



**Calapooia Watershed Council**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Wednesday June 12th, 2024**

The Calapooia Watershed Council Board of Directors held their usual bi-monthly meeting at Pioneer Park, Brownsville, Oregon.

The following members were in attendance:

John Joiner   Matt Mellenthin   Joe Deardorff   Shannon Richardson   Sharon Crowley  
Dee Swayze   Jim Wagner   Mark Running

The following members were absent:

Jim Merzenich

The following were also in attendance:

Collin McCandless, Executive Director  
Alex Rice, Habitat Restoration Program Manager

Agenda Item: Q3 23-24 Financials

The financials were reviewed via email. Sharon Crowley moved to approve the financial report. Matt Mellenthin seconded the motion. The financials were approved 8:0.

Agenda Item: '24-'25 Budget Approval

Collin explained that the budget had already been reviewed by the Management Committee and was ready for the board to review and vote. Joe moved to approve the budget. Mark

seconded the motion. The budget was approved 8:0.

Agenda Item: Meet and Greet New Habitat Restoration Program Manager, Alex Rice.

Collin also provided an email update for the board the day prior:

“I have been preparing CWC/projects for the good news of recommendation for full funding of the projects that we have for the NOAA Fish Passage. Additionally, I have identified and applied for other restoration funding opportunities for Albany Oxbows that include Education dollars. Kristen just completed a very inspiring and impactful Urban Ecology field trip season that was more than demanding. Kristen has also fired up the library program and is preparing herself for the summer season. Fiona has been up to her neck with the transition to QB online and end of fiscal year.

Most importantly, we have on boarded a new Habitat Restoration Program Manager, Alex Rice! Alex Rice comes to us by way of North Fork John Day Watershed Council. Alex has received the properly improper Watershed Council introduction of... "welcome aboard, we are starting a gigantic project and hey, let's write a \$700,000 grant due in 1.5 weeks". He didn't even flinch and the application went in without a hitch.”

The meeting adjourned at 6pm.