

**Long Tom Watershed Council
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 5, 2014
Agate Alley Laboratory
2645 Willamette St., Eugene, OR 97405**

Present: Mike Brinkley, Steve Cole, Alan Dickman, Cary Hart, Steve Horning, Sue Kacskos, Jim Pendergrass, David Ponder, Deborah Saunders Evans, David Turner, Therese Walch (11)

Absent: Beth Krisko, John Reerslev Charles Ruff (3)

Staff: Dana Dedrick, Rob Hoshaw, Jed Kaul

Guest: Ephraim Payne (LTWC intern)

Meeting called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Deborah Saunders Evans, Chair

Business

A. Approve April 2014 Board Meeting Minutes – *Secretary Walch*

In order to streamline administrative functions, the goal of the board minutes from now on will be to record attendance, decisions, and key concepts. Staff will capture suggestions and ideas in their notebooks.

MOTION TO APPROVE May 2014 Board Meeting Minutes by J. Pendergrass, subject to including the map (via Therese's email), seconded by D. Ponder. Approved unanimously.

B. Approve March 2014 Financial Reports – *Treasurer Brinkley*

There was a question about why accounts receivable was negative for the March period, and the answer was that LTWC pre-pays some payroll obligations and workers comp payments.

MOTION TO APPROVE April 2014 Financial Reports by J. Pendergrass, seconded by Alan Dickman. Approved unanimously.

C. New Watershed Council Boundary – *Dana*

Key Concepts:

- The new watershed council boundary will follow the Willamette River. Eastern Eugene and Springfield will be served under a shared collaborative space among LTWC, the McKenzie and Middle Fork Willamette watershed councils via a Memorandum of Understanding
- There is nothing in the MOU that prevents LTWC or others from fundraising and conduct outreach for urban restoration and in the overlapping collaborative area.

Questions & Concerns:

- Concern that LTWC wouldn't be taking advantage of additional funding by not claiming more of Eugene within the official council boundary. Answer – that wouldn't be the case.
- Concern that all councils would have to agree before one organization could officially take on a new project within shared area. Answer – the 3 councils are working on language to formally address a way to not hold up the grant writing and project development process.
- Concern on how to define the name of the full extended boundary area, or that we'd change the name of the watershed council because the extended boundary is not technically within geographical watershed. Suggestion to clearly define a program area and brand it like we have the Amazon Creek Initiative. Several board members voiced wanting to maintain the Long Tom Watershed Council name, which is the intention.
- Concern that quarterly meetings among the councils within the MOU seems excessive. Agreed, change to periodic or regular.

After the discussion, the Board generally feels comfortable with signing the MOU with the Middle Fork Willamette & McKenzie Watershed Councils.

D. Hosts for Upcoming Council Meetings

July 29th Tour at Bauman Tree Farm

- Alan will check his schedule and would be happy to co-host if available
- Cary will act as a co-host backup if Alan can't make it.
- Deborah will also likely attend tour.

E. Fundraising Campaign Update

Rob provided an oral update on the fundraising campaign's progress. We are nearing \$25K of \$30K and this goal is almost double last year's.

Action Item: Board members willing to call an additional 2-3 high-level prospects to help us reach our goal: Dave Turner, David Ponder, Deborah, Mike, and Jim (who already has his list)

Action Item: Staff will send the board members who volunteered above a list of high-level prospects who've given larger amounts in the past but not during this campaign.

F. Paperwork Moment

Board members turned in their volunteer hours as match.

Restoration Projects – a slideshow and review of some projects completed in the last 2-3 years – Jed

Key Concepts:

- The capability to have funding for contractors visit planting sites 2-3 times per year for project maintenance is essential to effective plant establishment.
- The need for a stewardship fund to pay for ongoing maintenance of all the existing projects was discussed.
- A key discussion point centered around what LTWC's plan would be for unintended consequences of a restoration project years after it's been implemented. For example, if restoration efforts caused a portion of a landowner's field to flood to a greater degree than s/he anticipated, who can help? There was discussion about what LTWC's role should be, or could be given its capacity, to support that landowner for unintended consequences, should they happen. This was a hypothetical discussion with the long-term stewardship of a project in mind and not a reference to any past or current problem, although a non-LTWC project example was provided for reference.

Reports & Announcements

G. Staff Reports – see agenda background for detailed info.

- Annual Meeting & Celebration. Update in agenda background. Discussed where board support is needed. These people volunteered to help with the following needs, pending they're available for the confirmed date:
 - MC/Elections/Introduce Speaker: Jim
 - Awards: Therese
 - Overseeing food the day of the event: David Ponder
 - Greeters: Deborah
 - Posters: David Turner
 - Set up/Take Down: Therese, David Tuner
 - Mike Brinkley willing to help wherever we need him
- Taste the Watershed Events
 - Next at the Pyrennes, June 12, 4pm-10pm; Board members 5-8pm please. Alan & Mike can both make it. 20% of proceeds.
 - July 23 or 30 at Beer Stein (TBD, possibly proceeds from a specific beer)
 - Aug 14 at William Rose Wines/ Oregon Wine Lab, 5pm-close. Board 5-8pm please. TBD proceeds

Action Item: Alan & Mike will represent LTWC at the June 12 Taste the Watershed Event at the Pyrennes.

- Personnel. Need for hiring and interview panel for the Urban Restoration & Stewardship position.

Action Item: Jim (when back from vacation), Deborah, and Mike will serve on the hiring team for this position.

H. Liaison Reports

None Given.

I. Action Items Report

- Dave Turner, David Ponder, Deborah, Mike, and Jim will call 2-3 high level prospects to help us get closer to meeting our campaign goal.
- Staff will send the board members who volunteered above a list of high-level prospects who've given larger amounts in the past but not during this campaign.
- Alan & Mike will represent LTWC at the June 12 Taste the Watershed Event at the Pyrennes, from 5-8pm.
- Jim (when back from vacation), Deborah, and Mike volunteered to serve as needed on the hiring teams for the upcoming positions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. by Chair Deborah Saunders Evans, at which point Jed provided an additional project review discussion, and then a tour of the new office space was offered.

Minutes prepared by Rob Hoshaw, reviewed by Dana and Secretary Walch. Submitted by Secretary Walch.