

**Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council
Steering Committee Meeting Notes
April 2, 2009**

Attendees: Dave Cunningham, Pam Reber, Alison Center, Larry Weaver.

Check-In:

Alison: Attended pond turtle working group event at OR Zoo, she will be providing notes from this event to the Technical Committee.

Dave: Invasive species group meeting; getting ready for cleanup May 16th; may be helping to set up display for April 25th event.

Pam: Great meeting with the County Commissioners 4/2/09, see newsletter blurb.

Executive Summary

Alison interested in turtle plan; she and Pam to discuss monitoring forms.

Financial Report

Discussed need to start putting together fundraisers—a dinner/movie night was one idea; Bullfrog derby another (issues like need to contact ODFW, potential PR discussed).

Decision to request ideas for fundraising from the EO Committee.

Grant Approval & Planning

The proposal to submit an OWEB grant for Mosby Creek aquatic habitat enhancement on Weyerhaeuser property as recommended by the Technical Committee was approved.

Pam gave an update on her support of Weyerhaeuser's submittal of the proposal the Mosby Creek Spring Chinook Reestablishment project consistent to the NOAA grant/stimulus deadline of April 6th.

Nonprofit Transition—Scheduling the First meeting of the Board

May 4th was identified as the best date, Pam will notify David Atkins' office. Board notebooks will be provided at the first meeting of the board.

May 7th meeting was canceled, so there may be a bit of business to incorporate into this Board meeting.

- Switching signers on the bank account. Pam will provide a draft letter in the read-aheads and ask the board to make a resolution to open an account.

Committee Progress with Strategic Planning

The small group briefly discussed the recent Technical Committee planning work, and didn't see a problem having overlap in membership between the Technical & Steering Committee. This was brought up as an issue by ODFW as possibly being redundant. The group decided to inquire with David Atkins at our bylaws review/first board meeting.

Discussion about educational displays ensued from the EO Update. OR Aquarium, Seattle Zoo, AC Gilbert Museum in Salem and the Stream simulator are all good resources for displays and hands-on learning ideas.

Feedback on the Carnine Proposal

Pam requested that the Steering Committee consider a recommendation regarding a potential project proposal from some local landowners.

In the near term (grant deadline), the group agreed with the recommendations (provide a letter and support, but not act as lead applicant). There was an inquiry about if the property will be in a conservation easement, and if MRT might not be a good partner.

However, since no one had a chance to fully digest the proposal, and the issue of strategic decision making needs to be discussed with the whole group (does it occur at this level or at the Technical committee?), it needs to be revisited.