

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 October 12, 2011 beginning at 7:05 p.m.

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

Bud Baumgartner	Roger Ruckert
Mark Running	John Joiner
Dave Furtwangler	Caitlin Coberly
Dee Swayze	Joe Graville
George Pugh	
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	Eric Anderson
Denise Lott	Whitney Smith
Peter Jensen	John Marble
Kim Kalgalaris	Jim Wagner
Frank Lamb	Patty Linn
Kathy Amos	Steve Glacier
Richard Amos	JoAnn McClinton
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On behalf of the CWC Secretary, Operations Coordinator, Denise Lott recorded the minutes.

AGENDA ITEM: Introductions, Announcements

Self- introductions around the room.

Announcement: Cascade Pacific RC&D's annual meeting is October 20th at the Chatoe Rogue in Independence, OR. There will be a tour of partner projects from 3:30-5:00 pm and a dinner from 5:00-7:30 pm.

Announcement: No board meeting next month as staff and board chair will be at the Network Gathering.

AGENDA ITEM: Decision: Approved September 2011 Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM: Guest Presentation

Bats 101: "Current Threats and Neat Peeks" was the topic for this month's presentation by guest speaker Ecologist, Caitlin Coberly of Merlin Ecological Services. Dr. Coberly explained that bats are vital to the restoration and enrichment of our ecosystems. They contribute to human health through pollination, seed dispersal and insect control. They either migrate or hibernate through the cold season. They recognize their offspring and make friends for life. Thirty percent of bat species are already endangered or threatened. Wind farms have been a major problem. Tree roosting bats mistake the large towers as old trees. Bats migration routes are another problem in some areas. Bats are not blind as most people think. They are not killed by the turbine blades but rather by a low pressure created by the turbines which depressurize the bats lungs and it dies. Most bats won't fly when the wind speed

reaches 6 mph. By not allowing the turbines to start up until the wind reaches this speed, wind farms have been able to reduce the mortality rate by 95%.

AGENDA ITEM: Work Plan Draft and Next Steps

Tracking & Reporting

- Executive Director, Tara Davis presented different formats to track and report on progress of work plan elements.
- Formats-Should we use the CWC format that Tara created, adding elements from the guide that OWEB provided as well as elements from examples shown from other councils?
- How do we report to OWEB in a way that meets their criterion and yet is easy to follow and easy for staff to do every quarter?
- How do we handle unanticipated activities? Examples: Parks land, Pioneer Park, Crib dam. Need to include a general category called “other duties unassigned”.
- What specifically is going to be needed for monitoring that shows effectiveness?
Eric Andersen said that reporting is not all uniform, however, the Model watershed has a method in place, but it might take several years to know if a project is successful or not.
- Tara will revamp format based on discussions. Work plan is going to be an ongoing process.

Committees-purposes & functions

- Projects Committee is very interested in a partnership with the outdoor school. Also board and staff development.
- Is there a role for creating public awareness? Press releases & newspaper articles.
- Increase public awareness- public interest won't be high if there isn't access to the river. Land use can be controversial with public access. River guides tell you what areas are public and what areas are private. If we facilitate access to river then we also have to educate the public. Increased use means increased impact.
- Project Suggestion-Swap land where State puts gravel and put in a county park. (Swayze site)

AGENDA ITEM: Management Committee Personnel Recommendations

- The Management Committee recommended that Whitney Smith be hired as a part-time temporary employee with the council as a Program Assistant. **Decision:** Approved by Council
- The Committee recommended that Denise Lott, Operations Coordinator receive a raise of \$0.72 per hour following her annual performance review. **Decision:** Approved by Council.

AGENDA ITEM: Project Updates

- Reach 2- Successful-3 projects implemented. Plantings will begin this winter.
- Reach 3- Successful
- Sodom Channel- project is looking fantastic. Cofferdam was breached on Wednesday morning.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm. The next Calapooia council meeting: December 14th in the Brownsville Community Room from 7-9 pm.

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

Secretary