

AGENDA
MCKENZIE WATERSHED COUNCIL
December 10th, 2020
5:00 – 6:45 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/96839616739?pwd=a3hTWFFibTNxMnBiQlYzNW9idDVhdz09>

- 1. Approval of Agenda and Zoom Logistics** **5:00**
Facilitator: Jared Weybright
Action Requested - Approve agenda

- 2. Approval of November Meeting Minutes** **5:05**
Action Requested – Approve October meeting minutes

- 3. BLM Holiday Farm Fire Burned Area Emergency Response Plan** **5:10**
Presentation by , Jonas Parker, BLM Hydrologist
BLM’s Upper Willamette Field Office completed a Burn Area Emergency Response (BAER) plan in response to the Holiday Farm Fire. The like USFS’s work, this plan examines potential detrimental effects resulting from the Holiday Farm Fire that burned on lands managed by the BLM. These are potential overlap with MWC work in 2021, notably rehabilitation work of the in-stream project on Deer Creek (lower) and noxious weed monitoring.
Information Only

- 4. Partner Announcements and Checks-In** **5:35**
Combined introductions and Partner updates. Please feel free to provide written updates ahead of the meeting that we will share with full Partner list.
Information Only

- 5. MWC 2021 Work Plan and Budget** **6:15**
Presenter: Jared Weybright MWC Director
High-level overview of planning 2021 activities and MWA-approved FY2021 budget
Information Only

Next Meeting:

- January 14, 2020

Upcoming agenda items:

- MWC Resident Partners
- MWA Board Appointments

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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

McKenzie Watershed is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: My Meeting

Time: Dec 10, 2020 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Meeting Minutes
McKenzie Watershed Council
November 12th, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Present: Diane Albino (Resident Partner), Brian Brazil (International Paper), Dana Burwell (McKenzie Guides), Lara Colley (EWEB), Darren Cross (USFS), Arlene Dietz (Rice Farms), Daniel Dietz (MRT), Chad Helms (USACE), David Kretzing (Resident Partner), Andy McWilliams (Resident Partner), Karl Morgenstern (EWEB), Sydney Nilan (UWSN), Steve Raymen (Resident Partner), Jeremy Romer (ODFW), Will Rutheford (Resident Partner), Aaron Staniak (Lane County), Dave Thomas (Resident Partner), Nancy Toth (EWEB), Kelly Wood (Wildish), Sue Zeni (Resident Partner), Jeff Ziller (ODFW)

Staff: Chase Antonovich, Jared Weybright

Proxy: Chad Helms for Wade Stampe

Guest: Ariel Curtis (MWC), Johan Hogervorst (USFS)

1. Introductions and Approval of November 12th Agenda

Jared Weybright motioned to approve to approve the November 12th meeting agenda. Agenda approved as written, all partners showing consensus level 3.

2. Approval of October 8th, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Arlene Dietz motioned to approve the October 8th meeting minutes. Meeting minutes approved as written, all partners showing consensus level 3.

3. USFS BAER Team Survey Results from the Holiday Farm Fire

Johan Hogervorst, USFS Hydrologist, presented to the Council on the Burn Area Emergency Response (BAER) assessment teams. BAER teams are evaluating watershed conditions to determine the level of potential risks to human life, safety, property, critical natural and cultural-heritage resources following the Holiday Farm Fire. This framework is being used to determine if there are appropriate and effective emergency stabilization measures that can be implemented on federal lands in a timely manner to reduce unacceptable risks from potential flooding and debris flow threats.

Steve Raymen asked what factors caused the fire to split before reaching Leaburg. Darren Cross responded that it was due to fire fighters and the use of heavy equipment to control the fire.

Andy McWilliams asked if the HJ Andrews Experimental Forest suffered much damage. Mr. Hogervorst responded that the fire crept into some of the watersheds, although the structures and most of the forest were saved thanks to hard work from the fire fighters.

