

Middle Deschutes Watershed Council
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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 25, 2015
Madras Aviation Building ~ Madras, Oregon
4:30 PM

ATTENDING:

John Speece (MDWC)
Debbe Chadwick (JCSWCD)
Mark Goodwin (JCSWCD)
Scott Samsel (Landowner)
*Jonathan Burchell (City of Madras)
Lloyd Forman (Landowner)
*Guy Chittenden (Madras Schools)
Gary Clowers (Guest)

* - Board Member

SUMMARY OF BOARD MOTIONS

Call to Order: The August 25, 2015 Middle Deschutes Watershed Council (MDWC) was called to order by Board Chair Jonathan Burchell at 4:45 PM. A quorum was **NOT** in place. Introductions were made all around.

Approval of May 19, 2015 Council Minutes: Quorum not present. Minutes not approved.

Guest Presentation:

Gary Clowers of Raven Research presented the status of Raptors in the Middle Deschutes Watershed, and discussed his career researching raptors throughout the state. It was a very interesting and educational presentation showing how “rich” the watershed is as far as it’s raptors and pairs along with some maps showing where the raptors reside.

Coordinator Update:

- **Meeting schedule and attendance:**

Scott Samsel suggested that in order to increase regular attendance at the council meetings an online poll be conducted to determine the best meeting day and time. Debbe Chadwick reminded the council that the Council Bylaws state that a Board Member can send a backup in place if they are not able to attend. Those present supported the recommendation.

- **Volunteer opportunity – ODOT Adopt a Highway:**

It was presented that a volunteer opportunity for the MDWC is to adopt a section of highway through the ODOT Adopt a Highway program. Those present supported the idea and suggested that a summary of available sections and responsibilities be sent to the council for review. The topic will be addressed at the next meeting.

- **Grant updates:**

Willow Creek Upland and Riparian Enhancement – Update from the Forest Service:

“OWEB Willow Creek Juniper Treatment: The agreement is done and has been signed by JCSWCD and the FS. The agreement is reimbursable, meaning that the FS complete the work and then JCSWCD/MDWC reimburses the FS for work completed. The FS is still trying to fill in the gaps in terms of the weed risk assessment and the eagle monitoring plan, but hope to start on that this fall.”

Culver Youth WC – Update from the Forest Service:

I Met with the teachers on 8/24/2015 out at Willow Creek. The project is looking at more than just the Youth Watershed Council, but also including all grades into the project. There may be interest in doing Riverkeepers (similar to what was done in Crook County last year) with Culver schools, since they are now a STEM school (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Tory and I will be going to the school tomorrow to gauge interest in the teachers for what they would like to accomplish. I see heavy involvement with MDWC in this.

EPA Watershed Education Programming in Central Oregon:

The MDWC met with the Children’s Forest of Central Oregon for an initial planning meeting. 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 a partner along with the Crooked River Watershed Council and the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council. The MDWC will have two classes each spring in 2016 and 2017 that will each receive two classroom presentations and two field trips. Each spring will culminate with a Central Oregon Watershed Summit where students will present their projects to a larger audience. Classes will be identified during the fall 2015 and fall 2016.

Partner Updates:

Scott Samsel reported on a trip to a workshop in Adrian, OR. The workshop was about the use of PAM (Polyacrylamide) to reduce erosion and the loss of soil. He stated the Ontario Watershed Council received a grant to distribute PAM to local producers. He recommended the MDWC research possible funding opportunities to conduct a similar program.

Next Meeting: The Next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 4:30 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

