

AGENDA
MCKENZIE WATERSHED COUNCIL

Thursday, February 11, 2021

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/95576587006?pwd=WTAzdnhPMkp6dEM5a1RHNUk4V3Bndz09>

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

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

- 3. Presentation: McKenzie Recovery Task Force: A Cooperative Approach to Restoration** **5:10**
A joint presentation from Lily Leitermann (UWSWCD), Brent Ross (MRT), and Jennifer Weber (MWC) who are working together as the Implementation Team to manage erosion control treatments and riparian restoration projects on private lands impacted by the Holiday Farm Fire
Information Only

Break (guests may choose to leave)

- 4. Nomination Committee Report** **5:55**
Report from Nomination Committee regarding recommendations for open MWA Board position and MWC Resident Partners positions.
Action Requested: Discuss and adopt Committee recommendations.
Attachment: Nomination Committee Report

- 5. Partner Announcements and Public Comment** **6:05**
Combined Partner introductions and updates.
Information Only
Attachment: Directors Report

Next Meetings:

- March 11, 2021. *March: Holiday Farm Fire impacts and restoration efforts on Weyerhaeuser lands in McKenzie Sub-basin. Mark Rivers Weyerhaeuser Hydrologist*

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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 ideas (if you feel strongly about providing an opinion on a certain issue, pass the gavel temporarily to another Exec. member)
- Keep the group's attention focused on agenda items
- Make sure everyone has a chance to participate
- Maintain agreed upon 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 a plan for achieving consensus

McKenzie Watershed is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: My Meeting

Time: Feb 11, 2021 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Meeting Minutes
McKenzie Watershed Council
January 14th, 2021
Virtual Meeting

Present: Carol Ach (Resident Partner), Brian Brazil (International Paper), Becca Brooke (BLM), Dana Burwell (McKenzie Guides), Lara Colley (EWEB), Darren Cross (USFS), Arlene Dietz (Rice Farms), Brandi Ferguson (MRT), Chad Helms (USACE), David Kretzing (Resident Partner), Steve Mealey (McKenzie Guides), Todd Miller (City of Springfield), Karl Morgenstern (EWEB), Ralph Perkins (UWSWCD), Steve Raymen (Resident Partner), Will Rutheford (Resident Partner), Mark Schulze (Resident Partner), Emily Semple (City of Eugene), Wade Stampe (Resident Partner), Aaron Staniak (Lane County), Nancy Toth (EWEB), Kelly Wood (Wildish), Sue Zeni (Resident Partner), Jeff Ziller (ODFW)

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

Guest: Carla Rothenbuecher, Jonas Parker (BLM)

1. Introductions and Approval of January 14th Agenda

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

2. Approval of December 10th, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Jared Weybright motioned to approve the December 10th meeting minutes. Meeting minutes approved as written, all partners showing consensus level 3.

3. Partner Announcements

Bob Bumstead reported that the McKenzie Flyfishers have been continuing to hold virtual meetings monthly.

Chad Helms reported that reservoirs are currently at roughly 16% full, with all projects beginning to fill later in the year.

David Kretzing reported that he sat in on the January long term ecological meeting, where an interesting talk about why certain areas burn more than other in a wildfire was given.

Rod Fosback reported that fish have returned to the Northwest Steelheaders hatchery already, with 15,000 fish at their facility being released in April.

Wade Stampe reported that he read an article about BPA pulling their funding from the area, and he is concerned about the effects.

Brian Brazil reported that International Paper has recently donated \$5,000 to the Council.

Will Rutheford reported that the February EWEB commissioners meeting will include discussions about the canals and power generation in the McKenzie basin.

Nancy Toth reported that there is no return to service for the Leaburg Canal scheduled until 2025. Additionally, EWEB is currently monitoring the debris flow into Leaburg Dam to ensure it continues to

function properly. Ms. Toth noted that Karl Morgenstern will be presenting on watershed restoration for the next 5-10 years at the upcoming board meeting mentioned by Mr. Rutheford. Additionally, the PWP efforts have shifted from erosion control towards replanting in the coming months. She noted that crews are continuing to monitor the work that was done, although the water treatment plant is not having an issue treating the higher turbidity. Lastly, Ms. Toth noted that LCOG is working on a hazard notification tool that will allow users to track any hazards that are a result of the winter storms.

Jeff Ziller reported that lamprey exchange webinars are being held every second Tuesday through June, with some great information being presented. Additionally, the Oregon State Marine Board and Lane County Parks have been working with ODFW to make improvements to the Hendricks Park boat ramp to ensure the site does not get washed away. Mr. Ziller continued that ODFW is looking to run the fish sorter on the left bank fish ladder once again, with a fair number of fish bypassing the hatchery once again due to the canal being out of commission. Mr. Ziller noted that they are planning to reconfigure the device to be more effective at sorting fish beginning in June. Jeremy Romer has been working on a restoration board grant to get an angling education program at the old McKenzie Hatchery where they will utilize the existing ponds to offer fishing opportunities to the youth.

