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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 24, 2018

Madras Aviation Building ~ Madras, Oregon

4:30 PM

ATTENDING:

John Speece (MDWC)
Mark Goodwin (JCSWCD)
*Guy Chittenden (Madras Schools)
Lisa Windom (North Unit)
*Jennifer Mickelson (USFS)
*Lloyd Forman (Landowner)
*Jeff Spencer (Jefferson County)
Scott Samsel (Landowner)
*Theresa DeBardelaben (ODA)
*Kirk Holcomb (NUID)
Bill Atherton (Landowner)
* - Board Member

SUMMARY OF BOARD MOTIONS

Call to Order: The January 23, 2018 Middle Deschutes Watershed Council (MDWC) was called to order by Chair Jenn Mickelson at 4:30PM. Introductions were made all around.

Approval of January 23, 2018 Council Minutes: The council reviews the minutes from the previous meeting. No changes were noted.

Motion #1: Motion made by Kirk Holcomb to approve the council minutes as submitted. Second by Lloyd Forman.

Approval of Council Financials: Council financials were reviewed and no changes were noted.

Motion #2: Motion made by Theresa Debardelaben to approve the council financials as submitted. Second by Scott Samsel.

Presentation: Jenn Mickelson – Project proposal for a meadow restoration in the upper Trout Creek Watershed. Jenn will discuss in greater detail at the June meeting.



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Coordinator Update and Board Business:

- **Recent Activity:**
- **Adopt-a-Road and Trail Schedule:**

The Adopt-a-Road was held in October. Seven volunteers attended and 22 bags of trash were collected. The Adopt-a-Trail event was held in January. The crew filled the back of a City of Madras pickup with trash. Spring/summer pick-ups will be scheduled for early summer.

- **Grant and Project Updates:**

Gray Family Foundation Grant.

Awarded in February.

Grant Period 2018-2020

The council applied for and was awarded a Gray Family Foundation grant to fund the environmental education program. This grant is awarded annually with up to two additional years of renewal. This grant will specifically fund education programming for 3rd – 8th graders.

OWEB Council Capacity Grant.

Awarded in July.

Grant Period 07/01/ 2017 - 06/30/ 2019

The council was awarded full funding for the OWEB Council Capacity Grant during the 2017-2019 biennium. This will fund the coordinator position and council activities.

OWEB Technical Assistance Grant: Landowner Recruitment

Grant Period 10/1/2016 – 12/31/2018

This technical assistance project will engage with, educate and recruit landowners in the Upper Willow Creek Watershed to participate in restoration projects. The goal is to address watershed limiting factors and action items identified in the Willow Creek Watershed Analysis (2000), the Proper Functioning Assessment Report Willow Creek Watershed (2005), and during landowner meetings and consultations yet to occur. Two landowners have started to work with the council on projects in response to this outreach, and outreach will continue to others in the Uppers Willow Creek watershed. Three projects are in different phases of planning and/or implementation.

Willow Creek Upland and Riparian Enhancement – Update from Jenn Mickelson - Forest Service:

OWEB Willow Creek Juniper Treatment: The juniper treatment is making good progress. The contract bid came in under budget so an extra 300 acres was added to project area. This additional work will include cutting in Willow Creek canyon. An extension was granted by OWEB due to delays associated with the winter weather. It's anticipated the project will be completed by fall, 2017.



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Upper Willow Creek Temperature Monitoring:

The council has partnered with ODA to launch a long term water temperature monitoring at five locations in the Upper Willow Creek Watershed. This will occur over 20 years with the objective of capturing water temperature improvements associated with management activities on private lands.

EPA Watershed Education Programming in Central Oregon:

This is a project funded through an EPA Environmental Education Local Grant with a goal of delivering classroom, hands-on and place based field trips to 840 Central Oregon Students over two years. The MDWC worked with Madras High School, Buff Elementary and STEM students during the spring. Greater than 450 students participated in in-class presentations and field trips to Trout and Willow Creeks. Leftover funding has been extended through 2017-2018 school year.

PGE Stewardship/ Redband Ranch Noxious Weed Project:

Approximately 7 acres of noxious weeds will be treated at Redband Ranch on Trout Creek. This will occur in spring, 2018. After, the project area will be re-seeded with native grasses through the CREP program.

OWEB Small Grant: Fessler Upper Willow Creek Juniper Treatment.

This project will treat 120 acres of stage 2 and 3 Juniper within the project area. The trees will be cut by chainsaw, and some wood will be removed for firewood and other uses.

OWEB Small Grant: Scabby Hollow Restoration.

The purpose of this project is to accelerate the process of stream aggradation and recovery by installing Beaver Dam Analogues' (BDA), stabilize the stream banks, and provide increased stream shading. Specifically, for this project 3-5 BDA's will be installed throughout this reach of Willow Creek. Riparian plantings of native plants and shrubs will follow installation of the BDA's. These plantings will benefit from the predicted outcomes associated with the BDA's.

Discover Nature Camp:

The MDWC will partner with Jefferson County Kids Club to host a 4-day camp. The camp will have two days of science activity stations for kids to rotate through, and two days of field trips.

Deschutes River Collaborative Project:

Recent partnership with TU was made with several projects in mind. These projects range from restoration to education. Discussions will continue through the spring on how best to develop this relationship.

Partner Updates and Comments: No comments were made.



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Next Meeting: The Next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 26, 2018 4:30 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.