

AGENDA
McKenzie Watershed Council
Thursday, March 11th, 2021
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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| 1. Approval of Agenda and Zoom Logistics | 5:00 - 5:10 |
| <i>Facilitator: Jared Weybright</i>
<i>Action Requested - Approve agenda</i> | |
| 2. Approval of February 11th Meeting Minutes | 5:10 - 5:15 |
| <i>Action Requested – Approve January meeting minutes.</i>
<i>Attachment: February Meeting Minutes</i> | |
| 3. Presentation: Pacific Lamprey Dam Passage Study 2019-20 Leaburg Dam | 5:15 – 5:40 |
| <i>Jeremy Roemer, ODFW (pre-recorded video), followed by questions</i>
<i>Information Only</i> | |
| 4. Partner Announcements and Public Comment | 5:40 – 6:20 |
| <i>Combined Partner introductions and updates.</i>
<i>Information Only</i> | |
| 4. Staff Updates | 6:20 – 6:30 |
| <i>Information only</i> | |

Next Meeting:

- Date: April 8th, 2021
- Time: 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- Presentation: *TBA*

Upcoming meeting topics

- Holiday Farm Fire impacts and recovery efforts on Weyerhaeuser lands (April or May)
- Floodplain restoration project planning and upcoming projects

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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
February 11th, 2021
Virtual Meeting

Present: Diane Albino (Resident Partner) Brian Brazil (International Paper), Becca Brooke (BLM), Heather Buch (EWEB), Bob Bumstead (MFF), Dana Burwell (McKenzie Guides), Lara Colley (EWEB), Darren Cross (USFS), Arlene Dietz (Rice Farms), Daniel Dietz (MRT), Chad Helms (USACE), David Kretzing (Resident Partner), Mike McDowell (Resident Partner), Karl Morgenstern (EWEB), Megan Murphey (City of Springfield), Mark Schulze (HJ Andrews), Emily Semple (City of Eugene), Wade Stampe (Resident Partner), Aaron Staniak (Lane County), Nancy Toth (EWEB), Kelly Wood (Wildish), Jeff Ziller (ODFW)

Staff: Chase Antonovich, Justin Demeter, Jennifer Weber, Jared Weybright

Guests: Charles Arrera , John Barofsky (EWEB), Dave Downing, Brandi Ferguson(MRT), Al Hrynshyn (UWSWCD), Lily Leiterman (UWSWCD), Meg Murphy, Jim Regali, Brent Ross (MRT), Dave Thomas, Arlen Thomason, Malcom Wilson

1. Approval of Agenda and Zoom Logistics

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

2. Approval of January Meeting Minutes

Jared Weybright motioned to approve the January 14th meeting minutes. Meeting minutes approved as written, all partners showing consensus level 3.

3. Presentation: McKenzie Recovery Task Force: *A Cooperative Approach to Restoration*

Lily Leitermann (UWSWCD), Brent Ross (MRT), Jennifer Weber (MWC), and Nancy Toth (EWEB) presented on the McKenzie Recovery Task force which was setup to address erosion concerns caused by the Holiday Farm Fire. The team relied on much of the framework already in place from the Pure Water Partners Program to implement treatments and develop riparian restoration projects.

Kelly Wood asked if the goal was to redirect runoff versus filtering, and if it is being collected and disposed of. Karl Morgenstern responded that waste stabilization work was separate and occurred prior to the BMP implementation work. 90% of 150 homes were worked through. Jennifer Weber noted that straw wattles were being collected and disposed of as they became saturated.

Malcom Wilson asked how many miles of critical riverbank were covered. Jennifer Weber noted that the value in question has not been quantified yet. Karl Morgenstern responded that certain properties are only being worked on a portion of the landscape, so we do not have a continuous amount. This work is focused on riparian areas, yet much of the industrial timberland is being addressed next.

Wade Stampe asked if there is anything being done to reduce further fire risk. Jared Weybright noted that we are just now beginning to address this through ODF's Firewise program. Jennifer Weber responded that fire resistant plants are being studied by the University of Oregon Landscape Architecture program.

Al Hryny asked if there is a plan to get this information out to the public. Karl Morgenstern responded that they hope to in the future.

4. Nomination Committee Report

Lara Colley provided an overview of the nomination committee that was formed to make recommendations for the open MWA Board position. The committee recommended Kelly Wood to fill this position.

