

AGENDA
McKenzie Watershed Council
Thursday, February 10, 2022
5:05 – 6:45 p.m.

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- 1. Approval of Agenda and Zoom Logistics** **5:05 - 5:10**
Facilitator: Jared Weybright
Action Requested - Approve agenda
- 2. Approval of January 13th Meeting Minutes** **5:10 - 5:15**
Attachment: January Meeting Minutes
Action Requested – Approve December meeting minutes.
- 3. Pure Water Partners – Planning Update** **5:15 – 5:45**
Karl Morgenstern (EWEB) and Johan Hogervorst (USFS) will provide summaries of PWP programmatic and floodplain restoration planning.
Information Only
- 4. Partner Updates and Public Comment** **5:45 – 6:25**
Information Only
- 5. Committee Reports** **6:25 – 6:45**

 - Outreach Committee Report (Chase Antonovich)
 - Nomination Committee Report (TBD)

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- March 10, 2022: Deer Creek Floodplain Monitoring: Dr. Dan Scott
- April 14, 2022: Benthic Macroinvertebrate response to Stage 0 restoration: Bob Wisseman
- May 12, 2022: McKenzie Valley Long Term Recovery Group

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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 Council
Meeting Minutes
January 13th, 2022
Virtual Meeting

Present: Diane Albino (Resident Partner), Commissioner John Barofsky (EWEB), Brian Brazil (International Paper), Becca Brooke (BLM), Bob Bumstead (McKenzie Flyfishers), Commissioner Heather Buch (Lane County), Susan Fricke (EWEB), Chad Helms (USACE), David Kretzing (Resident Partner), Mike McDowell (Resident Partner), Steve Mealey (McKenzie Guides), Todd Miller (City of Springfield), Joe Moll (MRT), Karl Morgenstern (EWEB), Ralph Perkins UWSWCD), Mark Schulze (HJ Andrews), Emily Semple (City of Eugene), Wade Stampe (Resident Partner), Nancy Toth (EWEB), Kelly Wood (Wildish), Sue Zeni (Resident Partner), Jeff Ziller (ODFW)

Staff: Chase Antonovich, Lara Colley, Jared Weybright, Alex Enriquez, Jennifer Weber

1. Approval of Agenda and Zoom Logistics

Jared Weybright motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Agenda approved as written, all Partners showing consensus level 3.

2. Approval of December 9th Meeting Minutes

Jared Weybright motioned to approve the December 9th meeting minutes. Meeting minutes approved as written, all partners showing consensus level 3.

3. Q & A Session on the Private Forest Accord

Bob VanDyke PhD, Oregon and California Policy Director for the Wild Salmon Center, provided a brief presentation on the newly developed Private Forest Accord. Mr. Van Dyk detailed policy changes while also describing the development process and next steps.

Steve Mealey asked if the Accord addresses the rise in wildfires throughout the Eastern part of the state. Mr. Van Dyk responded that there is a separate document for East side forests that considers fire resistant tree species and different stream buffer restrictions.

Commissioner Heather Buch asked if Mr. Van Dyk is presenting to other interest groups since the policy is on its way to the short session. Mr. Van Dyk responded that they have presented to others and are interested in engaging with any other interested parties. He continued that there has not been enough outreach to County Commissioners, and that the emphasis has been on presenting to industry and conservation groups. He encouraged folks to reach out to him if they have interest in having him present.

Todd Miller asked if this accord is being voluntarily followed or are they waiting to see if it gets passed through legislation. Mr. Van Dyk responded that it will become state law. If it passes, you can obtain a permit as a private landowner that will be held by the State of Oregon.

Mike McDowell asked if high value mitigation projects include fish passage blockages on county roads and state highways downstream of industrial forest lands. Mr. Van Dyk responded that they have heard a lot of concern regarding this and will work to improve on it. He continued that for high value projects

there may be openness to use that money for those kinds of projects. There is also sentiment that the state and counties should be handling these issues themselves. Regardless, they will need to demonstrate high value.

Commissioner John Barofsky asked if the changes in leadership at the state level will affect the probability of this getting through legislation. Mr. Van Dyk responded that firstly, expressions of support are always welcomed. He continued that they are generally optimistic, with legislators relieved to see conservation and timber stakeholders working together on such a contentious issue.

Jared Weybright asked what some of the things are that made this time and group different, that led to success in this effort. Mr. Van Dyk responded that he must give credit to leadership in the forest products industry. He feels that they saw Oregon continuing to change, and they would rather be apart of the conversation and work on a deal together with conservation groups. He continued that they hired a scientist under contract as well, which timber interests were happy to see included in the discussion. Mr. Van Dyk also noted that the Governor was very helpful and was present alongside the other interested stakeholders.

