

AGENDA
McKenzie Watershed Council
Thursday, April 8, 2021
5:05 – 6:10 p.m.

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| 1. | Approval of Agenda and Zoom Logistics
<i>Facilitator: Jared Weybright</i>
<i>Action Requested - Approve agenda</i> | 5:05 - 5:10 |
| 2. | Approval of March 11th Meeting Minutes
<i>Action Requested – Approve January meeting minutes.</i>
<i>Attachment: March Meeting Minutes</i> | 5:10 - 5:15 |
| 3. | New Staff Members
<i>Information only -Introduction of new staff members</i> | 5:15 – 5:20 |
| 4. | Partner Announcements and Public Comment
<i>Information Only – Partner Updates</i> | 5:20 - 6:05 |
| 5. | Staff Updates
<i>Information only</i> | 6:05 – 6:15 |

Next Meeting:

- Date: May 13, 2021
- Time: 5:05 – 6:30 p.m.
- Presentation: *TBA*

Upcoming meeting topics

- Holiday Farm Fire impacts and recovery efforts on Weyerhaeuser lands (May)
- Floodplain restoration project planning and upcoming projects
- Network approach to collaboration in the Upper Willamette

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES
MCKENZIE WATERSHED COUNCIL**

Adopted February 14, 2013

A general public comment period of at least ten minutes will be placed on each agenda at the beginning of the meeting. During this session, testimony is allowed on any matter relevant to the Council's mission. The facilitator shall determine relevance. The time limit for comments is three minutes, which can be reduced at the discretion of the facilitator. The facilitator also may allow public comment or questions on specific agenda items as they are addressed, with a three-minute time limit. The facilitator has the discretion to end public testimony if needed to make sure the Council completes its business.

Before members of the public may provide comments, first they must be recognized by the facilitator. Individuals should raise their hands to be recognized and provide their names and the organizations they represent, if any. The Council will require speakers to fill out a public comment card identifying themselves and the topic they wish to address.

Each agenda should include a statement describing these public comment procedures.

COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

To foster better stewardship of McKenzie River watershed resources, deal with issues in advance of resource degradation, and ensure sustainable watershed health, functions and uses. The Council will accomplish its mission through fostering voluntary partnerships, collaboration and public awareness.

MEETING AGREEMENTS

- Honor the agenda or modify by agreement
- Candid and constructive conversation
- Ask questions for clarification and understanding
- Monitor speaking time
- Focus on problems (issues) not people
- Avoid sidebar conversations
- Listen carefully to each other; focus on content not style

ROLE OF THE FACILITATOR

- Use meeting agreements for guidance
- Refrain from contributing your own ideas (if you feel strongly about providing an opinion on a certain issue, pass the gavel temporarily to another Exec. member)
- Keep group's attention focused on agenda items
- Make sure everyone has a chance to participate
- Maintain agreed upon time schedule
- Summarize to move from one topic to another (but don't try to bias what was just decided by the council)
- Coming to consensus:
 - Highlight where participants agree
 - Identify areas of disagreement
 - Develop plan for achieving consensus

Meeting Minutes
McKenzie Watershed Council
March 11th, 2021
Virtual Meeting

Present: Brian Brazil (International Paper), Commissioner Heather Buch (Lane County), Todd Bush (BLM), Lara Colley (Resident Partner), Arlene Dietz (Rice Farms), Daniel Dietz (MRT), Susan Fricke (EWEB), Emma Garner (ODFW), Nicholas Grant (USFS), Chad Helms (USACE), David Kretzing (Resident Partner), Steve Mealey (McKenzie Guides), Bryan Robinson (City of Springfield), Carla Rothenbuecher (Resident Partner), Mark Schulze (HJ Andrews), Emily Semple (City of Eugene), Wade Stampe (Resident Partner), Aaron Staniak (Lane County), Kelly Wood (Wildish), Sue Zeni (Resident Partner), Jeff Ziller (ODFW)

Staff: Chase Antonovich, Jared Weybright

1. Approval of Agenda and Zoom Logistics

Jared Weybright motioned to approve to approve the March 11th meeting agenda. Agenda approved as written, all partners showing consensus level 3.

2. Approval of February Meeting Minutes

Jared Weybright motioned to approve the February 11th meeting minutes. Meeting minutes approved as written, all partners showing consensus level 3.

