, while property closer to Bull Run is currently scheduled to remain in a protective status.
- b. Yellow-billed Cuckoo has been recommended as a federally listed "Threatened species," by the US Fish & Wildlife Service. The cuckoo's presence at the Sandy River Delta was confirmed in 2009.
- c. Portland Water PUD Ballot Initiative: A potential ballot initiative would transfer the Portland Water Bureau's jurisdiction to a number of smaller districts.
- d. Salmon-Sandy Confluence: The Army Corps of Engineers is pondering spending 2-4 million dollars in a feasibility study of the Middle Sandy.

6. Next meeting dates: January 27, 2014 and March 24, 2014

Respectfully submitted by Bill Weiler

Congressional Oregon and California (O+C) lands update. No changes to report. Steve contacted Senator Wyden's staff to inform them of our concerns to retain Sandy River Basin BLM lands as priority recreation/conservation properties. The proposed change in management potentially affects 11,000 in the Sandy River Watershed including Wildwood, Oxbow Park and Gordon Creek.

Troutdale Energy Center hearing: Comments are due 9-26 for this large scale energy project located just west of the Sandy River. Action item: The Board approved Steve sending out draft comments regarding the Troutdale Energy Center to the Board prior to submitting Council final comments.

7. Still Creek Restoration: The US Forest Service reported great success regarding the recently completed Still Creek Restoration project. 120 pieces of large wood were placed including four large wood jams; 1,005' of new side channel was improved; skid roads were decommissioned, and berms removed.

8. Events:

10-19 Mazamas Planting (Free Sandyversary Day)

10-19 Salmon Festival at Oxbow Park. Salmon Walk 2-4 p.m.

11-09 "Plant It Delta" kickoff 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Next Restoration Expo/ '64 + 50 Planning (Event Committee Inter-meeting discussion).

9. Next Board meeting date: November 25.(re-set for Nov. 20) Next, next Board meeting, January 27.