Bob Bumstead asked what kind of process ODFW will use for those HCP projects and are they going to receive extra funds for that. Mr. Van Dyk responded that the criteria has yet to be developed. He continued that there will be administrative costs of roughly \$15 million a year that will become a sub-account in the Oregon Conservation and Recreation fund.

Jared Weybright asked if there is any insight on the process for ODFW taking over the admin and funding, and how that is going to be rolled out or prioritized. Mr. Van Dyk responded that one significant change is to rationalize the typing system and how to formulate the distinctions regarding protections and prioritization. ODFW has provided a scope of work that included building a sophisticated LIDAR based hi-res stream layer for all the private land across the state. Prosper is a federal initiative with state

Nancy Toth asked if they think the timber industry wanted to be involved because they saw the inevitable protections like Washington and California. Were there points from environmental side that were compromised that you would like to see changed? Mr. Van Dyk responded that he is unsure how much they were concerned with Washington and California, as they changed their system long ago. He continued that Washington is unique because of the tribal participation. Seeing large timber companies such as Weyerhaeuser not fleeing Washington and California following additional regulations may have had a positive effect. Regarding the compromises, Mr. Van Dyk noted that they would have liked to see movement towards Clean Water Act standards. Additionally they would have liked to see increased buffers on non-fish bearing streams. Issues such as post-fire salvage and tether logging need to be revisited.

Karl Morgenstern asked if this addresses timber industry requirements to meet TMDL for temperature in streams. Is anything similar happening for Agriculture? Mr. Van Dyk responded that it depends where the TMDL and load allocation is located. He continued the debate is likely going to continue on that issue, as timber companies have a different view of the Clean Water Act from the DEQ. Agricultural land is an area that needs improvement.

4. Partner Updates:

Lara Colley provided a brief firewood program update. Noting that to date there have been 48 cords requested with 29 delivered.

Heather Buch reported that Lane County just completed their State of the County Address, and it is on their website now. Ms. Buch continued that they just went through the process of allocating American Rescue Program dollars, with \$74 million being awarded to the County. A large portion of the allotted funding went towards the County's debt accrued from combatting Covid. Lastly, Ms. Buch reported that the Oregon Solutions Committee is still convening to address Holiday Farm Fire.

- Oregon Solutions Committee Updates: <https://orsolutions.org/osproject/mckenzie-rebuilds>
- State of the County Address: https://lanecounty.ompnetwork.org/embed/sessions/235407/state-of-the-county-address-january-10-2022?display_mode=year

Jeff Ziller reported that ODFW is still working to improve the efficiency of the sorter device at Leaburg Dam. He continued that they have a good workplan setup and feel confident that they can limit the number of hatchery fish over the dam to 10%. Mr. Ziller added that the annual AFS meeting will be held in March and is both free and virtual this year, with participants needing to register by February 12th. Lastly, Mr. Ziller introduced Martyne Reesman as the new interim STEP biologist. Martyne will be planning free fishing events and backpacking stocking events for any interested volunteers.

- AFS Meeting Sign-up: <https://orafs.org/2022-annual-meeting/>

Bob Bumstead reported that the McKenzie Flyfishers are still involved in Discovery Center planning, including the creation of a youth angling pond.

Commissioner John Barofsky reported that he had been upriver during the most recent storm event to observe the Leaburg canal between Johnson creek and Coswell Creek, and it did have flow in it. He continued that he also visited the FRR project and was pleased with the water clarity compared to the mainstem.

Karl Morgenstern reported that he is still working on submitting FEMA grants.

Susan Fricke reported that EWEB crews have been working on storm sampling following the recent storms. She continued that there was relatively high turbidity although no abnormal contaminants present. Deer Creek looked great compared to other creeks, with all Stage 0 projects appearing to function well. On the generation side, Ms. Fricke reported that the newly completed Carmen Smith spawning channel had near record returns of fish. In 2024, they plan to open the campground to the public. Lastly, she noted that the sinkhole investigation is ongoing.

Todd Miller reported that the USGS recently provided modeling regarding what the largest temperature benefit to model in rivers was .8 degrees, with anything below .1 degrees deemed insignificant. Additionally they are trying to get the DEQ to issues permit that are in line with this.

Chad Helms reported that they plan to begin filling reservoirs beginning February 1st. He continued that the Willamette Basin Fisheries Science Review is scheduled for April 12-13th, with folks encouraged to sign up if interested.

Joe Moll reported that the MRT welcomed Eli Tome as the newest director of conservation. He also congratulated Todd Miller on receiving the National Environmental Achievement Award.

Meeting adjourned 6:45pm.