

Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council  
Board of Directors Meeting

16 Dec 2009  
Springfield, OR  
6:00 PM

Present: Barbara Hazen, Chuck Davis, Eve Montanaro, Stephanie Schroeder, Chuck Spies, Debbi Dalrymple, Gregg Vollstedt

I. Delicious Potluck – Mr and Mrs Davis

A delicious potluck dinner was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the Davis' for opening their home to us.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the Nov 18 BOD Meeting

The minutes were approved with the following spelling corrections: The name of the fire in Mr Sims' announcement is Tumblebug. Also the name of the company providing our policy and procedure manual in the second item is Bent-Erickson. The vote was unanimous.

III. BOD Member Announcements

- Mr Spies said that the City of Lowell is in a partnership with the Army Corps to enhance wetlands. The city is also moving forward with a wetlands/riparian inventory being done by LCOG. This is being paid for by an EPA funded grant that includes 8 other small cities.
- Mr Davis said that the Millrace work is ongoing; they have a website: Millrace.com. The blackberry removal and the riparian planting are done.
- Mr Davis said that when the water was sampled last week, Hills Creek was very cold; the banks were frozen. This was not true of Wallace Creek or Fall Creek. They are still doing regularly scheduled samples and heavy runoff samples. The Army Corps dams seem to mitigate the turbidity of the rainfall. So far no Synthetic Organic Chemicals or Volatile Organic Chemicals have turned up. The soil seems to take up the water and impurities for a long time in the fall and winter until the soil is saturated.

IV. Executive Director Update – Ms Montanaro

- Ms Montanaro said that she met with the City of Springfield staff who are interested in knowing if we want to partner with them to form something like a Friends of the Springfield Millrace. There's a lot of restoration work to be done which they would like us to work in partnership. This would be a big project for us, we would be out in the public working with folks. She will bring a proposal about this to one of the two next meetings. Mr Davis said that he thought this would be a good opportunity for publicity about the Middle Fork in Springfield. People there tend to think of the McKenzie River before they do the Middle Fork. There is a bike path starting at Clear Water Lane that now goes thru the well fields. The next part to be done is the Dorris Ranch section.

- Ms Montanaro passed out copies of the Executive Director Staff Report for mid Nov-Dec. Her hours have come down to almost 40 per week. She has good staff support.
- University of Oregon Environmental Leadership Program has students monitoring some of our riparian plantings. They are currently working at LCCP. There will be opportunity to help develop the syllabus and protocols.
- Budget. We have reconciled all our accounts with Marty's records and compiled the budget for 2010 to present to the BOD tonight for approval.
- Ms Watson worked on a grant proposal for Education/Outreach that was submitted to EPA yesterday.
- The new brochure for the MFWWC is almost done. Ms Montanaro has been working with a consultant for this project.
- The Model Watershed Program has let us know what they want to see for renewal consideration. It'll be a lot of work. They want a product they can take to grantors to express the need for funding.
- Action Plan; Ms Montanaro asked for 2 people from the Forest Service to join her and Ms Czarnomski to do a matrix of each of the sub-basin's ecological targets. Jan 30 is the target date to get the matrix ready to go out to stakeholders. The stakeholders will have time to comment and then there will be another stakeholder meeting for project prioritization. Friends of Buford Park has a matrix for the lower watershed that she will use. Ms Montanaro will send out a letter to the stakeholders about MIG's termination and the current process with targets and dates.
- Her next three months are booked with the Action Plan, Model Watershed Program and Floodplain Restoration Project
- The General Council meeting in Jan will be the annual open house. MFWWC will start advertising now. Mr Vollstedt will be there early to warm the Grange up. Invite folks who will bring good energy to help us celebrate our 10 years. The staff will put together a short slide show of the ongoing projects; it'll be a video running in the background.

## V. Budget

Comparing 2009 to 2010, we are just about in the same place, which is good considering the current state of the economy. Suggestions: put anticipated grant requests somewhere in the report. Ms Montanaro said that she is ready to start projecting out 5 years. We are currently working on a 2 year window. Part of the 5 year project requires revisiting the plans and goals of the watershed council. She is meeting with a consultant who advises non-profits on strategic planning in Jan. We are still working on getting enough money for an audit. Ms Montanaro was asked how much of the carryover from year to year was cash on hand and how much was grants which hadn't paid yet. She was asked to provide this information next time. Expenses are estimated at \$40K under what we have in income.

**MOTION:** To approve the budget. Passed unanimously.

The staff meets once a month and explores topics of interest to them. Ms Montanaro shared that she will be asking them to fund their programs. She emphasized how they all need to work together to sustain and expand the MFWWC. The council cannot rely on grants indefinitely. We have to find other ways of funding it.

VI. Next Meetings

27 January 2010

Pleasant Hill, OR

6-8 PM

General Council Meeting and Potluck

20 Jan 2010

Lowell Grange Hall

Lowell, OR

Meeting adjourned 8:41 PM.

Barbara Hazen

Secretary