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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2019

Madras Aviation Building ~ Madras, Oregon

4:30 PM

ATTENDING:

Andy Neary (MDWC)
Kate Wellons (MDWC)
Scott Samsel (Landowner)
*Jon Burchell (City of Madras)
*Lloyd Forman (Landowner)
*Guy Chittenden (Madras Schools)
*Robert Marheine (PGE/Landowner)
*Jennifer Mickelson (USFS)
Josiah Gray (NW Youth Corps)
* - Board Member

SUMMARY OF BOARD MOTIONS

Call to Order: The March 19, 2019 Middle Deschutes Watershed Council (MDWC) was called to order by Board Chair Jenn Mickelson at 4:35 PM. A quorum was in place. Introductions were made all around.

Approval of January 22, 2019 Council Minutes: The council reviewed the minutes from the January 22, 2019 minutes and found no noted changes.

Motion #1: Motion made by Jon Burchell to approve both council minutes as submitted. Second by Guy Chittenden.

Approval of Council Financials: Andy Neary presented the council financial statement. The council reviewed the statement and found no noted changes.

Motion #2: Motion made by Scott Samsel to approve the council financial statement. Second by Robert Marheine.

Presentation:

Andy brought a presentation on the Middle Deschutes Habitat Enhancement and Education project, but due to technical difficulties with projector, he gave a brief overview instead and will share PPT and other visuals via email. Andy will be researching alternative sources of funding to the Pelton grant to fund this project at Mecca Flats. Scott Samsel suggested making designated casting spots, as he has seen problems with anglers pulling up willows to be able to cast.



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Coordinator Update:

- **OWEB Council Capacity Grant:** MDWC should hear in a couple of weeks about eligibility but will not hear final award results until June.
- **OWEB Small grants – Upper Willow:** Two small grant projects will be implementing this Spring, Scabby Hollow planting and Bruun fencing.
- **Adopt-A-Highway:** MDWC will hold another cleanup in the next month.
- **Adopt-A-Trail:** MDWC will hold a trail cleanup as part of the Madras Community Cleanup on April 26, 2019.
- **Upper Willow TA:** Looking at a bigger picture juniper cut that will involve many landowners.
- **JSWCD Beaver Creek Watershed Restoration:** Adam Harberg is submitting a Pelton and OWEB proposal for this project. Currently pending funding, will update as project progresses.

Program Assistant Update:

- **Winter/Spring environmental education:** Last winter after-school event is this Thursday, March 21, 2019. It will be in collaboration with a native language educator from Warm Springs as well as an NRCS soil scientist and JSWCD. New education projects this spring include a native plant project with Sara Vollmer's students at Madras HS and a field day with students in the Life Skills class at Madras HS. Field days are scheduled to begin in April. Jenn Mickelson confirmed that she can contribute seed to the nursery project.
- **Beaver Believers movie screening:** MDWC will hold a screening of *Beaver Believers*, a documentary about beavers, at the Madras Library Rodriguez Annex on April 17, 2019. Kate will send out a flyer PDF to the board once she receives the promo materials from the filmmaker.
- **New website content:** Kate was unable to show website updates without the projector. Major updates include a section on past projects in the watershed on the Restoration page and historical photos on the Mission & History page.

Partner Updates:

Upper Trout Creek Rehabilitation – Update from Jenn Mickelson, Forest Service: Juniper burning has been further delayed by the snowlough, after January's furlough. Jenn will send out a map of proposal to do on tributaries to Trout Creek.

Jon Burchell attended the Urban Forestry Commission meeting last week, where it was decided that the annual Arbor Day Celebration will take place on April 26, 2019, at Kenwood Park in Madras. Sara Vollmer's students will help with planting trees, and birdhouses and saplings are given out. He encouraged MDWC to attend. April 27, 2019, will be the annual Community Cleanup in Madras, meeting at Sehalee Park to begin at 10 am and for a picnic lunch afterward. Jon will send along the times for both events once they are finalized.



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Guy Chittenden requested an update on revisiting the Willow Creek PFC. Andy confirmed it is a top priority for the upcoming season. Landowner buy-in is biggest challenge to getting projects going in Upper Willow, but Andy's goal is to get Gaylen and son on board.

- Any suggestions for speakers? Jon suggests Jefferson County Noxious Weeds (Todd) and will get info; Robert and Jenn recommend Tim
- ODF would be able to help advise on burning liability

Next Meeting: The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 21 at 4:30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.