



The Calapooia Watershed Council held its regular monthly Board meeting on Wednesday, September 14th 2022 at the Kirk Room, Brownsville Public Library.

The following members of the board were in attendance:

Sharon Crowley	Mark Running	Matt Mellenthin	Dee Swayze	Jim Merzenich
Jim Wagner	David Lawlor	John Joiner	Shannon Richardson	

The following members were absent:

Joe Deardorff

The following were also in attendance:

Collin McCandless, Executive Director

Cris Salazar, Habitat Restoration Program Manager

Collin McCandless presided over the meeting. Shannon Richardson recorded the minutes.

Approve End of Year Financials and August Board Meeting Minutes

Looking good overall. Grants are primarily through the state with one federal and one foundation. A question was asked if the Education Program is primarily funded through TNC which was confirmed and clarified that these funds are able to be extended since previous years are altered. It was stated that a two-pager was being developed. Motion made to approve the year end financials, which was seconded. Unanimous approval.

Motion made to approve the August minutes, which was seconded. Unanimous approval.

Board Member Welcome and Departure

Welcome to Sharon Crowley, new board member.

Farewell to David Lawlor, resigning board member. David and wife moving to Sacramento.

Submitted Grants Updates

MVRC applied to NOAA for fish passage funding. Combined projects equaled \$7.3 million; CWC total ask is ~ \$2 million. Haven't heard back from NOAA whether it will be awarded or not.

Combined requests from Luckiamute, Marys, South Santiam and Calapooia make the whole portfolio more attractive. Each council added admin to their request and then there was another line item for admin in the whole grant; that money will be used to hire someone at the Marys to manage the grant administration.

Discussion about the Truax project and whether it will increase access to Truax. It is unlikely that Truax will be opened to vehicle traffic even though the new crossing is engineered for Knife River GVWs.

Discussion about Albany Oxbows– more culvert replacements. Who owns the land at Oxbows? Six owners– fish passage improvement ownership is State Parks, City of Albany, International Paper. Simpson, ATI, others are auxiliary. Would we consider the first step in getting the rest of the restoration work done? Not necessarily, but it's all part of the larger vision.

Are we ready to go if the money comes though? Yes. Had to redo the budget because the original work was 7 years ago and costs have increased dramatically

Upper Calapooia Report

Cris presents on the upper Calapooia tree tipping project. Goal was to return wood to the river that had been removed as a historic land practice. New wood will help reset river processes, so the river can recover itself. Project funded in 2019, but was delayed due to Covid and the Holiday Fire. Originally identified 19 trees to tip, but operators could only find 4 due to changes on the landscape. Reached out to other operators/contractors and subcontracted Mark Villers. Mark using new equipment, making more opportunities. In the end, tipped a total of 9 and added other wood, including hemlock and alder. Learned that you can't move trees once they're tipped. Wood that needed to be moved for access was placed in-river upstream from structures so that eventually they will either rack on the lower structures, or rack material on their own. Contract was hourly. May start a second phase to reduce a berm.

When can we take a tour? For our Fall Retreat, which we're ready to plan for. Considering drive time, it will need to be a half-day.

Comment– a satisfying end to a project that had a lot of barriers. Yes! It will be fun to see it mature.

Adjourn