Daniel Dietz reported that the MRT is moving forward with a stage-8 restoration project at Finn Rock Reach. Currently crews are stockpiling wood on-site as the Trust continues to work through permitting. Additionally, the MRT bought a 1.5-acre site adjacent to the Finn Rock Reach site.

Darren Cross reported that the HFF closure order has been updated, with the 15 and 19 road now open. There is high recreation usage this year as expected in the forest currently. He continued that the USFS is currently stockpiling wood for the Finn Rock Reach as well as the South Fork project.

Mark Schulze reported that they are seeing a lot of sediment being flushed out of the HJ Andrews watersheds that were affected by the Holiday Farm Fire.

Lara Colley wanted to extend a thank you to the Pure Water Partners which helped her hydroseed her property to mitigate erosion.

Arlene Dietz reported that Rice Farms is currently engaged in heavy pruning. Ms. Dietz wanted to also share that the American Waters Resource Association is holding a meeting in August where they will discuss land and water for healthy communities. Ms. Dietz feels that the work we are doing in the McKenzie basin would be of great interest to the group.

Todd Miller reported that Steve Moe will be new council president in the new year. He continued that the MWMC wastewater agreement was signed off on, although the MOA required revisions. Additionally, the City of Springfield stormwater ms-4 permit has been signed off on by city and DEQ so staff is moving ahead with the stormwater program. An example of the work being done includes the stormwater pond near the Millrace. Lastly, Mr. Miller noted that they have been collaborating with OSU, and just put in for a grant to study groundwater and Bio-Solids from wastewater.

Becca Brooke reported that BLM is keeping busy with culvert cleanup and replacements. She asked that people notify the BLM if they see any hazards that need to be addressed. Additionally, the BLM warns that roads are dangerous at the moment due to the high levels of haul traffic. Ms. Brooke continued that they are moving money to MWC for in-stream work on lower deer creek. Lastly, she noted that the

BLM forestry regulations were updated for first time since 1984 which will change how timber sales are managed.

Ralph Perkins reported that the UWSWCD is preparing for the new tax base. Dave Downing has transitioned to full time employment as they are currently applying for a Bridge-loan to get things going prior to receiving government funding.

Andy McWilliams reported that the Wayfairer is making good progress towards rebuilding, as they recently have set-up a new water system while planning to rebuild lost cabins. Additionally, they are working with the University of Oregon and the Council to naturescape the property. He continued that the McKenzie Masters are currently raising funds to keep the river navigable and keep boat ramps open. They had raised \$80,000 very quickly and are looking for the best way to use that funding.

Dana Burwell reported that the guides are focused on looking at navigability and clearing boat launches. Additionally, the Leaburg Fire Department raised roughly \$80,000 through GoFundMe that was distributed to local residents.

4. MWA Board of Directors

Jared Weybright noted that Council Partners are responsible for selecting a 5-person Executive Committee, who also serve on the McKenzie Watershed Alliance Board. He continued that the executive Committee members serve 2-years terms and incumbents may be reappointed. The terms of current Board Members Arlene Dietz, Karl Morgenstern, and Wade Stampe have expired, with Mr. Stampe planning to step down once a replacement is found. Ms. Dietz and Mr. Morgenstern are willing to continue to serve on the Executive Committee. Mr. Weybright asked for volunteers to serve on a nominating committee to discuss new Executive Committee members. Arlene Dietz, Lara Colley, and Mr. Weybright volunteered to participate.

5. Resident Partners

Mr. Weybright reported that the Council has 8 Resident Partners who serve three-year staggered terms as described in the Council Charter. He continued that due to the Covid impacted meeting schedule in 2020, there are 6 current Resident Partners whose terms have expired. The Council Charter calls for potential McKenzie resident partners to be recruited through an application process. The Executive Committee is responsible for reviewing applications and making recommendations for Council approval, though incumbents may be re-appointed for additional terms.

Arlene Dietz asked if the partners up for nomination are active and supportive. Mr. Weybright responded that those he's talked with so far are active although there is some variation in some of the others. There are no criteria for continued involvement.

Will Rutheford asked what his status would be since he is an alternate although he enjoys the meetings. Mr. Weybright noted that he can attend as much as he wants he just cannot vote when Andy McWilliams is also present.

Andy McWilliams asked if there is potential to revise the charter to allow for more attendees. Mr. Weybright noted that the Charter had not been revised since roughly 2015.

Kelly Wood asked if there is a limit to the number of Council Partners that is different from resident partners. Mr. Weybright responded that the seats for partners are different from resident partners as the seat is held for that agency or interest group without term limits.

