

**AGENDA
MCKENZIE WATERSHED COUNCIL**

**June 8th, 2023
McKenzie Fire & Rescue Training Facility
42870 McKenzie Highway
Leaburg**

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*****Note: we will attempt to record the meeting as logistics at the facility allows *****

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| 1. Introductions and Approval of Agenda Facilitator Jared Weybright <i>Action Requested</i> - Approve agenda. | 5:30 – 5:35 |
| 2. Approval of May 11th Meeting Minutes Attachment: May 2023 Meeting Minutes <i>Action Requested</i> – May meeting minutes. | 5:35 - 5:40 |
| 3. Presentation: Channel Migration Zone Mapping of the McKenzie River Christina Appleby, Legislative Coordinator & Geohazards Analyst with the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, will be presenting on the recently completed channel migration zone mapping of the McKenzie River and how that information is used to determine future channel migration hazards. For more information on the study please visit www.oregongeology.org/flood/channelmigration.htm | 5:40 – 6:30 |
| 4. Break | 6:30 – 6:40 |
| 5. Partner Announcements and Public Comment <i>Information only</i> | 6:40– 7:05 |
| 6. Director Report <i>Information only</i> | 7:05 – 7:15 |

Next Meeting:

- TBD – MWC Field Tours (planned tours for the summer/early fall include Geology Field Tour with Dave Kretzing, PWP restoration, Quartz Creek)

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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

MINUTES
McKenzie Watershed Council
Thursday, May 11th, 2023
Leaburg Fire Station

Present: Commissioner John Barofsky (EWEB), Becca Brooke (Bureau of Land Management), Bob Bumstead (McKenzie Flyfishers), Brian Brazil (International Paper), Dana Burwell (McKenzie Guides), Arlene Dietz (Rice Family Farms), Brandi Crawford-Ferguson (McKenzie River Trust), David Kretzing (Resident Partner), Andy McWilliams (Resident Partner), Todd Miller (City of Springfield), Ralph Perkins (UWSWCD), Carla Rothenbuecher (Resident Partner), Mark Schulze (HJ Andrews), Wade Stampe (Resident Partner), Nancy Toth (EWEB), Kelly Wood (Wildish),
Staff: Chase Antonovich, Lara Colley, Jessica Jackman
Guests: Joe Moll, Cary Swain (BLM)

1. Approval of Agenda

Wade Stampe motioned to approve the May 11th meeting agenda. Meeting minutes approved as written, all partners showing consensus level 3.

2. Approval of February 9, 2023 and March 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Bob Bumstead motioned to approve the February 9th and March 9th meeting minutes. Meeting minutes approved as written, all partners showing consensus level 3.

3. Restoring Finn Rock Reach on the Middle McKenzie River

Joe Moll, Executive Director of the McKenzie River Trust presented on the upcoming Finn Rock Reach Floodplain Habitat Restoration Phase 2 project scheduled for implementation during this upcoming summer. Mr. Moll began by introducing the idea of Stage-0 restoration, its benefits to degraded ecosystem process, and its implications and risks. Mr. Moll introduced the partnership's funding and partners, the previous conditions of the McKenzie River within the project reach, and the project's proposed solution. He then discussed plans and logistics for implementation.

John Barofsky inquired how upstream inputs of sediment will impact the lower Phase 1 reach. Joe Moll responded that contractor's plans for turbidity management were highlighted in the Request for Proposal. He noted that current operating plans for water diversion reduce the potential for large flow pulses and therefore lower the risk of sediment pulses.

Kelly Wood inquired about the long-term monitoring plan for the Finn Rock phases. Joe Moll stated the difficulty in inquiring monitoring dollars. He mentioned that geomorphologist Dan Scott will be implementing LIDAR-based monitoring on the project in coordination with USFS staff.

Arlene Dietz inquired about the language in NOAA monies and whether more funding can be allocated to monitoring. Joe stated that this funding source would not allow for additional dollars allocated for monitoring.

Brandi Crawford-Ferguson stated that Kate Meyer mentioned at a presentation last week that a grant was submitted to OWEB for funding for Dan Scott.