Additionally, the nomination committee supported the reappointment of Lara Colley, Mike McDowell, Sue Zeni, and David Kretzing as resident partners. Carol Ache and Steve Raymen will be stepping down as resident partners. The nominating committee would like to recommend Carla Rothenbuecher as a new resident partner to serve on the Council. Additionally, the nominating committee discussed building relationships from the Blue River community to recruit additional partners.

Bob Bumstead motioned to adopt the nomination committee's recommendation. Arlene Dietz seconded the motion. All partners were support the nomination, showing consensus level 3.

5. Partner Announcements and Public Comment

Chad Helms reported that all reservoirs are in refill mode as of February 1st, with the basin currently 7% full. He continues that the USACE is planning to open the adult fish facilities below Cougar and Fall Creek during the first week of March.

Emily Semple reported that they are currently updating the forest management plan for the first time in 30 years. She continued that they have some neighborhood groups coming together and working on wildfire response.

Darren Cross reported that the USFS is seeing above average levels of winter recreational area usage. He continued that the wilderness permitting system is open now, so start summer planning ASAP.

Arlene Dietz reported that Rice Farms are pruning their orchards currently.

Kelly Wood thanked the Council for her board appointment.

Daniel Dietz reported that the MRT is hiring a new communications manager and that the bathrooms at FRR are open again. He continued that next week Lane County will be removing trees and moving them to FRR for their planned instream project. Additionally, the MRT will be increasing parking and accessibility at FRR, with implementation occurring in April '22.

Becca Brooke reported that the BLM is continuing to replace culverts, signs, and gates in the burned area. They've been working with the PWP to contact adjacent landowners to take care of hazard trees. Additionally, the BLM is beginning phase 2 of hazard tree removal over 65 miles of road. Ms. Brooke continued that the BLM had a 30 day public scope for salvage period in December, and are now reworking the project. They plan to have a second public comment once revisions have been made.

Karl Morgenstern reported that EWEB is still engaged in fire response and are working with the board about future funding. Currently, EWEB is in the midst of pursuing FEMA money for the HFF response. He continued that the generation team presented to the EWEB board on Leaburg canal and it's problems. They are currently working with the board to look at options to return to service or make into a

stormwater conveyance system. The Leaburg canal investigation shows liquification of soil and seeping drain leak areas which can be dangerous. Lastly, Mr. Morgenstern reported that the State of Watershed report was sent to the EWEB board on February 2nd, and is available on their website for those who wish to read it.

Lara Colley reported that they worked with Firewise in the past and felt it helped keep their house from burning in the Holiday Farm Fires.

Nancy Toth reported that last weekend EWEB, PWP, and MRT participated in the locals helping locals resource fair which was a useful event for landowners. EWEB is currently working with Lane County to provide incentives to move home footprints out of floodplain. Additionally, they are working to enhance their septic assistance program.

Bob Bumstead noted the McKenzie Flyfishers have been meeting on Zoom, with lots of attendees. The McKenzie Flyfishers also have a new female president, Carolyn Mason who is interested in becoming more involved in community activities.

Dana Burwell reported that 2 boat landings have been destroyed because of the Holiday Farm Fire. Ben and Kay Dorris will be closed down, as crews are going to need to remove lots of hazardous trees. Additionally, Mr. Burwell reported that ODFW had to release all trout out of hatchery during the fires and now have roughly 2/3rds of the fish that were planned to be released.

Jeff Ziller reported that the Oregon Chapter of American Fisheries Society will be holding a virtual meeting March 3rd-5th, with details available at ORAFS.org. Additionally, ODFW has put in a grant to restore the ponds behind the old fish hatchery to create an angler education center. Mr. Ziller continued that they are hoping to hold events here as part of the McKenzie Discovery center, and are looking to get this completed in 2022.

Andy McWilliams reported that the Wayfarer is involved with the UO landscape architecture class that is working with the PWP, and he is looking forward to what comes out of that. He continued that the McKenzie Masters raised \$86K to keep boat launches open and ensure the river remains navigable. Additionally, they are organizing work parties in March and April for guides to cleanup lunch spots and continue to enhance the river.

Jared Weybright noted that the McKenzie Masters donated directly to the Council to support Holiday Farm Fire Recovery Work.

Meeting Adjourned, 6:30pm.