

# 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 May 11, 2011 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

Bud Baumgartner	Connie Burdick
Roger Ruckert	Frank Lamb
Mark Running	George Pugh
Matthew Fiorito	

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

Dave Furtwangler  
John Perry  
Jason McAfee  
Dee Swayze

Also present at the meeting were:

Tara Davis	Jim Wagner
Denise Lott	Joe Graville
Eric Anderson	Mike Nehls
Peter Jensen	Sarah Dyr Dahl
John Joiner	Eric Andersen
Judy Harrison	Scott McDowell

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

### **AGENDA ITEM: Introductions, Announcements**

Self introductions around the room.

George Pugh thanked Tara Davis and Sarah Dyr Dahl for the projects tour on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Tara Davis announced the annual regional fundraiser at the Calapooia Brewery on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

George Pugh was acknowledged for the Progress in Agriculture award he received from the State Board of Agriculture.

### **AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment/Board of Directors Comment**

Matthew Fiorito, Bud Baumgartner and Denise Lott all received phone calls about an unusual algae growing in the Upper Calapooia River. Debrah and Ron Wolf called in the notice. They believed it was due to fertilizer used on Weyerhaeuser Land. Matthew Fiorito informed the council that Weyerhaeuser hasn't fertilized this year. Actions suggested: inform DEQ and make a site visit to take pictures.

**AGENDA ITEM: Decision:** Approved April 2011 Minutes.

### **AGENDA ITEM: Peter Jensen Award**

Scott McDowell, Brownsville City Manager, was awarded the Peter Jensen Award for his commitment to watershed health and community development through participation. The Watershed Council personnel have the daily pleasure

of interacting with Scott and appreciate his insight, support, and partnership for projects such as the Brownsville Dam removal and the Pioneer Park bank project (pending state lottery funding).

### **AGEND ITEM: Elections**

Following the award presentation board elections were held. Mark Running, Matthew Fiorito and Dave Furtwangler agreed to serve another term and were duly re-elected. Retiring their positions with the board are Frank Lamb, Jason McAfee and John Perry. The Council sincerely thanks them for their service. John Joiner, Caitlin Coberly and Joe Graville were elected to replace the retiring board members by unanimous choice of the voting Directors. John Joiner is filling a one year term created by John Perry's resignation. John and his family live at the confluence of Brush Creek and the Calapooia, and is an avid boater, which brings to the CWC a recreation representation. Caitlin Coberly is owner of Merlin Ecological Services for which she is principle Ecologist, and enjoys working at her small farm in Tangent. Joe Graville and his family live and farm in the Upper Calapooia Valley near Holley.

### **PRESENTATION: Board Member Appreciation**

Frank Lamb was awarded a framed picture in appreciation for his good stewardship of the land. Tara Davis then presented the board of directors with CWC hardhats in appreciation of their superb service.

### **PRESENTATION: Model Watershed program Summer 2011 Summer Projects and Monitoring**

Sarah Dyr Dahl presented a progress report of regional outreach restoration projects she has been working on. As of July, 2 landowner workshops will be completed along with a watershed projects tour. Phone calls and site visits are on-going. Outreach success: Hamilton, McDowell and Stout Creeks. Over the next several months outreach target will be Courtney Creek, Valentine Creek and Bear Branch. On-going challenges: people are busy, building landowner trust and getting documents in order. Project Implementation focus: riparian and instream project benefiting water quality, plantings and re-vegetation in 2011.

Eric Andersen presented a progress report on regional monitoring. The recent winter months have been a time of crunching the numbers from 2010 field work, planning the summer 2011 field season and starting a pilot fish monitoring program. Year two of the ten year effectiveness monitoring program is underway. During summer 2011, sites that were surveyed in 2010 will be resurveyed in order to track change over time. Stream temperature, instream habitat and riparian condition will be measured. There will be a few additional sites in the Courtney Creek area as new projects are undertaken. Updates will be provided in the coming months. During the winter and spring months of 2011 a pilot fish monitoring program was launched. Two landowners agreed to maintain a small passive fish trap on the intermittent creeks flowing through their properties. Intermittent creeks go dry in the summer months, but have water flowing during fall, winter and spring. This type of creek is important because they provide refuge from larger rivers during high flows, are a food source and a breeding grounds for many fish species. ODFW provided two fish traps that were converted from square crab pots. One side of the trap has a funnel pointing to the inside that allows fish to enter. Fish swim into the trap where they are identified, counted and measured. The traps were placed in the knee deep creeks and diligently checked every two days. There were eight species of fish captured: steelhead (young), cutthroat trout, red sided shiner, dace, peamouth, pike minnow, sculpin and three-spine stickle back. A large scale sucker was seen near a trap, but not inside. Report details can be found on the regional website

### **REPORT: Annual Budget, Activities and Grants**

Tara Davis presented the annual budget report and summary of the past years events.

She reviewed the Albany data collection that was done by way of canoes, the Weyerhaeuser headwater tour last fall and the May 7<sup>th</sup> projects tour. Administrative and operational achievements included hiring an operations coordinator and providing health benefits to the CWC staff.

The council hopes to create a short film featuring the upcoming dam removals with the funds raised at the upcoming regional fundraiser event.

Tara also pointed out that the council has diversified its funding.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm allowing time for a council member social. The next Calapooia council meeting: June 8th in the Brownsville Community Room from 7-9 pm.

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**READ AND APPROVED** by the Board of Directors on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

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Secretary