3. Presentation: Pacific Lamprey Dam Passage Study 2019-20 Leaburg Dam Restoration

Jeremy Romer, ODFW Fish Biologist, presented on the Pacific Lamprey Dam Passage Study that was completed in 2020. Mr. Romer discussed how ODFW was interested in learning how Lamprey pass over the dam, and where they go afterwards. Researchers were also working to improve passage detection to better track these Lamprey. Mr. Romer noted that there is a push for these kinds of studies regionally because there has been virtually no Lamprey management over the past 30 years. Currently, fish and tribal agencies are working to get Lamprey back to a semblance of a strong population.

Steve Mealey asked if there are limiting factors working against Lamprey or if they are remaining at a stable point. Jeff Ziller responded that fish passage is the main concern, noting that out of water culverts are a good example.

4. Partner Announcements:

Todd Bush reported that the BLM is still working through Hazard tree removal and cleanup.

Karl Morgenstern reported that the EWEB Board of Directors approved \$3.9 million for response and restoration of the Holiday Farm Fire. He continued that they intend on going back in May or June for a longer 5-year request. Mr. Morgenstern added that EWEB imposed a short-term meter surcharge which will automatically sunset after 5 years. Lastly, he added that they were approved for a LIDAR grant to collect post-fire data.

Nancy Toth reported that she sat in on the UO landscape architecture studio, where students worked in teams to re-envision landowner sites following the Holiday Farm Fire. She noted that students took into account firewise and naturoscaping principals. Additionally, Ms. Toth noted that EWEB is working with Lane County to offer incentives for those who are interested in moving their building's footprint away from the floodway. They will provide a \$2,000 permit rebate and up to \$5,000 in infrastructure grants to relocate wells or septic systems.

Commissioner Heather Buch reported that Lane County will be moving down to moderate in terms of Covid, so they have been managing what that will entail. Additionally, Lane County will be seeing vaccinations double in the coming weeks. She continued that they intend on holding a vaccination site upriver, with pre-registration available via Lane County's website.

Steve Mealey reported that the McKenzie River Guides are still working on identifying and moving river hazards.

Nicholas Grant reported that the Great American Outdoors Act will help fund some projects in the area. He continued that they are currently paving USFS Rd 19 from Highway 126 to Terwilliger Hot Springs. Additionally, they are putting a new roof and siding on the Santiam lodge as well.

Daniel Dietz reported that the MRT signed a contract for redesign of Finn Rock boat landing, with implementation happening next April. Additionally, the MRT is working with the Watershed Council and USFS to solicit contractor bids and work through permitting for the Finn Rock floodplain project. Lastly, Mr. Dietz noted that they are hiring for a restoration associate and mid-coast program director.

Jeff Ziller reported that he was out with Gary and Steve Schaeffers today looking for hazards and the conditions of boat landings. Additionally, they were looking at tree removal along the riverbanks. He noted that there were still plenty of alders and riparian conifers still alive, and that most landings were in good shape apart from Ben and Kay Dorris.

Chad Helms reported that reservoirs are currently at 44% full, roughly 10% below where they should be this time of year. He continued that Cougar and Fall Creek adult fish facilities are now open, with 6 winter steelhead at Fall Creek already. Lastly, Mr. Helms noted that the Willamette Basin science review will be held April 28-29 virtually.

Kelly Wood discussed the new building Wildish is working on, off of Franklin Blvd. She noted that this will be the new headquarters for Wildish, with the old plant nearby being demolished.

Andy McWilliams reported that he was apart of UO landscape design workshop and is looking forward to formalizing a replanting plan for Marten Creek. He continued that they have filed a riparian declaration to build new cottages on the existing footprint but now they need an onsite inspection. He noted that they will likely need to replace some of their septic system.

5. Staff Updates

Jared Weybright reported that the Council is still working on Holiday Farm Fire erosion control and replanting work. He continued that to date over 130 sites have been surveys with over 120 sited identified for replanting. To date there have been 65 plans completed, with some landowners signing 7-year agreements so far to provide long-term maintenance. Additionally

Jared reported that tracking replanting, 130+ sites surveyed, 120 sites identified for planting, 70 landowners communicated with, 65 plans completed. Some have signed 7-year agreements so far to provide maintenance. So far crews have planted approximately 45 acres spanning 30-40 sites with the

goal to get to roughly 80 sites. Additionally, Mr. Weybright noted that the Council is working on implementing an early detection rapid response program for invasive vegetation with local partners including the BLM, USFS, local utilities, and Lane County Parks. He continued that the Council is working on creating a 4–5-minute video with Arbor Day funding to cover the work being done on the Holiday Farm Fire. Lastly, Mr. Weybright noted that the Council intends on bringing on 2 new employees at the beginning of April.