

**AGENDA**  
**McKenzie Watershed Council**  
**Thursday, May 12, 2022**  
**5:05 – 6:45 p.m.**

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Approval of Agenda and Zoom Logistics</b><br>Facilitator: Jared Weybright<br><i>Action Requested - Approve agenda</i>                                  | <b>5:05 - 5:10</b> |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Approval of April 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes</b><br>Attachment: April Meeting Minutes<br><i>Action Requested – Approve April meeting minutes.</i> | <b>5:10 - 5:15</b> |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>McKenzie Valley Long Term Recovery Group</b><br><i>Marilyn Cross, Treasurer</i><br><i>Presentation and Q/A Information Only</i>                        | <b>5:15 – 5:55</b> |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Partner Updates and Public Comment</b><br><i>Information Only</i>                                                                                      | <b>5:55 – 6:25</b> |
| <b>5.</b> | <b>Staff Updates</b><br><i>Information Only</i>                                                                                                           | <b>6:25 – 6:45</b> |

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

- June 9, 2022: Lara Colley Master Thesis (Tentative)

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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**  
**April 14, 2022**  
**Virtual Meeting**

**Present:** Commissioner John Barofsky (EWEB), Becca Brooke (BLM), Commissioner Heather Buch (Lane County), Dana Burwell (McKenzie Guides), Arlene Dietz (Rice Farms), Brandi Ferguson (MRT), Susan Fricke (EWEB), Nick Grant (USFS), David Kretzing (Resident Partner), Mike McDowell (Resident Partner), Andy McWilliams (Resident Partner), Todd Miller (City of Springfield), Karl Morgenstern (EWEB), Ralph Perkins (UWSWCD), Carla Rothenbuecher (Resident Partner), Mark Schulze (HJ Andrews), Emily Semple (City of Eugene), Wade Stampe (Resident Partner), Dave Thomas (McKenzie Fly Fishers), Eli Tome (MRT), Nancy Toth (EWEB), Kelly Wood (Wildish), Sue Zeni (Resident Partner), Jeff Ziller (ODFW)

**1. Approval of Agenda and Zoom Logistics**

Jared Weybright motioned to approve the April 2022 meeting agenda. Agenda approved as written, all Partners showing consensus level 3.

**2. Approval of January 13th Meeting Minutes**

Arlene Dietz motioned to approve the March 10th meeting minutes. Meeting minutes approved as written, all partners showing consensus level 3.

**3. Benthic macroinvertebrate response to Stage 0 at Deer Creek**

Robert W. Wisseman, Senior Scientist with Aquatic Biologist Associates, presented an overview of the macroinvertebrate sampling that has followed implementation of Stage 0 projects on Deer Creek. He not only discussed the distribution of macroinvertebrates but also the challenges in sorting through the data on projects of this scale.

Shannon Claeson asked Mr. Wisseman to elaborate on the relationship between flow levels and its effect on certain chironomid taxa. Mr. Wisseman responded that droughts can drive the populations up, as they are susceptible to getting flushed out of the system during high flows. He continued that the time of sampling could have an effect on the population density as sampling often occurs in the fall, prior to high winter flows. A late spring or early summer sampling would allow a better snapshot of this taxa after a flooded interaction.

Arlene Dietz noted the complexity of this study and how varying weather and fire events over recent years contributed to this. Mr. Wisseman responded that the natural variation in treatment blocks and climate change effects add complexity.

**4. Partner Updates and Public Comment**

Andy McWilliams reported that the Wayfarer has logs staged in preparation for future projects. He continued that they are continuing to cleanup the property in preparation for renting out the 2 remaining cabins. Lastly, he noted that they are still working with the county to move building sites back as they continue to prepare for future construction.

Commissioner Heather Buch reported that Lane County has passed the 2<sup>nd</sup> version of their climate action plan. She noted that this is a huge step forward and will be out for public review soon.

