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### **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**March 28, 2017**

**Madras Aviation Building ~ Madras, Oregon**

**4:30 PM**

#### **ATTENDING:**

John Speece (MDWC)  
Mark Goodwin (JCSWCD)  
\*Jeff Rasmussen (Jefferson County)  
Guy Chittenden (Madras Schools)  
\*Kirk Holcomb (NUID)  
\*Jennifer Mickelson (USFS)  
\*Theresa DeBardelaben (ODA)  
\*Lloyd Forman (Landowner)  
Bob Spateholts (PGE)  
\*Jon Burchell (City of Madras)  
\* - Board Member

### **SUMMARY OF BOARD MOTIONS**

**Call to Order:** The March 28, 2017 Middle Deschutes Watershed Council (MDWC) was called to order by Coordinator John Speece at 4:35 PM. Introductions were made all around.

**Approval of January 24, 2017 Council Minutes:** The council reviews the minutes from the previous meetings and found an error of the "Call to Order" date in the previous minutes.

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

**Approval of Council Financials:** Council financials were not provided at this meeting. Tabled for next meeting.

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

- **Recent Activity:**

The council hired an Intern, Tyler George, this spring to assist with the Environmental Education Program. This is funded through an internship grant awarded from the Children's Forest of Central Oregon.

It was recommended to update the website as we move forward through 2017 and be sure to include updated pictures.



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

The Adopt-a-Road cleanup is due. There was an idea to wait until the weather improves, and then do another in the fall after the eclipse event. This will be discussed again at the next meeting. Likewise, the Adopt-a-Trail cleanup is due. The Madras community clean-up event will provide this opportunity and members discussed attending. A reminder will be sent prior to the April event.

- **Council Self-Evaluations:**

The council is required to perform a self-evaluation once a biennium. This includes a three step process that also includes a facilitated session where the council identifies a set of common concerns. This evaluation will occur at the May meeting.

- **ODA Temperature Monitoring:** ODA is accepting recommendations and applications to conduct a 20-year temperature monitoring study at 6<sup>th</sup> HUC watersheds throughout the state. The MDWC submitted an application for Upper Willow Creek that will complement the Willow Creek Landowner Outreach project.

- **Grant Updates:**

**OWEB Council Capacity Grant.**

**Apply March; Award July.**

**Proposed Grant Period** 07/01/ 2017 - 06/30/ 2019

The council will apply for the OWEB Council Capacity Grant in March, 2017. This will fund the coordinator position for the 2017-2019 biennium.

**Middle Deschutes Youth Watershed Councils**

**OWEB Amount Requested: \$45,050 Match Amount: \$15,010**

**Proposed Grant Period:**

This proposal is seeking funds to expand the youth watershed council model into other schools in Jefferson County. Specifically, students of Culver and Madras High Schools, respectively, will be targeted for participation, and an expansion into other schools in Jefferson County, will target younger students.

**OWEB Technical Assistance Grant: Landowner Recruitment**

**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



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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 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 include cutting in Willow Creek canyon. It's anticipated the project will be completed by spring, 2017.

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

The Culver Youth WC is a huge success and will participate this spring in active restoration at Willow Creek. Students from a science class will plant riparian plants in the juniper cut project area.

**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 is working with Madras High School, Buff Elementary and STEM students.

**Partner Updates and Comments:**

**City of Madras:** Jon Burchell discussed the status of preparations for the 2017 Solar Eclipse where an anticipated 100,000 visitors will be in the Central Oregon area.

**Next Meeting:** The Next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2017 4:30 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.