4. Partner Announcements and Check-In

Jeff Ziller reported that ODFW staff have been working to get an understanding on the number of fish that returned and where they ended up. This is largely due to the lack of water in the McKenzie Hatchery resulting from construction on the EWEB canal. ODFW constructed a sorting device which worked well, and staff hope to deploy the device earlier next year. Mr. Ziller continued that there were not accurate redd counts from Elk Creek down, due to the Holiday Farm Fire, although they were able to get counts at Finn Rock Reach. USFS staff were able to get redds counted on the South Fork, while ODFW was able to

get counts on Horse Creek, Lost Creek, Deer Creek, and the Lower McKenzie. Mr. Ziller continued that they hope to have final redd totals completed in the next few weeks.

Dana Burwell reported that the local fire fighters received support from all over Lane County to help fight the Holiday Farm Fire. Mr. Burwell continued that fire crews were able to save all the sturgeon in Leaburg pond.

Darren Cross reported that the USFS is finishing up initial rounds hazard tree mitigation work which will allow access to the FS-19 road. He continued that forest service road closures will be in effect through the winter so roads like Quartz Creek and Mt. Hagan will be closed. BAER and fire suppression work will keep USFS crews busy through the winter and spring, in addition to the work associated with timber sales. Mr. Cross continued that Bruckart boat landing should be reopened by next Spring, and Delta Campground will likely be decommissioned.

Karl Morgenstern reported that PWP work is ongoing, and water quality sensors are now in place to track changes to water quality. Additionally, EWEB is working with the McKenzie Guides to identify hazards to boaters.

Nancy Toth wanted to thank the surveyors who are assisting EWEB with their erosion mitigation work. She continued LCOG is creating systems to track all the work that has been done which will be helpful to track the overall progress. Additionally, EWEB has several resources available on their website, at www.eweb.org/wildfirerecovery.

Daniel Dietz reporting that the MRT is focusing on what needs to be done in terms of managing their own properties, which is roughly 350 acres in size. He continued that OSU extension has been helping in the planning efforts. Mr. Dietz continued that roughly 250 pieces of large wood were burnt at Finn Rock Reach which were to be used for restoration. BLM and the USFS have been helping the MRT source replacement logs. Additionally, Finn Rock Reach has been cleaned up although there is still no power at the site. The MRT was awarded a grant to continue making improvements to Finn Rock. Lastly, Mr. Dietz noted that MRT staff are reexamining their vision for the Bergren Watershed Conservation Area.

Andy McWilliams wanted to extend a thank you to EWEB, the MWC, and the MRT for the work they are doing in response to the Holiday Farm Fire. At his property, the Wayfairer Resort, Mr. McWilliams noted that debris barriers and Jute wattles were setup to mitigate erosion along Martin Creek. He continued that the McKenzie Masters are currently raising funds to help with cleanup at the local boat ramps and river navigability. They have currently raised \$10,0000 to get the local guides working to remove various homeless campsites before the high water. Mr. McWilliams is optimistic that they can get this work funded.

Nate Day reported that school is in session and the students are working remotely.

5. McKenzie Recovery Task Force Overview

Jared Weybright presented on the Erosion Mitigation Task Force. He noted that the objective of the group is to protect natural resources and develop best management practices for Holiday Farm Fire recovery work. Mr. Weybright continued that they are wanting to benefit the community as much as possible, and hope to consult with experts to ensure the quality of work being done is the best they can do.

Karl Morganstern noted that it has been extremely rewarding to see all this come together.

Will Rutheford asked if there is any way the MWC or others can make native grass seeds available to residents. Mr. Weybright responding that despite being at the end of the seasonal seeding window, they can make that information public.

Nancy Toth reported that EWEB is hoping to hold a nature scaping workshop in early winter for homeowners who want to complete their own work.

Daniel Dietz complimented the MWC staff on their ability to coordinate this work.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.