Becca Brooke reported that in partnership with the MWC, BLM has begun felling hazard trees along Gate Creek in preparation for future floodplain projects. She continued that they are hoping to pass some money to fund reconstruction of the platform at Silver Creek boat launch. Ms. Brooke continued that they are lifting the Holiday Farm Fire burned area closure in the coming weeks, with exceptions to the gravel portion of Goodpasture Rd., and BLM Rd. 2611. She plans to share the press release when it becomes available.

Todd Miller reported that the City of Springfield is hoping to address infrastructure improvements to the 42<sup>nd</sup> street levy, that is currently undersized. He continued that city staff are also looking at areas near the Springfield oxbow for potential floodplain restoration sites. Mr. Miller continued that after many years they have a new NPDES discharge permit draft in hand, as they work to provide comments to the DEQ in the coming weeks before sending out for public review. Additionally, the water quality trading permit is seeing its first renewal in a long time, with the only major change being seen in temperature standards. The focus over the next 5 years is restoring riparian shade between Leaburg and the EWEB intake, with similar work being done on the Mohawk, Coast Fork, and Mid Fork as well.

Commissioner John Barofsky reported that next Tuesday EWEB is holding a meeting at the fire station in Leaburg to discuss watershed recovery statuses, the PWP, wildfire mitigation, and updates to the Leaburg canal. The meeting will begin at 5:30.

Karl Morgenstern reported that HFF recovery efforts are still underway. He continued that he is currently working on getting as much money as possible from available funding sources.

Nancy Toth reported that there will be a naturesscaping workshop held Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Susan Fricke reported that the Leaburg canal plans have been narrowed down to 4 alternatives. The alternatives include full removal to pre-project conditions, full restoration of current facilities, a new power generation facility further upriver, and the decommissioning of the canal to include stormwater updates. Lastly, Ms. Fricke noted that the Smith boat launch will undergo improvements beginning this summer.

Dana Burwell reported that the McKenzie guides are working to get landings open, with work needed at Ben and Kay Dorris, Ollalie, and others. He continued that the lifejacket program has 50 new jackets donated from the McKenzie Masters and 25 more from other sources. Mr. Burwell noted that they are having difficulty finding places to stock the lifejackets.

Nick Grant reported that the USFS is working hard on phase 4 planning of Deer Creek restoration, with the last 9 acres being implemented this summer.

Eli Tome reported that the MRT is looking at making improvements to Finn Rock landing this winter. He noted that project costs have increased as construction costs have gone up 40% from 18 months ago.

Rod Fosback reported that the Northwest Steelheaders have recently released 15,000 fish down the creek, and have 35,000 eggs in the hatch house for next year.

Jeff Ziller reported that Martyne Reesman has accepted the full-time permanent STEP position. He continued that there is a family angling clinic scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> at Alton Baker Park for those interested in volunteer opportunities. Mr. Ziller reported that the last group of Hackleman Creek cutthroat trout that are being reintroduced below Carmen Smith have been pit tagged and will be released next week. Additionally, both cameras are now working at the Leaburg fish ladder so crews can better monitor the fish counts over the dam.

Arlene Dietz reported that Rice Farms has replanted roughly 50 acres of hazelnuts this winter, while also removing 50 acres of dying or dead trees that will be replanted this fall. She noted the difficulty in replacing old and established trees with smaller ones, and how they are also thankful for recent rains.

Ralph Perkins reported the UWSWCD held its first in-person board meeting in 2 years, and have also hired a new staff member who will work alongside the PWP.

Kelly Wood reported Wildish has been very busy, with a lot of projects on the books in the coming months.

## **5. Staff Updates**

Jennifer Weber provided an update on work completed through the Council's restoration program. She reported that fuels reduction has been completed at 35 sites, and erosion control at 31. She added that in January-March, 485,000 trees and shrubs have been planted throughout the HFF burn perimeter. Ms. Weber continued that there is a big effort ongoing in regard to invasive reduction. Lastly, she noted that instream planning is underway with projects occurring at Gate Creek, and Deer Creek this summer.

Jared Weybright reported that there is still a tour planned of Deer Creek for May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm. He continued that the Council is also closing in on a new office location in downtown Springfield.

Meeting adjourned, 6:45pm.