

Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council  
Board of Directors Meeting

28 May 2008  
Lowell, OR  
6 PM

Present Barbara Hazen, Chuck Davis, Chuck Spies, Eve Montanaro, Gregg Vollstedt, Stephanie Schroeder, Cary Hart, Nancy Sawtelle, Aryana Ferguson

I Welcome and Review Agenda – Mr Davis

The agenda was approved as posted.

II Approval of the Minutes of the 23 April 2008 BOD Meeting

The minutes of the Apr 23 meeting were approved as written by consensus.

III. Board of Directors Announcements – Mr Davis

- Mr Spies said that Lowell will be getting a skate park. The city is also working on urban renewal projects.
- Mr Davis said that SUB is in the midst of a plan review to expand the drinking water plant on the Middle Fork and to build 2 sites to take water out of the Mackenzie. Developments and subdivisions are planned in the Middle Fork basin along Jasper Road.

IV. Executive Director Update – Ms Montanaro

- Ms Montanaro called the BOD's attention to her May report. The items in blue were meant to be finished this month but were not at the time report was written one week ago.
- All the due reports to the granting agencies have been submitted on time.
- She attended the Springfield Buildable Lands Stakeholder committee meeting. The city is deciding if it needs to expand its Urban Growth Boundary and is looking at its buildable lands. Ms Montanaro is representing the watershed council. She is looking for a proxy to attend meetings in her place. They meet on the third Thursday from 6 to 8 PM. Things that they need to consider: stormwater coming in to both the Willamette and the Mackenzie Rivers and the amount of water that will be needed for further development.
- We have received several grants. (Congratulations to Ms Montanaro for the grants received.)
- RFQs will be released soon. We will need to hire a professional to guide the Action Plan work. We will also need to hire a water quality monitoring technician to oversee the water quality monitoring program.
- The Contract Committee needs to work on Ms Montanaro's contract by end of June.
- There is a potential difficulty with partnership in one of our projects. It is a group effort and one of the partners raised concern about being fairly compensated from her standpoint. The budget for this contract is pretty lean, so it will be a challenge to accommodate the requests made by this partner. Management funding is turning out to be a problem as this person wants to be paid for retroactive work, which is probably not allowed by the grant. This appears to be a sticking point and she is threatening to withdraw from the grant.
- Ms Montanaro will be out of the office until June 16.

V. Lost Creek Confluence Project – Ms Ferguson

Ms Ferguson presented a power point depiction of the Lost Creek Confluence project that was informative. Some of the highlights are as follows.

Lost Creek keeps jumping its banks and flooding in 1 area. It may create an oxbow there sooner than later. The reed canary grass abatement is working. The blackberry and Scot's broom have been removed. All the English ivy is gone; some of the stems were 6 to 8 feet across. They are using herbicides for the reed canary grass, Canada thistle and blackberry. They are mowing the area 1 time in the fall to avoid disturbing ground nesting birds. Two lengths of barbed wire fence were discovered and had to be removed. The NW youth corps took it down and disposed of it. Each tree that was planted got a microrhizal inoculant, corn gluten to decrease weed germination, a blue tube to protect it from animals and straw mulch. There is a new invasive on the scene: bouncing bet.

Her recommendations: To continue managing the site as long as you can. Next time, plan for a couple of years for invasive abatement prior to the plantings

VI. Projects Committee Update – Ms Montanaro

- Lost Creek Confluence Project beyond 2009. We need to continue the maintenance. This would require an extension of the grant. The Projects Committee recommends doing this which would require a reallocation of \$15 to \$17K of OWEB's funds. MOTION: To approve the Projects Committee's recommendation re: LCCP. Passed unanimously. Ms Montanaro will write the extension request. The suggestion was made that we consider using some of the remaining funds to create enhancements for specific species and buy a back-up irrigation pump.
- Buck Creek Project. The Forest Service now has their funds allocated. We need to reallocate our funds to accommodate the Forest Service's fiscal procedures. MOTION: Recommend that Ms Montanaro write an amendment to OWEB for the Buck Creek project requesting a grant extension to Dec 2009 and to shift \$235K from the budget category "contracted services" to "supplies and materials". Passed unanimously.

VII. Finance Committee Business – Mr Davis

Tabled. The Board was asked to look over the budget and the Fiscal policy for the next meeting.

VIII. Public Outreach in the Middle Fork Willamette – Ms Montanaro

This was a power point presentation of the work that the MFWWC has done in the watershed. The public outreach goal is community action for a healthy watershed and involved all ages.

IX. Next Meeting

25 Jun 2008

Lowell, OR

6-8 PM

Meeting adjourned 8:15 PM.

Barbara Hazen  
Secretary