



The Calapooia Watershed Council held its regular Board meeting via Zoom teleconferencing on Wednesday Feb 9th, 2022.

In attendance were the following members of the Board of Directors:

Dee Swayze Jim Wagner David Lawlor Matt Mellenthin Jim Merzenich
Mark Running

The following members were absent:

Aimee Addison John Joiner

The following were also in attendance:

Collin McCandless
Fiona Julian
Kristen Daly
Cris Salazar

Collin McCandless presided over the meeting, Fiona Julian recorded the minutes.

Approval of January 2022 Board Meeting Minutes: David moved to approve the minutes. Matt seconded the motion. The motion passed 6:0.

Approval of the Financials: Matt moved to approve the minutes. Dee seconded the motion. The motion passed 6:0.

Executive Update: Collin stated that Cris will be holding a Projects Committee meeting soon and therefore wanted to provide an update on the work with the MVRC Beaver Project and its partnerships with

_____ and that OHA may possibly become involved as they expand their focus into environmental health. Collin continued that there is the possibility for outreach funding also and that OHA is interested in urban works and restoration with CWC. Collin explained there is an additional pool of funding to create project design plans and create public engagement materials. Collin stated that Periwinkle Creek was an area being considered. David mentioned that there were lots of Beaver advocacy groups in Oregon and that he will reach out to one of his contacts to loop them into this effort.

ODS Update:

Collin provided an update regarding location scouting for ODS, and that it turns out there is a large restoration project in progress at Luckiamute Natural Area, so now EE Wilson is being looked into as possibly the best location given the circumstances and that there are good facilities available due to its former use as a training base. Collin also stated that he once worked there and the staff are great. Kristen stated that locations must be within twenty minutes of any of the schools. Jim M offered to provide approximately 500 wood cookies for name tags as he has done for many years. David stated he could probably volunteer for a day at ODS and asked Collin to email out the dates volunteers would be needed. Jim M stated that all the board members should plan to spend at least one day per season at ODS. Matt asked about background checks, and Kristen stated that proof of Covid vaccinations would be required.

EDI Update:

Collin thanked everyone for returning their SMARTE surveys, and the results were presented via slideshow (attached) to indicate the responses and priorities shared. The subject of river access was discussed, and Collin stated that another watershed council received funds to install a kayak slide on their river, and Jim W mentioned that toward the end of Tara's tenure, there was the beginning of an effort to collaborate with Linn Co Parks to look at river access and some contact occurred with the County Road Master and landowners. Jim M mentioned talking to Thompson Mills and working with landowner agencies that could provide new access. Collin stated that he would be meeting with Maria to review the survey results to form the next steps and that they are working together on the ODS Coordinator job description. David shared that the hiring of a Spanish Speaker has a likely chance of being funded through Mailyn Pack and offered to help compile a draft proposal. Jim M mentioned being told there were 2500-3000 registered tribal members in Lane County and that the cultural sites on his property and the surrounding areas could be a significant opportunity to provide access for non-public events consistent with CWC goals. David thanked everyone for voting also, and complimented the presentation. Collin said the voting on the priorities of our next EDI steps would be done by email anonymously. Matt stated that he thought the goals identified could happen concurrently.

Other

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.