

Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council Steering Committee

Meeting Notes

August 2, 2007

Attendees: Diana Bus, Alison Center, Brian Forge, Allen Martin, Larry Weaver, Dustin Bengtson, Paul Bohner, Deb Schmidt, Pam Reber.

Check-In:

Deb: been in Hell('s Canyon) on fire.

Diana: BLM work has been done in the Siuslaw Resource Area, section 15, near upper Camas Swale—cleanup, signage (no shooting, dumping), gated one road; Diana inviting Pam to an upcoming meeting about this area.

Alison: Attended council meetings (Coordinator contract/Technical mtgs).

Jim: Contacted Jim Weaver about Russell Creek neighbors, getting contact info for folks there.

Larry: Family responsibilities/visits have been filling summer.

Paul: Nothing to report, question about Dave Cunningham joining the committee (Dustin to follow up).

Allen: Trying to move forward with Quamash Prairie; leading effort to draft a Coordinator contract; attended Technical committee mtg.

Dustin: Kat will be contacting Pam about Piper Creek; Corps struggling to maintain flows. Corps will be sampling the mysterious bubbling at Green Bubble, a Navy dive team will be going in.

Brian: Attended Quamash Prairie Tour and Mosby Creek meeting; will be adding plywood to kiosk at Garden Lake soon.

Technical Committee Update/Discussion:

There are questions about Quamash Prairie moving forward at this time, however Pam and Allen plan to do a site visit to at least develop a treatment strategy for the site. Pam will try to motivate the process. Dan Hurley told Pam he would provide access at any time. To accurately determine treatment, the area needs to be flagged by a surveyor. Pam believes he is working on this, Allen is having trouble scheduling with him so there was some concern about the viability of the project. The project team will continue to drive it forward as far as is feasible and will discuss at their August 15th meeting.

The Steering Committee identified two other feasible projects for upcoming grant deadlines.

Mosby Creek: Deb thought that by April there should be a group of Mosby landowners, suggesting maybe even a series adjacent or a group on one section of tributary who all may be interested in doing restoration as one large project.

East Regional Park: After some discussion about tours and Cottage Grove park Master Planning, it was discussed that a good proposal would be pursuing additional funds for East Regional Park restoration to benefit general noxious weed removal, turtles and birds. As Rob Cox, USFS, has a draft proposal of a small scope, this site could be in the hopper for October. Alison and Pam to develop some advance materials and then meet with city

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officials. They may provide comments from the council on the master planning in the form of a restoration plan proposal—aerial maps, treatment notes specific to each pond, photos of each area, habitat improvements specific to birds and turtles (snags, basking logs, shrubs with same food/cover as blackberries that are being removed, etc.) Allen was interested in participating and providing map support.

Public Meeting Planning Feedback:

Folks thought Raptor Center sounded fun, okay for August (I hope).

Interest in having a meeting/tour of Cottage Grove parks: discussion about our involvement in park master planning that is occurring this summer (after kiosk is installed?) October was discussed as a potential date with concerns about light, etc. Possible bike tour of North and East Regional Parks (earlier in the day or on a Saturday earlier in the month), with a public meeting where we present our proposed restoration activities?

Outreach Brainstorm Session: Dustin facilitated (with Diana's support) our discussion of how to focus our outreach. We began with identifying the purpose our efforts, so as to best lay the groundwork for how to choose the best actions (of which we have a considerable list of potential actions).

Purpose for outreach efforts:

- A. Interested landowners who may do projects—project level support
- B. Recruit volunteers; membership building; secure funding; build momentum—build capacity/council development
- C. Stewardship: educate public, encourage a stewardship ethic, provide technical support/information (human health, re: mercury)—basic education.

It should be noted that we need to consider basic 'let folks know we're here' type outreach still. All three of these target categories include the need to reach people new to watershed concepts to motivated, educated partners/landowners ready to implement.

A subcommittee will meet in September/October: Diana, Deb, Brian, Pam and Dustin will invite two Corps staff.

As Pam identified a potential need to proposal to hire outreach assistance, there was brief discussion of a proposal. It was decided to wait until some outreach targets are identified. Pam will continue to court people with good skill sets in this department with the idea of fun, and maybe funding.

Bookkeeping and Fiscal Support Update: The McKenzie Watershed Alliance has decided to offer to do fiscal services for us. They have agreed to change their bylaws to

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include entities outside of the McKenzie watershed, but the McKenzie Council must ratify this in order to move forward.

Bookkeeping and Fiscal Support Decision: The group decided that waiting for Mckenzie Watershed Council decision was the best course of action. It was decided to not pursue any other action until this avenue is determined infeasible.

Financial Report: None at the time of the meeting, available online following the meeting and included in the appendices.

Other Business:

Contractor Contract—Allen will finalize the contract based on what the group came up with for contract components. They will meet again next week to finalize the contract. Following this, Allen will sit down to discuss with Pam, receive feedback and integrate any minor changes that result from the meeting with the contractor.

