



MIDDLE DESCHUTES
WATERSHED COUNCIL

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ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 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)
*Theresa DeBardelaben (ODA)
Bill Atherton (Landowner)
*Jon Burchell (City)
Lisa Windham (NUID)
Lori Campbell (PGE)

* - Board Member

SUMMARY OF BOARD MOTIONS

Call to Order: The January 22, 2018 Middle Deschutes Watershed Council (MDWC) was called to order by Jennifer Mickelson at 4:36 PM.

Approval of October 30, 2018 Council Minutes: The council reviewed the minutes from the October 30, 2018.

Motion #1: Motion made by Lloyd Forman to approve the October 30, 2018 Council Minutes as submitted. Second by Jon Burchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation: Andy Neary - New website and facebook page developed by Kate Wellons with oversight by Coordinator. Discussion of subject matter and sections of website, new additions to content, photos, events page. Community events relevant to MDWC will also be posted on site, suggestion to send events to Andy or Kate via email to post on website and facebook page. Plan to highlight specific restoration projects, Jenn will send pics of juniper removal on Crooked River grasslands, Kate will post content. Will post willow creek watershed assessment and updated water quality management plan to website as well.

Coordinator Update and Board Business:

- **Education Program**



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21st Century Community Learning Center after school program in Warm Springs was successful in Fall, continuing in Madras this Winter. Kate is currently there providing environmental education. Planning a large, 2-hour after school event for February with Merle Kirk language teacher at Warm Springs as well as NRCS and SCWD staff.

- **Council Capacity Grant:**

Andy is currently working on the 2019-2021 council capacity grant application due March 4th. Work plan will be reviewed and approved by council.

- **OWEB small grants:**

Upper willow projects are in motion to be implemented this spring. Intensive Spring planting at Scabby Hollow will take place with contractor and likely high school class in April. Fencing on Kelly Bruun's property to protect wet meadow will take place in May.

- **Upper Willow TA:**

Thinking about a juniper BMP workshop for upper willow (and possibly trout creek watershed). Andy asked if we should combine this with information on annual grasses management, Jenn thought this might be too much to combine both into one. Lori suggested we follow up with a workshop on annual grasses if possible. Andy discussed upper willow juniper cut and trying to apply for OWEB funding for this. Theresa mentioned that this may be challenging to secure from OWEB. Mentioned Wheeler County SWCD GIS layer that can be used to help analyze and prioritize areas for juniper reduction.

- **Program Assistant:**

Andy presented the position description for the Program Assistant and filled the board in on the primary duties and hours per week, and what Kate has accomplished in this position to date.

Motion #2: Motion made by Jon Burchell to approve the Program Assistant position description as submitted. Second by Lori Campbell. Motion carried unanimously.

- **2019-2021 Work Plan:**

Andy presented the work plan summary for the 2019-2021 council capacity grant and discussed each project. Council approved the summary but will provide edits and comments on the full plan that Andy will email out by Friday.

- **Elections:**



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Andy spoke with each board member individually before the meeting and those not present indicated their interest to continue serving on the board of directors. The only exception is that Kirk Holcomb is retiring and will be replaced by Lisa Windom, Special projects coordinator at NUID.

Motion #3: Motion made by Jon Burchell to elect Lisa to the council and vice chair officer position and Reelect Jen Mickelson as Chair Officer. Second by Jen Mickelson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #4: Motion made by Jon Burchell to reelect current Board of Directors to additional 4-year terms. Second by Lisa Windom. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Policies and Procedures:**

Andy reviewed the policies and procedures and suggested that the board approve them unchanged.

Motion #5: Motion made by Theresa Debardeleben to approve the policies and procedures as they are. Second by Jon Burchell. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Council Purchases:**

Andy asked the board if they thought the purchase of a tablet for project management and a laptop for GIS capabilities for the program assistant. The board agreed that these would be responsible purchases.

Partner Updates:

Jen: Some jackpot burning has commenced near the eagle's nest on Grasslands juniper cut due to nesting window.

Lisa: Discussed the Shared Vision for the Deschutes, largely a PR push to get parties interested in supporting the work of irrigation districts to conserve water. Presents opportunities for the council to take a lead in some elements. Deschutes Basin Board of Control and coalition for the Deschutes are closely involved. The kickoff will be January 29th 4:30 – 7:00 at the Riverhouse. Also filled the council in on Mary Richards, Fox Hollow project. Grant for electronic water orders has been submitted. NUID still looking to fill watermaster position.

Motion #6: Motion made by Lisa Windom to add the MDWC to the list of Shared Vision supporters. Second by Jon Burchell. Motion carried unanimously.



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Lori: Pelton fund deadline March 1st.

Sam: Debbie will be moving on soon, still looking for a replacement, one strong candidate is looking promising. Potential NRCS CIS for juniper reduction, looking into the possibility of this in Jefferson County.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be discussed at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.