

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 14, 2010 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

Bud Baumgartner	Roger Ruckert
Frank Lamb	John Perry
Mark Running	Connie Burdick
Dave Furtwangler	Dee Swayze

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

Matthew Fiorito

A quorum (8) was established for this informational meeting.

Also present at the meeting were:

Tara Davis	John Joiner	Michael Klinkebiel
Pamela Archer	Mike Nehls	Peter Jensen

On behalf of the CWC Secretary, contracted Program Assistant, Pamela Archer, recorded the minutes.

AGENDA ITEM: Introductions, Announcements

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment/Board of Directors Comment

Pamela Archer is teaching Outdoor School this Week.

Michael Klinkabell is hosting a wildflower walk this Saturday in Brownsville.

DISCUSSION:

None.

AGENDA ITEM: Approve January 2010 meeting minutes

Corrections: none

Decision: Minutes approved

Presentation: Brent Steele, Professor and Director, Master of Public Policy Program, Rural Studies Program, Oregon State University, *Dynamic social, economic, and political context of environmental policy change*

- Social information was gathered to assess the prospects of getting urban and rural areas together cooperatively
- Basis of the U.S. economy
 - When U.S. began, we were an agricultural-natural resource based economy.
 - As technology changed, the economy changed. The U.S. went through the industrial revolution and manufacturing was the basis of the economy.
 - Today we have a post-industrial society, where more jobs are in the service industry.

- Changes in population dynamics
 - 78% of Oregon’s population in 1990 lived in one of six metropolitan areas (areas of 60,000 or more).
 - Multnomah county and University counties (Benton/Lane) are driving the state’s politics.
- Changes in economy and population have led to conflicting natural resource values: new resource management paradigm (nature has an intrinsic right to exist) vs. dominant resource management paradigm (materialist).
- Climate refugees (aka environmental refugees, eco-migrants, etc., environmentally induced population movements. PNW and Oregon may become refuge for those escaping parts of the country and/or world affected more severely by impacts of climate change.
- Good news: there is generational change and changes of citizenship in the U.S. Two types of citizenship: duty-based (voting) and engaged (involvement)
- Younger cohorts
 - Historically high levels of engaged citizenship
 - High levels of distrust and cynicism about traditional authority. Traditional political messages don’t work
 - Tolerant and supportive of diversity and place-based activities.
 - New forms of outreach and organization are necessary to engage younger cohorts
 - There has never been a better time to engage younger cohorts (“The Good Citizen” by Russ Dalton). Message of positive change and hope, grassroots campaigning, high tech.
- Things we can do in face of continuing change
 - Build confidence: focus on dialogue, transparency, information sharing,
 - Adopt alternative institutional arrangements: decentralized, collaborative, and participatory
 - Collaborative/integrative/postnormal/citizen science: work together to inform each other and boost public confidence
- Interesting factoid: People in the south Willamette valley tend to get their information from different places than places which provide information they trust. Regarding water issues: 7% utilize watershed councils while 76% of people trust the source.

AGENDA ITEM: Update on Haiti Relief—Roger Ruckert

Council member Roger updated us on his travels and volunteer experiences in Haiti.

www.haitifoundationofhope.org

The capital press/rural life section also had an article

AGENDA ITEM: Update on Watershed Event (Fundraiser to benefit restoration project maintenance)

June 11th at the Calapooia Brewery in Albany 6-9 pm

Downsizing the fundraiser but will still have a silent auction of about 8-10 items.

Corvallis Band (Cassandra Robinson) will be playing. There will be an outdoor area that is family friendly.

AGENDA ITEM: Update on next projects committee meeting on April 21st.

This meeting will be for Reach 2 and Reach 3 specifically. Need input and guidance for consultants to move forward. Need to revisit intent of projects committee—want to limit the meetings.

5:30 PM Reach 3 Office hours

7:00 PM Reach 2 Presentation with Cascade Earth Sciences

The meeting will end at 9 PM

AGENDA ITEM: Update on Albany Assessment and Prioritization

Handout: Work Order—Willamette river and floodplain restoration an conservation assessment and strategy to River Design Grant (RDG)

The purpose of the assessment is to give the council, city, and partners a prioritization plan to sort out project ideas for the lower Calapooia river and Willamette river near Albany.

RDG is the preferred consultant group by both Tara Davis and the City of Albany. RDG is already doing work along the mainstem Willamette from Eugene to Albany already. Funding will be from the Meyer Memorial Trust (MMT) Willamette Mainstem money, which is \$35,000 by Feb. 2010. City of Albany will pay for \$10,000. CWC has funding for outreach and project management. We will do stream surveys for the bottom 3 miles of Albany. The area includes the Calapooia River east of Bowers Rock downstream and around the corner to Millersburg. Also, the lower 3 miles of Calapooia from Queen to the confluence of the Calapooia with the Willamette, along with the lower section of Periwinkle Creek, which has a lot of salmon use and may have rearing potential. Completion date to be Jan 31, 2011.

DECISION: Detailed Scope of Work will be sent to Mark and Bud; no questions or concerns; Tentative Approval of RDG as contractor for Albany project.

AGENDA ITEM: Update on Measure 66

Renews allotment of Oregon Lottery funds, which support watershed councils (council support and project funding), parks, natural resource management in perpetuity. Not Tax Money—distribution of profits from lottery. CWC did NOT send this out to membership list, but can sign to support the ballot measure. You can also endorse this campaign as individuals.

DECISION: CWC will endorse Measure 66

AGENDA ITEM: Update on Annual Meeting and Elections

Two/three positions open. Want to continue strategic recruitment to involve all members of community. Also, will be providing annual budget, slide show.

AGENDA ITEM: Operations and Administrative Assistance Needs

The council will be re-evaluating operations and administrative needs of the council and what best options are to utilize funding for this assistance. Further discussion will happen in May.

Accountant, bookkeeper, Connie, and Tara will be reviewing Quickbooks framework at the end of April. The management committee will meet again—April 28th

OPEN DISCUSSION: None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 p.m. The next Calapooia board meeting will be May 12th in the Brownsville Community Room at 7pm.

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

Secretary