

LUCKIAMUTE WATERSHED COUNCIL MINUTES

Aug. 13, 2009 Volunteer Hall, Monmouth, Oregon

6 p.m. – Ed/Outreach Committee Meeting at Rick’s Place

7 p.m. – General Council Meeting

Call to Order and Introductions: Chairman Tom Smith called the meeting to order. Introductions; In addition to John Runyon, members and guests present are listed at the end of the document.

Minutes from July 9, 2009 meeting (see attachment): Kirk Lewis moved to adopt the minutes, Kenn Carter seconded the motion. No opposition; Motion PASSES.

Volunteer time submitted.

SPECIAL SPEAKER – John Runyon of ICF Jones & Stokes, Luckiamute Watershed Action Plan

John Runyon kicked off the action planning process by giving an overview of the plan’s purpose, resources, what we will do to develop the plan and our roadmap for future efforts. He outlined the questions we have to answer including – how many years out do we want to plan? What information do we have now that we can use to map out future plans? Runyon hands out “Key Datasets and application” an outline scope of action for the action planning process. The goal is to restore the function of the watershed system, not just restoration of fish runs. A detailed scope of work for this project is available from Nicole or Michael. Runyon will return in October with base information, key areas. He will lead a series of public outreach meetings to gather information from landowners, then develop a final action plan. The plan will include aerial photos, overlay information. Public outreach could include education, feedback. Materials provided. His report will include a timeline. The public outreach will begin in January through April. Data gaps can be identified. Missing, for example, is ODFW habitat survey information. Also for example, could identify specific plans of action for sites requiring restoration. Discussion: LiDAR data, land conversion, endangered/threatened species, beavers, vineyards. Endorsements, labels, public relations/information, working with large companies. Temperature, shade, levels of water. Invasive species – star thistles, tansy ragwort, knotweed, reed canary. Image, public perception, county rules/public policies that impact watershed.

BUSINESS

Treasurer’s report – Nicole Duplaix
No report from Cascade Pacific yet.

Steering Committee – Nicole Duplaix (see attached Coordinator’s Report)

LWC Grievance Policy and Procedure – An internal policy, not related to insurance, which outlines the process for a grievance.

Council recruitment – Todd Jarvis, Anne Scheck and Mike Lippsmeyer have recently resigned. We need replacement members. We do not currently have a treasurer.

Webmaster recruitment – The last three webmasters were volunteers, which was not a reliable plan because all resigned. John Runyon has suggested an interim webmaster who would keep up the website until we have an action plan in place. Nicole said she would talk to this webmaster this week. Offer this person \$500. MOTION: Kirk Lewis moves, Gail Oberst seconds a motion to pay for webmaster from discretionary (Mid-Willamette Watershed Association) funds. APPROVED

Petition for Polk County Extension – Kenn Carter passes around a petition description

Grievance Policy – ACTION – Kenn Carter moves, Tammee Stump seconds a motion to approve the “Grievance Policy,” see handout. The word “contractor” is taken out of the title. Discussion: What is the conclusion of complaint, could it be dropped by the complainant. No, it has to go through to the conclusion. Once it goes to a professional, dismissal not possible. APPROVED

Project Review Committee – Michael Cairns

See handout -- Project Manager Report.

Rapid Bio-Assessment Phase II – The survey is underway now, by Steve Trask.

Culvert project on Grant Creek, Waymire and Berry Creek – going into the construction phase. We are waiting for a letter from DSL (silvaculture activity), three landowners ready to go. Discussion about ODF.

LSNA work – a stakeholder meeting at the site included good comments. An action plan is being revised. Contractors will submit bids for application to OWEB.

Michael Cairns submits his resignation, effective December 31, 2009.

Proposed project for OWEB – one set of old RR abutments and two culverts in the upper Luckiamute area. Project will require grant application, follow-through.

Education/Outreach Committee – Gail Oberst

See attached Education/Outreach report.

Annual event is Sept. 19, report by Tammee Stump, need for silent auction items, invitations, discussion traffic on 99W.

Other Business – Polk SWCD annual event is Aug. 25. Rickreall Watershed Council is tearing out an old ford, on Vilwocks farm. DSL permit/ traps fish. Found lamprey.

Adjournment – The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10 at the Monmouth Volunteer Hall. Gail Oberst, Michael Cairns and Nicole Duplaix will be absent.

Absent	Present	Position	Board member	Term ends
		Agriculture	Vacant	
	X	At Large	Gail Oberst	2010
	X	Biologist	David Anderson	2010
	X	City of Dallas	Kenn Carter, Past Chair	2010
X		City of Independence	Shawn Irvine, Treasurer	2010
		Commerce	Vacant	
X		Education	Emily Plec	2011
	X	Environment	Tom Smith, Chair	2009
		Environment	VACANT	2010
X		Industrial timber	Jenniffer Bakke, Secretary	2010
		Industry	Vacant	
	X	Recreation	Tammee Stump, Vice Chair	2010
		Small farm & forest	VACANT	2009
	X	Small farm & forest	Kirk and Judi Lewis	2012
X		SWCD - Benton	Teresa Matteson	2012
X		SWCD - Polk	Shawn Woods	2012
	X	State / Federal	Jamie Parker	2010
X		Tribes	Rebecca McCoun	2010
	X	Watershed Resident	Ron Nestlerode	2010
	X	Watershed Resident	Jo Yeager	2009
		Water Resources	VACANT	2010
	X	Water Resources	Douglass Fitting	2010
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Phil Larsen		Soap Creek resident		