



Calapooia Watershed Council Board of Directors March Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly board meeting was held on Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 at Albany Public Library, Meeting Room B.

The following board members were present:

Mark Running Dee Swayze Jim Merzenich Shannon Richardson Sharon Crowley

The following members attended remotely:

Joe Deardorff Jim Wagner John Joiner

The following were also present:

Collin McCandless, Executive Director

Cris Salazar, Habitat Restoration Program Manager

Fiona Julian, Operations Coordinator

Kristen Daly, Youth Education Program Manager

Collin presided over the meeting. Fiona took the minutes.

Approval of January 2023 Minutes

There was no February meeting. Dee Swayze moved to approve the January minutes. Jim Merzenich seconded the motion. The motion passed 7:0

Restoration Program Update

Cris provided a presentation about the progress and updates to the Tub Run Project. The slides are attached to these minutes.

Education Program Update

The Education Update was tabled until the April Board Meeting due to time constraints owing to technical issues delaying the start of the meeting.

Strategic Plan Next Steps

Collin stated he will be sending a poll out to start the Committee process for our strategic planning.

Kristen asked if the committee will include both staff and board, to which Collin responded that staff

should participate regarding program planning but it's not a requirement.

Board Elections

Mark stated that he had talked with Matt Mellenthin and shared that Mark was looking to step down from his officer positions and that Joe Deardorff is running for co-chair. Mark continued that he and Matt agreed that the arrangement of two co-chair positions has worked best.

Collin announced that Sharon Crowley has offered to run for Board Treasurer. Dee stated that he will continue the role of Secretary if called to do so. Jim Merzenich said that he would like to run for secretary but is currently on another board and that when that term finishes he may run for a Board co-chair position. Jim continued that Mark has put a lot into the organization over the years and wanted to recognize that in a formal way. Mark shared more from his conversation with Matt and their discussion of getting our feet back under us, and that CWC has strong support with an active board that can weather hard times. Mark continued that he is looking forward to getting out and spending time together getting to know each other again, and that he had felt a disconnect. Dee stated that he wondered about the future of the office and if it should stay in Brownsville. Shannon Richardson shared that something the SSWC board does is hold two purely social events such as a potluck, picnic or field trip during the year in lieu of a regular board meeting, and that her board really values that. Jim Merzenich expressed interest in hosting a gathering at his property which he described has several unique features and is currently working with the Institute of Applied Ecology and Bureau of Land Management and is working on a conservation easement with Greenbelt Land Trust on a fully funded BPA project that ranked number one in the application process. Jim suggested June would be beautiful for a time to visit.

Voting was performed via ballot and discussion with the following results:

The following members were reelected to the Board of Directors as members:

John Joiner Mark Running Jim Merzenich James Wagner Matt Mellenthin

All members received a unanimous vote 8:0

The following members were elected to the following officer positions:

Co-Chair - Matt Mellenthin 7:1

Co-Chair - Joe Deardorff 8:0

Treasurer - Sharon Crowley 8:0

Secretary - Dee Swayze 8:0

The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm