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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 23, 2016

Rodriguez Annex Madras Library ~ Madras, Oregon

4:30 PM

ATTENDING:

John Speece (MDWC)
Mark Goodwin (JCSWCD)
*Jeff Rasmussen (Jefferson County)
*Guy Chittenden (Madras Schools)
*Kirk Holcomb (NUID)
*Lloyd Forman (Landowner)
**Theresa DeBardelaben (ODA)
** Gladys Grant (Landowner)
Seth Webb (NUID)
Scott Samsel (Landowner)
Kevin Mastersen (DEQ)
Kirk Cook (ODA)

* - Board Member

** - Alternate Board Member

SUMMARY OF BOARD MOTIONS

Call to Order: The June 28, 2016 Middle Deschutes Watershed Council (MDWC) was called to order by Coordinator John Speece at 4:35 PM. Introductions were made all around.

Presentation: Kevin Masterson (DEQ) and Kirk Cook (ODA) presented the final results from the 2014/2015 Pesticide Stewardship Partnership in the Middle Deschutes Watershed. They explained the history of the program, the PSP's around the state, Phase 2 opportunities and discussed the specific results in the watershed. In the Middle Deschutes pesticides were present at all four monitoring sites, however 2 of the sites (Trout Creek and Willow Creek) had limited amounts present during sampling and 2 of the sites (Mud Springs and Campbell Creek) had up to 12 pesticides present in a single sample. These results indicate future work may focus on those specific areas. The council discussed working with the SWCD to identify next steps and apply for the ODA non-competitive grant funds to use during Phase 2 sampling.

Approval of June, 28 2016 Council Minutes: The council tabled the approval of the council minutes due to a lack of a quorum at that time of the meeting.



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Approval of Council Financials: The council tabled the approval of the council financials due to a lack of a quorum at that time of the meeting.

Coordinator Update:

- **Partner Award:** The Middle Deschutes Watershed Council received the “New Partner of the Year” award from the Children’s Forest of Central Oregon. The award was presented at the annual partner meeting and was given for the environmental and conservation education work the council delivered during the year.
- **Discover Nature Days, Madras, July 19:**
The council hosted a Children’s Forest Discover Nature Days at Sahalee Park in Madras. Children ages 4-10 attended and participated in activities that educated them about the Watery Wonders of Willow Creek. In total 10 children, and their parents, attended.
- **Grant Updates:**

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Urban Waters Grant.
Applied February; Award July.
Was not awarded.

OWEB Technical Assistance Grant: Landowner Recruitment
Willow Creek Watershed Landowner Recruitment Project
Total Amount Requested \$ 9,995; Matching Contributions: \$ 4, 216
Proposed Grant Period 10/1/2016 – 12/31/2017

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. This will be achieved by recruiting landowners through a progression of outreach letters, landowner meetings, and site visits. The outcome of this progression will be project plans specific to each site that address natural resource concerns. Success will be achieved by relying on existing key partnerships. This collaborative approach will leverage available resources from Jefferson and Crook County SWCD, USFS, NRCS, ODA, and local landowners. OWEB funds will be used for staff wages for landowner outreach and recruitment, landowner meetings, and development of project plans.

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

OWEB Willow Creek Juniper Treatment: The FS is in the process of addressing the potential for noxious weeds associated for the project by completing a risk assessment, and are close to submitting an eagle monitoring plan to the USFWS. They anticipate being able to begin work in the fall of 2016.



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Culver Youth WC – Update from Jenn Mickelson - Forest Service:

The Culver Youth WC is a huge success and students participated in active restoration at Willow Creek during the month of May. Students from a science class planted riparian plants over three field days. The grant term was extended for one year so riparian plants can be grown out and used during the 2016/2017 school year.

EPA Watershed Education Programming in Central Oregon:

No update. 2016/2017 school year program planning will begin in September.

Partner Updates and Comments:

Scott Samsel recommended contacting the Madras Pioneer prior to the Juniper cut and see if there is interest in writing a story about the project.

Guy Chittenden requested information about the Willow Creek Landowner Outreach project.

Next Meeting: The Next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2016 4:30 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.