

Middle Deschutes Watershed Council Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 - 4:30 p.m. - General Aviation Building - 2028 NW Berg Drive, Madras

Attending:

Jenna Keeton (MDWC)
Staci Merkt (Jefferson SWCD)
Sam Rossi (Jefferson SWCD)
*Jennifer Mickelson (USFS) (Council Chair)
*Theresa DeBardelaben (ODA)
*Lloyd Forman (Landowner)
*Robert Marheine (PGE)
Lars Santana (NRCS)

* Board Member

Summary of Board Motions

Call to Order: The November 19th, 2019 Middle Deschutes Watershed Council (MDWC) was called to order by Council Chair Jennifer Mickelson at 4:33pm. A quorum was not in place. Introductions were made.

Approval of August 27th, 2019 Council Minutes: The Council reviewed minutes from the August 27th, 2019 meeting and found no noted changes.

Motion 1: Motion made by Lloyd Forman to approve Council minutes when a quorum is in place at the next Council meeting.

Approval of Council Financials: Staci Merkt presented the Council financial statement. The Council reviewed the financial statement and found no noted changes.

Motion 2: Motion made by Lloyd Forman to approve Council financials when a quorum is in place at the next Council meeting.

Coordinator Update:

- New Watershed Coordinator introduction, Jenna Keeton
- Existing projects:
 - Council Projects:
 - Adopt-a-Highway scheduled for early December. Jenna will send out dates/times. Adopt-a-Trail will occur in early Spring.
 - Education:
 - Successful Mecca Flats field trip with 3rd/4th grade from Buff/Madras Elementary in late October (115 students)
 - Gray Family Foundation grant renewal in process
 - Children's Forest of Central Oregon – Youth Engagement Strategies grant proposal in progress. Jenn Mickelson offered to help revise.



- Monitoring:
 - Six temperature sensors were retrieved from Upper Willow Creek. Flow in Willow Creek was 0.5 cfs on 11/18/2019. Data will be sent to ODA. Jenn Mickelson will send USFS stream monitoring data to Jenna.
 - The MDWC is a stakeholder member in the Pesticide Stewardship Partnership and will continue collaborating with Sam Rossi with JSWCD on monitoring efforts.
- Restoration:
 - Upper Trout Creek Tributary Rehabilitation proposal submitted to OWEB in late October 2019, follow-up conference call with OWEB reviewers late November 2019.
 - Project completion: Upper Willow Creek fencing on Newbill Creek
- Ideas and Future Directions
 - Admin:
 - Attend professional development/restoration workshops
 - Update 2020 *MDWC Action Plan* and include measurable deliverables
 - Update by-laws, outreach plan, educational policies, BoD alternates
 - MDWC in need of vehicle, Jenna will ask local dealerships for donation; potential for PGE to donate used fleet vehicle. NRCS can provide short-term car access.
 - Research new funding opportunities
 - PGE Tour of SWW in April/May for board meeting
 - Outreach:
 - Present *Annual Report* to Jefferson County Commissioners, City of Madras Chamber of Commerce (Coffee Cuppers)
 - Plan fundraisers (Deschutes/Madras Brewery)
 - Write articles for Madras Pioneer/Redmond Spokesman/Bend Bulletin/High Country News
 - Advertise accomplishments in quarterly 1-page newsletter, partner with OSU extension newsletter
 - Hold Lower Willow Creek community clean-up and host BBQ, connect with City of Madras Clean-up (Spring), nationwide River Clean-up, and SOLVE
 - Trout Creek restoration video feature
 - Education:
 - Develop Cove Palisades field trip for elementary, middle, and high school students, check in with PGE tours, Oregon State Parks, and Eagle-Watch (USFS)
 - Develop after-school programming (watershed ecology, fly-tying with Trout Unlimited)
 - Develop Native Plant Nursery at Madras High to propagate native plants, communicate with Mike Dove (CTE teacher)
 - Develop *Working Watersheds* training, communicate with Crook Co. SWCD
 - Look into Riparian stream table trailers (YES grant?)
 - Monitoring:
 - Work towards a *MDWC Agricultural Water Quality Monitoring Plan* (submit OWEB monitoring proposal Fall 2020)
 - Establish photo-point monitoring at Ingraham Meadow (Madras High?)

- Restoration:
 - Meet with Trout and Upper Willow Creek Landowners to discuss future projects and workshop ideas
 - Plan Invasive Weed Treatment – Redband Ranch communicate with Tom Laird (weeds coordinator with Jefferson Co.)
- Other
 - Further research if *Watershed-Reserve Ag* certification is possible (pro-Agriculture standpoint), highlight landowners and tie into National or Regional meetings for recognition

Partner Updates:

- Theresa DeBardelaben (ODA): Theresa attended the SWCC meeting this month and learned of a potential resort planned nearby, advised MDWC meeting attendees to talk to planning department of nearby cities if interested learning more.
- Sam Rossi (Jefferson SWCD): Sam submitted a technical assistance grant to OWEB to fund the beaver-dam-analog design process in Campbell Creek. This project focuses on off-farm restoration approaches. A site visit with OWEB is scheduled for 12/6.
- Lars Santana (NRCS): The NRCS has secured a computer, IT support, printing, and server access for Jenna for one year. PL566 piping project is happening around Jefferson/Deschutes counties and there was a public meeting to discuss the watershed plan and is out for public comment.
- Victoria Fischella (CREP): Victoria has secured funding for the next biennium for a full-time CREP position for the tri-county area. On November 13-15, CREP planted 2,200 riparian plants along the Deschutes River (Tumalo area) and executed 90 acres of Juniper removal. CREP has a lot of interest from private landowners along South Fork Crooked River, Antelope Creek, and Little Bear Creek. Victoria will be focusing the end of this biennium (12/31/2019) on finishing up loose ends on current projects and submitting an end of biennium project completion report required by OWEB.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 - 4:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.