

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 December 8, 2010 beginning at 7:05 p.m.

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

Bud Baumgartner	Matthew Fiorito
Roger Ruckert	Frank Lamb
Mark Running	Dee Swayze
Connie Burdick	

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

John Perry	George Pugh
Jason McAfee	
Dave Furtwangler	

Also present at the meeting were:

Peter Jensen	Mike Nehls
Denise Hoffert-Hay	Barbara Baumgartner
Denise Lott	Paula Jean Condino
Sarah Dyr Dahl	Karen Joiner
Whitney Smith	John Joiner
Don Ware	Kathleen Swayze
Jim Wagner	Bob Bostedt

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 September 8, 2010 Minutes. (after spelling correction of Matthew Fiorito's name)

AGENDA ITEM: Presentation

Mark Running's Epic River Adventure

Mark Running, the Council's Co-Chairman, presented a slide show and discussion about his 9 day Kayak experience from the mouth of the Calapooia to the mouth of the Columbia. He started the 209 mile journey in Albany on September 21st and it ended 9 days later in Astoria. His 6 ½ foot kayak had just enough room to carry him and a backpack of supplies. Mark prepped for his trip using a water trail guide to locate possible camping sites. Daily destinations had to be flexible due to the major role water currents played in the distance he was able to travel each day. He traveled approximately 102 miles on the Willamette River before connecting with the Columbia

where the river “became huge” and he had to work with the tides. During his time on the Willamette, Mark’s sister launched her kayak near Champoeg and traveled alongside him for 2 days, exiting at the entrance to the Columbia. In the lower Columbia, where the winds were strong, Mark crossed to the Washington State side of the river seeking calmer waters. He then ventured through a web of slews and re-entered the Columbia River near Tongue Point in Astoria. The next morning, Mark had to cross the river back to the Oregon side. Facing a very wide section of river and thick fog, Mark was forced to rely on his GPS to guide him across. Somewhere in the middle of the 4-5 mile stretch of river and in the invisible distance, a ship’s fog horn sounded off giving him a burst of energy to paddle harder and safely arrive on the Oregon shore where his family awaited him.

AGENDA ITEM: Update of the Sodom and Shearer Dam Removal Projects.

Project Manager, Denise Hoffert –Hay, updated the projects saying that we are on schedule for implementation, summer 2011. RDG has completed the project’s 90% designs and Biological Assessment, key components to the permitting phase. Denise has been meeting with NOAA & ODFW to make sure all necessary actions are lined up and ready for the Dam removals. Archeologists found a 5 ft. horizon along the Sodom channel, so no channel work will be performed on this bank. The Tribes of the Grand Ronde are supplying a free spotter during the construction phase to check for other finds. The next step is to file for permits. Denise hopes to have paperwork in order by May 2011 and starting deconstruction by July 18, 2011. She would like to start staging materials as soon as landowner agreements are signed. The goal is to have the projects wrapped up in September, although our deadline is in October.

AGENDA ITEM: Update of the Calapooia-Santiam Model Watershed Riparian Planting Strategy

Regional Projects Coordinator, Sarah Dyrdaahl, updated riparian plantings. She is working on 50-60 acres throughout 3 watersheds. There is a need to secure plants and a good seed source. Sarah is using successful planting models to set up her strategy for upcoming projects. Increased density, combination plantings and bare root stem plantings are examples of these strategies. Planting combinations such as Maple, Fir, Oregon grape and shrubs have a high survival rate and require less maintenance. Sarah noted that plant density and finding suitable plants for each site is the most important factor for success.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm. The next Calapooia board meeting will be January 12th in the Brownsville Community Room at 7pm.

READ AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors on _____, 2010

Secretary