Agenda for next Steering Committee meeting September 6, 2007

- 1 Contract for Coordinator information update (15 min)
 - 2 Annual Celebration (20 min)
 - 3 Follow up on outreach (20 min)
 - 4 Financial report (5 min)
 - 5 Technical update—East Regional Park, Quamash Prairie proposals (30)
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Attachments

Coordinator Report

August 2007

Upcoming Meetings:

August 2nd 6:30pm Steering Committee Mtg

August 15th tentative Technical Committee mtg

August 22nd—Tour to Cascades Raptor Center, time change to 6pm

September 16th 4-7pm Friends of Mosby Creek Kickoff event

September 26th Coast Fork Annual Celebration Picnic & BBQ

October 22nd—OWEB Restoration Grant Deadline

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Program Updates by Funding Category/Quarterly Work Plan Outline:

Support Grant

Administrative Duties

Agendas/Minutes for the following meetings: Steering, Technical committees, Mosby Creek landowner group. Created a Steering Committee notebook for this biennium that will be available for use/review during meetings to revisit decisions, etc.

Fiscal systems: Drafted letter to McKenzie Watershed Alliance Board; Drafted deliverables for fiscal agent

Final Report: Completed and submitted to OWEB on July 27, 2007.

Council Partnerships

I compiled and submitted the Upper Willamette Small Grant team Final Biennium report to OWEB on July 19th, 2007.

Landowner Relationships:

Stewart Shore— Will be sending more info in the next week.

Technical committee/Projects: Please see Tech Committee notes from 7/18/07.

Education & Outreach

July 25th Tour of Short Mountain and Quamash Prairie: Successful and interesting tour if not under-attended. Got great pictures of site, construction and potential planting area. I submitted photos to Joe Hanson of CG Sentinel, as per his request. Laurie and I got to see the potential planting area, and I conducted some additional research about whether or not a revetment is present along the stream bank.

Outreach Brainstorm: Please see '2007-2008 Public Meeting Ideas' document for a schedule of all potential public event dates for the next year as well as some outreach ideas. I invited/informed the Ed/Outreach committee of this session.

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Mosby Creek Landowner Recruitment

Planning is moving along very well. I just attended a third meeting with landowners calling themselves 'Friends of Mosby Creek' to develop a mailer to invite neighbors (including industry and agency reps) to an informal first meeting. We are still revising contact list, developing content and displays for the event, but things are proceeding well and after pricing out our required costs, there will even be a budget. I identified \$400 of the BLM funds to go to the printing and other costs, which should cover expenses.

I emailed two BLM contacts and left messages and hope to connect with Jill Williams (and Molly Widmer who contacted me previously), BLM forester about this project.

Nolene Wheeler met with our Plum Creek contact and invited him to the kickoff event.

Garden Lake

On July 14th from 8am to 3pm, Boy Scout David DeHoop and his father Dan, conducted trail mulching and maintenance projects at the park. Their work also included trimming blackberry, Scotch broom and other weeds from the trail and restoration areas.

Kiosk plywood backing will be in place soon, facilitating our use of the new kiosk for informational display.

The next meeting should be scheduled for late August/early September.

Ron Petitti thinks having our annual celebration at the park is a great idea.

Action Planning

Our current goal is to get 2 or 3 projects ready for the October 2007 restoration grant deadline. This will mean that projects need to be flushed out with project teams that move forward independently of the Technical Committee meeting time. Please see Technical Committee notes for project

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recommendations & Technical committee process.

Please review the final draft of the Action Plan available August 1st and get comments back by August 15th.

TMDL Implementation Planning (LCOG/DEQ 319 funds)

Contract is signed and first check in meeting scheduled for the second week of August.

Creswell

Creswell's TMDL implementation matrix is pretty well flushed out and includes CFWWC contributions. I may check back in with the new City Manager to discuss it.

Cottage Grove

I plan to do a tour of Cottage Grove with Amanda Ferguson to identify potential restoration/WQ improvement opportunities as well as plan to try to spend some time looking at the CG Development code. Master planning for East & North Regional Parks will be taking place this summer with Amanda's FOUR interns!

Floodplain Restoration

There is bad news about our funding. Evidently Eve assumed that the Technical Assistance grant she wrote got funded when it was recommended for funding. However, it was not funded and she only realized this just within the last month. So our budget is limited to the NFWF funds.

Eve and I began planning in mid-July for how to proceed. She has arranged for the funds to go through the City of Oakridge. I will keep the Steering Committee informed about how we plan to proceed.

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August 2007 Financial Report

To Date	ELSWCD	CFWWC	OWEB	Total
Support Grant 07-09	\$11,600.34	\$2,316.66	\$72,083	\$86,000
BLM 2007	\$2,500	\$0	----	\$2500
DEQ		\$0	----	\$3000
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Total (this period)	\$14,100.34	\$2,316.66		

Project Grants:	Spent to date	Remaining Funds	Total
Garden Lake Project	\$15,969.90	\$79,382	\$95,352

To Date	Income/Spent	Total
Cottage Grove Community Foundation	\$0	\$973.09

<u>To Date</u>	<u>July 12th Balance</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Aug 2nd Balance</u>
Checking Account	\$2,092.32	\$0	\$486.94	\$1,605.38

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