

Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council
Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting

24 September 2008
Lowell, OR
6PM

Present: Don Hampton, Bill O'Sullivan, Gregg Vollstedt, Wade Sims, Chad Stuart, Barbara Hazen, Cary Hart, Eve Montanaro, Chuck Spies,

I. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda – Mr Hart
Agenda approved as written.

II. Approval of August 20, 2008 BOD Meeting Minutes – Mr Hart
The minutes were approved as written.

III. BOD Announcements

- Blue-green algae discussion. The Corps does not manage water flows to abate the algae. Odell Lake had a bloom this year also. The City takes the algae out of the drinking water. The toxins are a problem because they don't filter out.
- The new WOPR plan comes out in Oct. Mr O' Sullivan left a few brochures that discussed the update.
- Mr O'Sullivan said that the BLM will try to attend 50% of the watershed council meetings. He and Ms Sawtelle will trade off attending. They feel this is an important meeting to attend.
- A wild fire started this PM above Hills Creek reservoir. It was at 1000 acres when Ms Montanaro spoke to Mr Weber.

IV. Executive Director Update – Ms Montanaro

- The BOD was directed to read the staff report if they hadn't already and call Ms Montanaro if they are interested in learning more about any of the items presented on the report.
- Monday, she participated in a climate change workshop together with a group of scientists from UO and OSU to gather and present information on the upper Willamette basin. The information developed in the workshop will be presented as recommendations to State legislators and elected officials. They were looking at temperature and precipitation patterns, etc. They used the Hadley assessment model. They did have good maps of the basin, some of which she brought back to Eugene.
- People from the Meyer Memorial Trust, OWEB and Bonneville Education Foundation had a meeting about how they will fund things in the Willamette Valley. They will be bringing non-capital dollars for things like surveying, education, inventories, etc. They are also interested in floodplain restoration projects. BEF is offering 10 year funding packages to provide support for planning. A 2 to 4 page letter explaining our interest is due Nov 7.
- OWEB will be having its annual conference Nov -7 in Eugene at the Hilton. Our Lost Creek Confluence project will be one of the featured field trips and Eve will present on our false brome project. There is a half-day workshop on Thursday, November 6, for BOD or Council members. The cost is about 65 dollars. Let Ms Montanaro know if you are interested.

- The MFWWC has to be out of the City office space by Oct 1. Ms Montanaro has talked to the State Parks people. She told them that we hope to find an “in-kind” situation but that we could pay about \$100/month. Mr Wilder and Ms Montanaro will work from their home offices for the time being. There might be space at Jasper Park. The BOD will continue to meet at Lowell City Hall.
- Mr Wilder and Ms Montanaro wrote a Service Provider’s manual to help out contractors and service providers. It discusses deliverables, invoicing procedures, in-kind tracking, etc. It delineates the process for a contract amendment. Suggestions were made that it should be part of the application/hiring process and that it be posted as a contract attachment.

V. Grant Proposal Award – Ms Montanaro

The Lower Middle Fork Willamette False Brome Treatment and Habitat Restoration Project grant application was approved for funding.

MOTION: The motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the grant for \$224K from OWEB.

The False Brome working group will be meeting tomorrow. They will further develop their strategic plan for surveying and restoration efforts. They will be developing criteria for site selection and a way to prioritize the sites. The treatment methods will vary with the landowner, the population of invasives and the site location. It takes about 3 years to get rid of the plant. The received OWEB grant will fund the treatment of up to 25 sites for 3 years. This grant has been named Phase 1 so that if there is a need for further funding it will help make a case for it. As the area is treated, it will need to be re-seeded. The core working group (Montanaro, Sawtelle, Messenger, Lippert) decided that the most likely person to administer this program would be Aryana Ferguson with Jenny Getty as an assistant. The BOD would have to approve this; they would need to know the scope of work for each and how they would relate to each other. Eve will bring a recommendation to the Board.

VI. Potential Projects: Grant Proposal Submissions – Ms Montanaro

See detailed descriptions in Supplement D

- Indigo Creek Culvert-This habitat is critical for bull trout. The creek is spring fed; the water is very cold. They would bypass the non-passable culvert due to the immense cost of replacing it. It also increases the habitat available as it creates a side channel for spawning. Due October 20, 08.
- Wagner Creek – ODF is requesting replacement of this culvert. The funding request is mainly to cover the cost of the pipe; Guistina Land and Timber will be covering most of the costs. They will close the road for the winter to see if the creek will bring itself back to grade. Due anytime.
- Egan Culvert – This culvert is on the same system as the Guistina/Wagner Creek culvert. It’ll cost about 12K to have an engineer come in and design a replacement culvert. Due October 20, 08.
- Bull Trout Re-Introduction Monitoring – ODFW suggested this monitoring. The Upper Middle Fork bull trout reintroduction is one of the more successful reintroduction program in the nation. Monitoring will allow entities to determine if their transfer and placement methods are effective, genetic variance and viability, etc. Due October 20, 08.
- Education – It has been difficult to get funding for education from OWEB. We did get 1 year of funding thru the Oregon Community Foundation. This funding only allows Ms Watson to implement the program at half capacity. This grant would give her the funds to get a full capacity program going. Due October 20, 08
- Bonneville Education Fund – A 2-4 page letter might get funding of \$125K per year for up to 10 years for planning. Due November 7, 08.
- Wood Placement in the Upper Middle Fork from Swift Creek to Staley Creek. Due October 20, 08.

MOTION: That the BOD approved support for all of the grant proposals Ms Montanaro proposed writing. Passed unanimously.

VII. Action Planning Approach – Ms Montanro

The plan was reviewed and suggestions were made. The comment was made that the plan should be sure to include landowner feedback/public feedback. Eve explained that the last workshop will be a presentation of the AP to the public with opportunity to make comments/provide feedback. She will also be presenting the information as we move along.

VIII. Next Meetings – Ms Hazen

Discussed meeting dates for Oct, Nov and Dec. The usual 4th Wed meeting date falls just prior to Thanksgiving and Christmas. Dates to be set at the next meeting. The Oct meeting date is changed to the 29th.

29 Oct 2008
Lowell City Hall
Lowell, OR
6 –8 PM

Meeting adjourned 8:05 PM.

Barbara Hazen
Recorder