



MIDDLE DESCHUTES
WATERSHED COUNCIL

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 28, 2017

Madras Aviation Building ~ Madras, Oregon

4:30 PM

ATTENDING:

John Speece (MDWC)
Mark Goodwin (JCSWCD)
Debbe Chadwick (JCSWCD)
*Guy Chittenden (Madras Schools)
*Jon Burchell (City of Madras)
*Jennifer Mickelson (USFS)
*Lloyd Forman (Landowner)
Lori Campbell (PGE)
*Robert Marheine (PGE)
Cheryl Miller (PGE)
*Jeff Rasmussen (Jefferson County)
Carol Tollefson (OSU Extension)
Tom Kasch (Gray Butte Grazing)
Marilyn Kasch (Gray Butte Grazing)
Scott Samsel (Landowner)
*Theresa DeBardeleben (ODA)
*Kirk Holcomb (NUID)
* - Board Member

SUMMARY OF BOARD MOTIONS

Call to Order: The November 28, 2017 Middle Deschutes Watershed Council (MDWC) was called to order by Chair Jenn Mickelson at 4:35 PM. Introductions were made all around.

Approval of Aug 29, 2017 Council Minutes: The council reviews the minutes from the previous meeting. No changes were noted.

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

Approval of Council Financials: Council financials were tabled.



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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 will be held during January.

- **ODA Temperature Monitoring:** The ODA temperature monitoring in Upper Willow Creek will begin in 2018. Preliminary work will be completed during the fall and winter, 2017.

- **Grant Updates:**

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.

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

The Culver Youth WC was a huge success and students participated this spring in active restoration at Willow Creek. Students installed riparian plants at Willow Creek during a field day and presented at the annual STEM Fest at Culver High School. This grant is terminating and the MDWC will seek continued funding for this program.



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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.

Partner Updates and Comments: No comments were made.

Next Meeting: The Next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January, 23, 2018 4:30 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.