Mark Schulze asked if there is any specification regarding who is recruited or what the geographic criteria is. Mr. Weybright noted that there is lacking participation from the Mohawk and the upper McKenzie community but there is no specific distinction.

Wade Stampe asked if Mr. Weybright is asking for the committee to make recommendations on this. Mr. Weybright responded yes, he would like the nomination committee to discuss this further. He anticipates the board seat will be straightforward, but the resident partner may take a little more time to flesh out.

Arlene Dietz and Lara Colley volunteered to be representatives, and plan to meet prior to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned, 6:45.

**McKenzie Watershed Council
Nominating Committee
Meeting Notes
January 19, 2021**

Present: Lara Colley, Arlene Dietz, Jared Weybright

Committee Charge

1. Discuss potential replacements for the open McKenzie Watershed Alliance Board of Directors position and make a recommendation to the Council at the February meeting.
2. Discuss current Resident Partners positions and make recommendations back to the Council for fill and/or appoint open and expired positions.

McKenzie Watershed Alliance Board of Directors

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Committee members discussed potential replacements for the open seat with each member sharing two or three suggestions for potential candidates. All three members identified Kelly Wood as an excellent candidate and reached a consensus on a decision to recommend her for the position to the Council if she is willing to accept the nomination. Jared shared that he has previously talked with her regarding the Board and that while she does have some concerns about the time commitment, she does feel she can manage the extra workload and is interested in contributing in this way. Jared will reach back out to Kelly to confirm her interest and share the committee's decision before the February Council meeting.

McKenzie Watershed Council Resident Partners

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Jared reviewed the status of current Resident Partners and shared what he knew about interest in reappointment to the position.

1. CAROL ACH (term through May 2020), unknown but has shared in the past that will step down but would like to stay informed.
2. LARA COLLEY (term through Nov. 2020) is interested in reappointment.
3. DAVID KRETZING (term through May 2021) term is current and have not checked-in on interested in reappointment.

4. MIKE MCDOWELL (term through June 2019) is interested in reappointment and acknowledged that attendance has been a challenge that he will be able to address in 2021 and beyond.
5. ANDY MCWILLIAMS (term through Oct. 2020) is interested in reappointment.
6. STEVE RAYMEN (term through Feb. 2020) acknowledged attendance challenges and shared a willingness to step down but would like to stay informed.
7. WADE STAMPE (term through Sept. 2020) is interested in reappointment.
8. SUE ZENI (term through Feb. 2021) term is current and have not checked-in on interested in reappointment.

In summary, there are 2 assumed open Resident Partner positions and that 4 Resident Partners with expired terms would like to be reappointed. Jared will follow up with both Carol, Sue, and David regarding interest. Committee members discussed reappointments and agreed that the 4 current resident partners whose terms have expired and that would like to stay, should be reappointed. The committee recommends that Lara, Mike, Andy, and Wade be reappointed to Resident Partner positions. *Add recommendation that they are assigned varied term lengths to stagger the terms?*

The committee agreed by consensus to prioritize recruitment of new Resident Partners from upriver communities, specifically McKenzie Bridge and Blue River. Jared brought up one individual from McKenzie Bridge, Carla Roethlisberger, who repeatedly expressed interest in joining the Council, and has attended several Council meetings. Carla is a hydrologist who works for the BLM and has previously worked for the USFS out of the McKenzie River Ranger Station. She lives in McKenzie Bridge. The committee agreed by consensus to reach out to Carla and if she is still interested in applying, recommend her to the MWA Board for one of the open Resident Partner Positions.

The committee had a long discussion regarding the community of Blue River. The McKenzie Community Development Corporation (CDC) is leading much of the local rebuilding efforts in Blue River and other upriver communities impacted by the Holiday Farm Fire. Jared noted that he has heard second hand that one of the lead organizers is interested in joining the Council. The committee discussed the pros and cons of adding the CDC as a partner organization versus adding a member as a resident partner. Adding the CDC as a partner organization would likely require a Charter revision as the Council is currently at 28 members, the top of the range cited in the Charter. The committee decided to reach out to the CDC to gauge interest in joining the Council as either a resident or organization partner. Jared will send an email to two contacts on the CDC and report back to the Committee.

The committee also discussed several individual Blue River residents who are active in the community. Lara noted that there is a wide social-economic divide and that it is important to include all perspectives. Lara will provide a Blue River contact to Jared to reach out to.

The committee discussed the pros and cons of expanding the number of available Resident Partner positions to increase access and opportunity. There was discuss on the pros and cons of increasing Council membership. The committee is not making a formal recommendation regarding expanded Resident Partner positions.

The committee discussed Resident Partner alternates, which are allowed under the revised Charter. Currently only one Resident Partner has an official alternate. The committee agreed that promoting use of alternates is an accessible way to increase official participation with the Council. The committee recommends that the Council discuss and clarify the use of Resident Partner alternates at a future meeting.