



Council Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2020

Conducted via Zoom Meetings due to Coronavirus "stay at home" orders

Present remotely: Sara Ennis, Katelyn Hale, Roy Iwai, Gerald Murphy, Matt DeAngelo, Bill Weiler, Matt Stine, Carl Exner, Margaret Filardo, Katherine Cory, Luke Johnson, Janet Davis, Janet Senior, Alan L'hommedieu, Steve Rayne, Diana Pope, Julie DiLeone, Howard Schaller.

Carl Exner called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

Quorum of 10 members present

January Meeting minutes:

Luke Johnson motioned & Matt Stine seconded – unanimous vote to approve

ED Search Update:

Janet Davis, Carl Exner, Sara Ennis, Luke Johnson, Roy Iwai, Margaret Filardo and Matt Stine are on the search committee. Seven applicants as of 3/23/2020. Different concerns and ideas about pausing ED search during COVID-19 stay at home orders, etc., decision will be made next week after the application deadline of 3/31.

Carl Exner: Concerned about staffing for this summer: do we have the capacity to do our projects? Informal check-in with Sara who consents to interim ED position for unspecified time

Budget (see slides 3-4):

In May, Katherine Corey will provide a budget for the rest of the year for the board to approve

Carl Exner: It's difficult to plan for a budget with so many changes happening right now

Katherine Corey: with the planned Quickbooks update, we'll be able to create a new kind of annual budget that is easier to read. COVID-19 is creating probable delays in receiving funding from grantors

All present at meeting asked to respond in writing to the following question:

Why is DEI important to the Council's work?

- Increases resonance with the community we serve as community diversifies
- It's the right thing to do, and without diverse ideas and thoughts we might not get the right answer. We also need to reflect the diversity of the metro area
- we serve all persons - this is our strength
- To make sure our work is accessible to everyone in the community
- To hear the voices of those who are part of the basin but have historically been left out of the conversation

- The watershed is full of residents and recreationalists who are people of color, who are LGBTQ, who have different abilities, who are working mothers... so many different people! We can't assume that we are only talking with, or working with, one type of person.
- we are all in this together so everyone needs a voice
- Saving salmon requires the whole community - public and private partnership. We need input, leadership, and help from the community. All voices are important in this discussion and process
- The country, the state, and the watershed are diverse and are becoming more diverse than our current representation. If we want the WC to live on for generations we must generate a sense of belonging for everyone that connects to the Sandy
- This is to build respect for the environment that surrounds us. We depend on this environment to support life and our future
- Different communities have different knowledges! Our work is stronger when we can listen to and amplify them.
- important to reach out to native communities
- DEI is a priority for the Forest Service as well as there is a widespread acknowledgment that those engaging with public lands do not represent our diverse population as a whole. We value and welcome any opportunity to leverage our partnership with the SRWC to increase exposure and to engage the WHOLE public in managing our water resources.
- Including people from diverse backgrounds brings a wealth of diverse ideas, beliefs and traditions. We will thrive as an organization, as a community and as a society when we search for and accept input from numerous people from varying backgrounds.

Bylaws:

Janet Davis reviewed changes from Bylaw committee sent out in December 2019. Dianna Pope moved to approve and Matt Stine seconded. After discussion all changes are approved by unanimous vote except for Article XI Parliamentary Authority. Margaret Filardo will draft a statement based on the discussion, get approval from the Bylaws Committee and then it will be sent out to Council members by email for a vote.

Zigzag Integrated Resource Project:

Janet Davis: Forest service is proposing to do logging on Mt. Hood in Horseshoe area and around Trillium Lake. Requesting volunteers for an ad hoc committee to draft a response. Matt Stine, Gerald Murphy, Alan L'hommedieu, Steve Rayne recruited. Matt DeAngelo from the USFS volunteered to be available for questions.

Biohabitat Invoice status:

Carl Exner: We are willing to pay for things invoiced & can say logical 'yes' to. Other items: not willing to pay. Katherine will submit modified invoices to funders for reimbursement of the amount we agree to so Biohabitats can be paid.

Future meetings:

Note change in day of next meeting: Tuesday, May 26th due to Memorial Day Holiday
Also a meeting in July has been scheduled - July 27th

Project Updates (see slides 7-8):

Sara Ennis: Sandy-Salmon project site was planted today. CLT will get additional plants too. Several planting events happened Feb-Mar at the Delta. Spring education events likely rescheduled for June or Fall.

Beaver Creek (Roy):

Roy Iwai reported on status of Pig farm in Big Creek drainage. Other agencies have been involved and the creek tested for manure run-off with negative results. No further issues identified at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm