

AGENDA
McKenzie Watershed Council
Thursday, March 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 February 10th Meeting Minutes** **5:10 - 5:15**
Attachment: February Meeting Minutes
Action Requested – Approve February meeting minutes.

- 3. Effectiveness of Restoration to a Stage 0 Condition along Deer Cr.** **5:15 – 6:05**
Dr. Dan Scott is a Senior Geomorphologist at Watershed Science and Engineering and a Research Scientist at both the University of Washington and Colorado State University. He studies how rivers shape the landscape and how humans shape rivers in order to guide sustainable river management.
Information Only

- 4. Partner Updates, Public Comment and Staff Updates** **6:05 – 6:45**
Information Only

Upcoming Council Meeting Schedule

- Early April (exact date TBD): field tour of Deer Creek
- April 14, 2022: Benthic Macroinvertebrate response to Stage 0 restoration: Bob Wisseman
- May 12, 2022: McKenzie Valley Long Term Recovery Group: Devin Thompson
- June 9, 2022: Masters Thesis Presentation: Lara Colley

Contact: Jared Weybright, 458-201-8150, jared@mckenziawc.org, www.mckenziawc.org

Topic: McKenzie Watershed Council Monthly Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting

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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
February 10th, 2022
Virtual Meeting

Present: Diane Albino (Resident Partner), Commissioner John Barofsky (EWEB), Brian Brazil (International Paper), Bob Bumstead (McKenzie Flyfishers), Nate Day (McKenzie Schools), Arlene Dietz (Rice Farms), Brandi Ferguson (MRT), Susan Fricke (EWEB), Nick Grant (USFS), Chad Helms (USACE), David Kretzing (Resident Partner), Andy McWilliams (Resident Partner), Steve Mealey (McKenzie Guides), Todd Miller (City of Springfield), Karl Morgenstern (EWEB), Carla Rothenbuecher (Resident Partner), 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, Alex Enriquez, Jessica Jackman, Jennifer Weber, Jared Weybright
Guests: Robin Leighty (EWEB), Calvin Hoff, Adam Spencer (EWEB)

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 January 13th Meeting Minutes

Jared Weybright motioned to approve the January 13th meeting minutes. Meeting minutes approved as written, all partners showing consensus level 3.

3. Pure Water Partners Planning Update

Karl Morgenstern provided an overview of the Pure Water Partners program's ongoing strategic planning. Mr. Morgenstern discussed the risk-based, resiliency, and strategic work & investments as part of EWEB's watershed restoration plan.

Andy McWilliams inquired as to how much funding EWEB received from FEMA. Mr. Morgenstern responded that FEMA contributed \$6 million of the total \$8.4 million that was received following the Holiday Farm Fire.

Following Mr. Morgenstern's presentation, Johan Hogervorst of the USFS presented a high-level overview of the floodplain restoration efforts that are ongoing in the middle-McKenzie, emphasizing how they contribute to the creation of resilient landscapes.

Commissioner John Barofsky asked if the implementation of projects on the South Fork McKenzie affected navigability. Mr. Hogervorst responded that there were a very limited number of boaters who floated that section of river, and they were ultimately supportive of the project.

Arlene Dietz inquired about the permitting process for projects with such high levels of fill. Mr. Hogervorst responded that the process is very lengthy, specifically for the Finn Rock Reach project. He continued that modeling from Wolf Water Resources sped up the process.

Mr. Morgenstern noted that FEMA funding is helping pay for implementation of FRR Phase II and Quartz Creek, with the design and permitting process being wrapped into the scope of work.

Jeff Ziller commented that Mr. Hogervorst and his colleagues do a great job of laying the groundwork for the permitting process, with supportive Partners and previously successful projects helping as well.

4. Partner Updates

Jared Weybright introduced Jessica Jackman as the newest staff member of the McKenzie Watershed Council.

Commissioner John Barofsky reported that EWEB recently hosted a presentation from Dr. Lucas Silva on carbon sequestration. He continued that they are looking forward to viewing data from these studies in our area to help fund projects in the future.

Susan Fricke reported that EWEB is currently working on their State of the Watershed Report, which will go to their Board on March 1st. She continued that on the Generation side of things, there will be a maintenance outage to clean fish screens June 4 – 12. Current projections are for average summer flows assuming we receive more precipitation in the coming weeks. Ms. Fricke continued that the Carmen-Smith boat ramp improvements may be done this year, ahead of schedule. In 2023 additional spawning channel improvements are on the agenda.

Steve Mealey reported that they are currently in the short session for legislatures, and the McKenzie Guides hope to receive funding for the McKenzie Discovery Center.

Jeff Ziller reported that there is a possibility that the USACE may transfer ownership of the Leaburg Hatchery to ODFW. ODFW is currently examining how much funding would be required to operate the hatchery. Mr. Ziller continued that we are seeing the highest bull trout returns in the McKenzie since 1989. He provided infographics illustrating the steady increase in counts over the past several decades.

Chad Helms reported that the Willamette Project is currently in refill mode, with reservoirs at 4% full and 12% lower than average. He continued that the Willamette Basin Science Fisheries Review is scheduled for April 12th and 13th for those interested.

Nick Grant reported that the Willamette National Forest will receive \$7 million in disaster relief funding this year, with \$58 million being awarded over the next three years. He continued that the projects being prioritized with this funding include hazard tree mitigation, improvements to road and culvert infrastructure, and watershed restoration. Lastly, Mr. Grant noted that there will be an outreach meeting March 17th to discuss the decommissioning of Delta Campground. To provide comments or ask questions, contact Dean Schlichting, the NEPA planner through the McKenzie River Ranger District at: dean.schlichting@usda.gov.

Brandi Ferguson reported that the MRT purchased 5 properties from landowners affected by the Holiday Farm Fire. 4 of these 5 properties have footprints bordering Finn Rock Reach.

Bob Bumstead reported that the McKenzie Fly Fishers are busy with McKenzie River Discovery Center planning. He continued that the annual wooden boat show is scheduled for the end of April this year.

Andy McWilliams reported that in the last year the McKenzie Masters were able to donate \$7,000 to the McKenzie Discovery Center, \$20,000 to the McKenzie River Trust's land acquisition program, and \$5,000 to their operating costs. He continued that \$1,900 was donated to the PWP, \$750 to the McKenzie Guides, and \$500 towards Nate Day's education program. Mr. McWilliams concluded that \$70,000 was earmarked for the Finn Rock Reach boat landing project and Ben and Kay Dorris ramp improvements.

5. Committee Reports

Chase Antonovich provided an overview of the upcoming meeting and project tours discussed by the Council outreach committee.

Jared Weybright reported that Diane Albino will be stepping down from the McKenzie Watershed Alliance Executive Committee. Mr. Weybright continued that the Council nomination Committee has selected Sue Zeni to join the Executive Committee. Bob Bumstead called for consensus on adding Sue Zeni to the Executive Committee. The nomination was approved, all partners showing consensus level 3.

Mr. Weybright continued that they hope to fill additional open resident partner positions on the Council soon.

Meeting adjourned, 6:45pm.