

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 March 9, 2011 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

Roger Ruckert	Frank Lamb
Mark Running	Dee Swayze
Connie Burdick	George Pugh
Dave Furtwangler	Matthew Fiorito

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

Bud Baumgartner
John Perry
Jason McAfee

Also present at the meeting were:

Tara Davis	Kim Kagelaris
Denise Lott	Nan VanSant
Jim Wagner	Larry Northern

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

AGENDA ITEM: Introductions, Announcements

Self introductions around the room.

AGENDA ITEM: Decision: Approved January 2011 Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment/Board of Directors Comment

Matthew Fiorito gave an update on the Weyerhaeuser gate that has been closed to the public on Upper Calapooia Drive. Weyerhaeuser and the County have been in a legal battle over re-opening it. They are currently drafting a plan to possibly allow access at various times of the year. If the public regains access to the road, the County would like Weyerhaeuser to put in turn-outs and maintain the road. There is also a discrepancy on where the County's ownership ends.

AGENDA ITEM: Project Updates Tara Davis, Executive Director

Pioneer Park: After CWC's grant proposal was rejected by OWEB, the council continues to work towards a solution with Cascade Earth Services and the Brownsville City Administrator. CWC has contracted Heritage Research Associates to perform an archeological survey of the area. If they do not find any substantial burial grounds, camp sites, etc., then Tara Davis will reapply for the grant on April 18th. Whatever the outcome, the project will be on hold for the next 6 months with potential plantings in the winter.

All other R2 projects are moving forward.

Albany Projects: Tara Davis, CWC director, and members are partnering with the City of Albany, private landowners, Greenbelt Land Trust, ODFW, Friends of E.Thorton Lake, MMT and RDG. The group is applying for a River Network Grant to fund an Albany Stream and Floodplain Restoration and Community Education Program. The partnership vision is for clean, healthy urban streams, native species habitat recovery, floodplain connectivity and healthy riparian forests. River Network's technical support and funding would provide the necessary skill training, multi-year staff capacity for landowner outreach, and on-going consultant assistance with conceptual designs, and support for effective community education and awareness events. Areas of focus are Cox Creek, Periwinkle Creek, Calapooia River and North Albany.

Outreach update: Tara Davis accompanied two major landowners/farmers to FSA to enroll in CREP.

Noxious Weed Program and summer treatment: CWC has contracted Jeff Jones of Habitat Contracting to inventory and treat Knotweed from Holley to the Sodom Ditch. He will also determine Knotweed sites that are ready for native plant restoration. The contract also includes the treatment of False Brome along 15 miles from the headwaters to Holley. False Brome is a fierce invader that grows in all conditions. The Projects Committee has opted to go for a knock-out kill in the spring versus a pre-emergent treatment in the fall. CWC has just under \$45,000 for the project and these funds must last at least 2 years for all weeds. Part of the Noxious Weed Program involves outreach and education.

Dam Removal:

- There are concerns over short term vs. long term access to the dam removal site at Sodom.
- CWC is checking with OPRD for details of easement rights.
- A local farmer wants to be reimbursed for access damage. This is not covered by OWEB, but construction contractors can be held responsible for access damage.
- The removal of log jams for reduced flooding could become a component.
- OSU has documented all log jams in a 15 mile stretch.
- RDG submitted and revised a hydraulic modeling report this week.
- Jeremy Monroe of FreshWater Illustrated is interested in filming the dam removals.
- Replanting and noxious weed control the area after the Sodom Dam removal is also being considered.

DISCUSSION: Future Projects Committee Topics

Brush Creek habitat: 67 Culvert projects on Brush, Childers and W. Brush Creek, 5 landowner riparian buffer restoration projects, BLM tree pull and placement. A watershed assessment goal is to add large wood to selected tributaries in order to improve side channel conditions for fish, select cool stream with gradients less than 4% and create habitat features that offer fish refuge during high flows. Focus should be on perennial streams first. Upper Brush Creek has high landowner participation. An OSU graduate student is looking for a summer internship and this would be a perfect project for her.

Courtney Creek: Erika has developed an outreach strategy specific to Courtney Creek and will be focusing the next 2 years into the middle-upper basin, basically around the Coberly-Running-Sayer-Lafayette areas.

Reaches 1 and 4: OWEB grant for design on R4 was rejected due to the proximity of the Sodom dam project. USFS grant has been submitted for R1 design. Almost all landowners in R4 and R1 have been recruited and we are ready to move forward with design and restoration as funding allows.

DISCUSSION: Board Business

- Review Management Committee handouts.
- No conflict of interest were declared by board of directors on 990 form.
- Policies and Procedures: CWC staff will draft up changes and have ready for discussion with management committee.
- Management Committee vs. Board financial discussions: Board members that were present felt that the management handout update was sufficient. If a member is interested in more information, they can contact Denise Lott and she will send copies of requested reports/minutes.

- Annual Meeting next steps: Nomination Committee, board member notice of re-election.
- March 30th Management Committee meeting is rescheduled for April 6th.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm. The next Calapooia board meeting will be April 13th at the Brownsville Community Room from 7-9 pm.

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

Secretary