

Calapooia Watershed Council

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Mission: Providing opportunities for membership to cooperate in promoting the health of the watershed and its communities.

Calapooia Watershed Council Meeting Minutes

Calapooia Watershed Council (CWC) Board of Directors and Council members held their monthly meeting at the Brownsville Community Room, Brownsville, Oregon, on April 13, 2011 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were the following members of the Board of Directors:

Bud Baumgartner	Jason McAfee
Roger Ruckert	Frank Lamb
Mark Running	Dee Swayze
John Perry	George Pugh
Dave Furtwangler	Matthew Fiorito

Absent from the meetings were the following members of the Board of Directors:

Connie Burdick

Also present at the meeting were:

Tara Davis	Kim Kagelaris
Denise Lott	Nan VanSant
Eric Anderson	Kaitlin Coberly
Peter Jensen	Denise Hoffert-Hay
Debra Paul	Kevin Seifert
Liz VanLeeuwen	Whitney Smith
John Marble	Jay Marble
Patty Linn	John Joiner
Joe Graville	Guillermo Giannico
Kevin Fenn	

On behalf of the CWC Secretary, Operations Coordinator, Denise Lott recorded the minutes.

AGENDA ITEM: Introductions, Announcements

Self introductions around the room.

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment/Board of Directors Comment

AGENDA ITEM: Decision: Approved March 2011 Minutes. (after Weyerhaeuser spelling correction)

AGENDA ITEM: Presentation:

Fishes in Ditches Project, Guillermo R. Giannico, Ph.D.

Dr. Giannico is an assistant professor at Oregon State University in the Department of Fisheries & Wildlife. His specialty is in fish ecology and behavior. The Fishes in Ditches Project was research in fish use of intermittent watercourses. Five sub basins of the upper Willamette River basin were used in the study. The study showed that numerous fish species, most of them native, inhabit the network of intermittent watercourses flowing through the upper Willamette River valley agricultural fields in winter and spring. The seasonal habitats provided by these watercourses offer winter refuge and conditions appropriate for fish spawning and juvenile rearing. The

environmental factors that have some influence on the numbers of fish and species richness were few and included both natural variables, for example, the distance to perennial water and disturbance indicators such as the percentage of watershed covered by forest and water conductivity. The high proportion of native species found in the intermittent watercourses they evaluated emphasizes the ecological significance of flooding and stream network expansion in the Willamette River Valley. Improved understanding of river-floodplain connections and their physical and biological processes can help identify the potential impacts of land use activities in these lowland systems. For more details see: http://fwl.oregonstate.edu/labs/giannico/html/fishery_ditches_calapooia.html

AGENDA ITEM: Project Updates

- **Albany projects and lower Calapooia:** The legal requirements to expand the CWC boundaries into North Albany have been completed and approved by the Commissioners
- **Noxious Weed Program and summer treatment:** CWC is partnering with Weyerhaeuser to chemically treat false brome along a 15 miles stretch of the Calapooia River, starting at the headwaters. Japanese knotweed will also be surveyed from Holley to the Sodom Ditch. Eradicated areas are ready for native plant restoration.
- **Dam removal projects:** The project to remove Sodom and Shearer Dams and provide channel restoration is on schedule for implementation this summer. For complete details, see Sodom/Shearer Dams project updates on our website. www.calapooia.org.
- **Monitoring:** Eric Anderson, Regional Monitoring Coordinator, has written a grant with OWEB requesting 2 field technicians to help monitor habitat, stream temperatures and fish traps. He is also has set up a new data base refining monitoring programs.

DISCUSSION: Council Business

- **Health benefit package for staff:** Bud Baumgartner summarized to the Board of Directors the new health care benefits for CWC staff as of May 1, 2011. **Board Decision: Approved.**
Bud thanks the Management Committee for their assistance.
- **Benton County Resolution:** Passed.
- **Policies and procedures update:** Draft will be ready by council's June meeting. CWC staff will have the updated version ready for print by the new fiscal year, 7/1/11.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Council Events

- Projects Committee Meeting, 5/4/11 (7-9 pm in the Brownsville Community Room)
- Landowner Workshops, 5/4/11 & 6/1/11 (6-9 pm in the Lebanon Library)
- Fundraiser-Calapooia Brewery, 6/10/11 (6-9 pm at the Calapooia Brewery in Albany)
- Tidbits Wildflower Hike, 7/9/11 (9 am at the USFS Ranger Office)

ACKNOWLEDEMENT: A special thank you to Dave Furtwangler and Mark Running for the extra time they spent on securing health care for the CWC staff.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm. The next Calapooia council meeting: Annual Meeting with Board Elections on May 11th in the Brownsville Community Room from 7-9 pm.

READ AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors on _____, 2011

Secretary