



**MIDDLE DESCHUTES**  
WATERSHED COUNCIL

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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**October 30, 2018**

**Madras Aviation Building ~ Madras, Oregon**

**4:30 PM**

**ATTENDING:**

Andy Neary (MDWC)  
Sam Rossi (JCSWCD)  
\*Guy Chittenden (Madras Schools)  
\*Jennifer Mickelson (USFS)  
\*Lloyd Forman (Landowner)  
\*Jeff Rasmussen (Jefferson County)  
Scott Samsel (Landowner)  
\*Theresa DeBardelaben (ODA)  
Bill Atherton (Landowner)  
\*Jon Burchell (City)  
\*Kirk Holcomb (NUID)  
Lisa Windham (NUID)  
Kate Wellons (MDWC Education Assistant)  
Julie Ruffner (Landowner)  
Bob Ruffner (Landowner)

\* - Board Member

**SUMMARY OF BOARD MOTIONS**

**Call to Order:** The October 30, 2018 Middle Deschutes Watershed Council (MDWC) was called to order by Jennifer Mickelson at 4:34 PM. Introductions were made around the room.

**Approval of August 28, 2018 Council Minutes:** The council reviewed the minutes from the August 28, 2018 council meeting and changed Kirk Holcomb's title to vice chair.

***Motion #1: Motion made by Lloyd Forman to approve the August 28, 2018 Council Minutes as submitted. Second by Kirk Holcomb. Motion carried unanimously.***

3. Financial Statements: Financials reviewed with no changes noted.

***Motion #2: to accept financial statements by John Burchell seconded by Kirk Holcomb.***



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## **Coordinator Update and Board Business:**

- **Education Program**

Andy Neary began position one month ago. One of first actions was to spend grant down by December, hire education coordinator (Kate Wellons) and provide education programming during fall. Gray Family Foundation and grant money served Madras High School, Madras Elementary, and Buff Elementary. Met with Katie Boyle with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center to discuss doing 6-week watershed education program for Madras school. Suggestion by Scott to coordinate with Madras Historical Society (contact Jerry Ramsey and Loti Holcomb) to teach kids about Mecca Flats railroad race.

- **Website**

Watershed website had been hacked, but is now back up. Hope to post council meeting events and other community events there. Looking to do more outreach. Upper Willow Creek Temperature monitoring will begin this spring with sensors being installed.

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

Adopt-a-Road maintenance needs to happen soon. Suggestion to complete before Thanksgiving. Andy will send out a doodle poll later this week. Adopt-a-Trail maintenance happened this summer, next spring could be a good time to revisit.

- **Volunteer restoration field day:**

Andy will schedule volunteer riparian restoration planting along Trout Creek at Redband Ranch in next couple of weeks, has Bill's blessing. Anyone is welcome to come out. Other ideas for council activities: tour Crooked River Wetland Complex (possibly in spring), History pub (talk with Madras Historical Society), fish pull with PGE, booth at farm fair in February (weed wagon education has been successful) Willow Creek petroglyphs.

- **Grant opportunity:**

Grant opportunity: Bureau of Land Reclamation Watersmart grant for watershed councils for on-the-ground work in juniper reduction, watershed restoration, water quality, etc. – deadline Jan. 30, 2019. Specific to PNW region. Could possibly apply for funds to apply to USFS meadow restoration, fencing on Newbill Creek, headcuts at Coon & Higgins, juniper removal for Ruffners or on Mud Springs and Hay Creek.



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### **Partner Updates:**

Jeff: Weed Board coming together. Took down large hazard at courthouse in Madras and put in 8 trees. County will be updating natural hazards management plan. In the middle of updating farm chapter model code for zoning ordinance, available online.

Kirk: Finished hard crossing on trail, seems to be effective.

John: City cutting 200 yards on either side of roads, weed-eating grass to the ground in case of flooding.

Lisa: Deschutes Basin Board of Control creating shared vision for Deschutes that will include all conservation councils, business owners, etc. Begins in Bend in January but may expand to Madras. Should we include their events on our calendar? Successful fish rescue pulling fish over berm along Lava Island section of Deschutes.

Kirk: Will be completing piping project soon. Wickiup getting water, coming back well, ~1000 ft/day.

Teresa: Funding for sediment catchment sections to relieve culvert clog TBC. Strategic implementation program focused in small geographic region on agricultural activities impacting watersheds. Aerial imagery + ground truthing. Goal to get landowners signed up and in compliance with rules. Will probably hit every county within next couple of years.

Lloyd: Bridge over Trout Creek on 97 work looks good.

Sam: Small grant program: \$31,000 left in OWEB grant.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will tentatively be January 22, pending Andy double checking on council meeting requirements. Andy will keep board in loop about grant submissions.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.