



MIDDLE DESCHUTES
WATERSHED COUNCIL

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 25, 2016

General Aviation Building ~ Madras, Oregon

4:30 PM

ATTENDING:

John Speece (MDWC)

Mark Goodwin (JCSWCD)

*Jeff Rasmussen (Jefferson County)

*Guy Chittenden (Madras Schools)

*Lloyd Forman (Landowner)

**Theresa DeBardelaben (ODA)

Scott Samsel (Landowner)

**Robert Spateholts

Heidi Hartman (DSL)

*Jennifer Mickelson (USFS)

*Jon Burchell (City of Madras)

* - 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 President John Burchell at 4:35 PM. Introductions were made all around.

Approval of June, 28 and August 23 2016 Council Minutes: The council reviewed the minutes of the previous meetings and found no noted changes.

Motion #1: Motion by Lloyd Forman to approve the council minutes as submitted. Second by Guy Chittenden.

Approval of Council Financials: Debbie Chadwick reviewed the council financial statements and the council found no noted changes.

Motion #2: Motion made by Guy Chittenden to approve financials as submitted. Second by Scott Samsel.



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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.
- **Officer positions opening end of 2016:** Two officer positions will become vacant at the end of 2016. These are two year terms set to expire; Jon Burchell, President, and Tom Nelson, Vice President. Council will fill these positions at the first meeting of 2017. It was encouraged that those in attendance bring one other person to the first 2017 meeting.
- **Grant Updates:**

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 awarded the juniper cut contract to a local cutting crew at a rate of \$39/acre. This low bid has allowed the FS to increase the cut by 300 acres, and include the canyon area. This amendment was presented to and approved by OWEB. Projected finish of January, 2017.



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

The Culver Youth WC is a huge success and students will attend another field day on Nov 2 at Willow Creek. Students will participate in three stations; photo point monitoring, ground water wells, and plant survival from the spring planting. 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 December.

Partner Updates and Comments:

Jon Burchell announced the city is partnering on a Willow Creek Trail Management Plan. This is in partnership with the Friend of Willow Creek.

Scott Samsel spoke of the new Jefferson County fair director, Brian Crow. Specifically he said Brian is involved with drone videos and could be a resource for projects.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.