

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 June 8, 2011 beginning at 7:05 p.m.

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

Bud Baumgartner	Connie Burdick
Dave Furtwangler	John Joiner
Dee Swayze	Joe Graville
George Pugh	Caitlin Coberly
Matthew Fiorito	

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

Mark Running
Roger Ruckert

Also present at the meeting were:

Tara Davis	Jim Wagner
Denise Lott	Paula Jean Condino
Peter Jensen	Sarah Dyrdaahl
Bob Volstedt	Kim Kalgalaris
Bob Ross	Donald Nealon

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

AGENDA ITEM: Introductions, Announcements

Self introductions around the room.

Kim Kalgalaris thanked Tara Davis for her assistance with team leaders in Albany, especially Koch Creek.

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment/Board of Directors Comment

Matthew Fiorito asked for a follow up on the algae problem in the Upper Calapooia River near Debrah and Ron Wolf's property.

Tara Davis informed the group that she had been in contact with DEQ, made a site visit with Denise Lott, took photographs and discussed the situation with the landowners. Tara suspects that the usually wet spring and sustained water flow has created a water chemistry that has enabled the string algae to grow. A landowner upstream from the area agreed stating that about 25 years ago a similar wet season occurred and string algae was seen then as well. Tara also suspects that as rocks turn and the summer season ends, the system will reset itself. CWC will continue to monitor the situation.

AGENDA ITEM: Decision: Approved May 2011 Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM: Guest Presentation

Bob Ross, biology instructor at Linn Benton Community College gave a presentation on how plants are adapted to their environments. Plants have adaptations to help them survive (live and grow) in different areas. Adaptations are special features that allow a plant or animal to live in a particular place or habitat. These adaptations might make it

very difficult for the plant to survive in a different place. This explains why certain plants are found in one area, but not in another. Bob shared numerous photographs of plants that he has taken over the years. Each picture had a story why it was growing in a particular location and why its structure was a benefit to itself and in some cases insects.

AGEND ITEM: Council Business

- Policies and Procedures Manual update for the new fiscal year, 7/1/2011 was approved by the board.
- Staffing and Summer Interns: CWC has hired two summer interns, Whitney Smith and Eric Marble. Whitney will be working on event planning for the upcoming dam removal project celebration, taking care of public awareness and media. She will also be offering grant writing assistance to Director Tara Davis for youth education. She will work 20 hrs per week and receive a stipend of \$400 per month. Eric's primary focus will be fish habitat project development in Brush Creek, utilizing the 2006 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) stream habitat surveys for Brush and Childers creeks, as well as other CWC GIS data, to identify areas that would benefit from instream habitat enhancement projects and perform outreach to landowners for permission to plan for habitat restoration projects. He will work 40 hrs per week and receive a stipend of \$800 per month.
- Office space: Scott McDowell has agreed to let the CWC have temporary use of another space upstairs in City Hall as a work station for the summer interns.
- Dam removal update-contract bid process. OPRD is in the process of purchasing the Matlock land that was going into foreclosure. If the sale goes through, it will benefit the council in moving forward with the Sodom Dam removal project. The bid contract for Sodom Dam is being reopened due to the fact that it went out late not allowing enough time for contractors to respond. On recommendation by attorney Jim Brewer, a performance bond was added to the requirements of the bid contract. Shearer Dam received a number of bids that are under review.

AGENDA ITEM: Council Event Planning

- Fundraiser-Calapooia Brewery 6/10/11
- Tidbits Wildflower Hike, 7/9/11. Meet at the Sweet Home USFS Ranger Office

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm. There will be no meetings in July or August. The next Calapooia council meeting: September 14th in the Brownsville Community Room from 7-9 pm.

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

Secretary