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### **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**August 29, 2017**

**Madras Aviation Building ~ Madras, Oregon**

**4:30 PM**

#### **ATTENDING:**

John Speece (MDWC)  
Mark Goodwin (JCSWCD)  
Debbe Chadwick (JCSWCD)  
\*Guy Chittenden (Madras Schools)  
\*Jeff Spencer (Jefferson County) - alternate  
\*Jennifer Mickelson (USFS)  
\*Lloyd Forman (Landowner)  
\*Lori Campbell (PGE)  
Scott Samsel (Landowner)  
\*Ellen Hammond (ODA)  
\*Kirk Holcomb (NUID)  
Jenni Moffet (NRCS)  
\* - Board Member

### **SUMMARY OF BOARD MOTIONS**

**Call to Order:** The August 29, 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 May 23, 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 Scott Samsel.**

**Approval of Council Financials:** Council financials were reviewed and approved.

**Motion #2: Motion made by Scott Samsel to approve the council minutes as submitted. Second by Kirk Holcomb.**

**Presentation:** Jenni Moffet, NRCS Resource Soil Scientist, gave a presentation "Unlock the Secrets in the Soil." Jenni discussed the basics of soil health and why it is so important. She discussed minimizing soil disturbance, keeping the soil covered with cover crops, growing a live root year round, and using plant diversity above ground to increase diversity below ground.



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

- **Recent Activity:**

John attended a Network of Oregon Watershed Council Board of Directors meeting in Roseburg in July. The NOWC is beginning the process of writing its five year strategic plan to help watershed councils achieve their missions by providing support, networking opportunities, and training options.

The council hosted a Discover Nature Days in Madras in July. Greater than 60 children attended while it was hosted at the Madras Kids Club. There were four stations for the children to rotate through; PGE hosted fish table, NRCS hosted a soils table, Children's Forest hosted a stream table, and the MDWC hosted an aquatic bugs table.

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

The Adopt-a-Road and Trail cleanup are due. Dates will be sent out for the council to choose from to host a clean-up in late September or early October.

- **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.

**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



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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.

**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.

**ODA Long Term Temperature Monitoring:**

This is a long term temperature monitoring project in Upper Willow Creek. The project is still in its planning phase to recruit the landowners to participate. Mapping work will occur prior to the end of the year to qualify the vegetation that is present along specific streams in the upper drainage.

**Council Self Evaluations:** The council went through the process of conducting the Self-Evaluations during the meeting on May, 23. These were summarized and included in the council meeting packet and were reviewed during the meeting.

**Partner Updates and Comments:** Scott Samsel and Lloyd Forman asked Jenni soil related questions.

**Next Meeting:** The Next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2017 4:30 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.