Carla Rothenbuecher inquired where wood was sourced for the project. Joe responded that some of the wood came from the BLM but much of it will be harvested on site.

Bob Bumstead asked what will happen with the bass in the ponds inside the project reach. Joe stated that they will be removed along with invasive bull frogs from the project during fish salvage, but a large plan for eradication is not planned at this time.

Ralph Perkins inquired about western pond turtles and whether a plan was in place to salvage them in advance of the project. Joe stated that there was not a greater plan in place for western pond turtle salvage, but they expect since the species can navigate the river mainstem, that the turtles will be able to evacuate the project site during implementation and losses will be minimal.

John Barofsky asked what lessons have been learned on previous Stage-0 projects. Joe noted that wood count numbers have been historically underestimated and that construction plans should be adaptable based on changes that occur on the ground during implementation.

Arlene Dietz asked if the concept of design-build was incorporated into the contract and if designs were final prior to implementation. Joe stated that permitting requires that designs are complete in advance of projects including multiple iterations of modeling and validation.

Bob Bumstead asked if the McKenzie River Guides Association has concerns about the impact of this project. Dana Burwell responded that there are no concerns associated with this project as the transport of silt is projected to be minimal.

4. Partner Announcement and Public Comment

Andy McWilliams reported that the progress with the county is moving forward for his properties and that septic has been installed. He is currently working with EWEB to place his powerlines underground and with a general contractor to begin site preparations.

Ralph Perkins reported that an education grant was passed on to the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council to hold for the Upper Willamette Stewardship Network.

Nancy Toth reported that the EWEB septic grant program rebate incentive has been increased from \$250-\$300 that is retroactive to January 1, 2023. The program has funded 10 septic system repairs

through DEQ funding, 36 through Lane County funding, and that there have been over 100 applications in the system.

Becca Brooke reported that all HFF-related BLM closures have been officially reopened. She reported 2,500 acres were replanted this year and that there are remaining seedlings available to interested parties. The BLM is looking for input on future projects including culvert maintenance and replacement. Becca introduced Carey Swain as the new BLM representative as this will be her last meeting before she transitions to the Siuslaw National Forest.

John Barofsky reported that the state of the watershed presentation was presented at the last EWEB board meeting. There is the annual upriver board meeting next Tuesday, May 16th at 5:30pm at the Leaburg Fire Station with an emphasis on Leaburg Dam Decommissioning.

Brandi Crawford-Ferguson announced that Finn Rock Landing has been pushed to the winter and that all \$650,000 funding has been secured. The 3 Sisters Meadow lot in Blue River is currently being assessed by the county as a possible location for a wastewater treatment facility. A final recommendation on feasibility is expected in June.

David Kretzing will be giving field tours upriver on June 7th with the McKenzie High School Earth Science students and the Interagency Conference on Research in the Watersheds.

Dana Burwell announced the life jacket program will be putting life jackets out this month. He announced that the McKenzie River Guides Association season is off to a great start. Additionally, Dana announced that Guides were notified of the recent fuel spill in Finn Rock Reach but disregarded after no injuries were reported.

Bob Bumstead announced that the McKenzie Flyfishers raised \$7,000 at auction. He announced that the Salmon Watch program funding is looking promising, and Emma Gardener presented recently to raise excitement over the topic. Bob stated that the Wooden Boat festival was successful. He announced that the Pond located at the McKenzie River Discovery Center is proposed to be used as a location for angler education. Finally, he plugged the ODFW family fishing days and their need for volunteers.

5. Directors Report

Chase Antonovich provided a brief Director's report, noting that PWP planting season has wrapped up with nearly 1 million plants planted since the Holiday Farm Fire. Additionally, Mr. Antonovich noted that the decommissioning of Delta Campground has also recently been completed. He continued that the McKenzie Watershed Alliance was successful in securing \$7.5 million dollars for Middle McKenzie restoration through NOAA, which will be used for Quartz Creek restoration and additional work at Finn Rock Reach. Lastly, Mr. Antonovich reported that Jennifer Weber will be moving on from working at the McKenzie Watershed Alliance, noting that she has been instrumental in the projects and programs over the last 10 years.

Meeting adjourned, 7:15pm