

**Minutes**  
**Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council**  
**General Council Meeting**

18 September 2002  
Lowell, OR  
6:30 PM

Present: Bob Sward, Don Hampton, Earl Dill, Jim Reed, Bryan Huber, Rick Movsky, Emily Rice, Lil DeSoto, Greg Taylor, Bill Wynkoop, Chuck Davis, Margaret Hartzell (facilitator), Mike Running (recorder).

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Ms. Hartzell welcomed us all to the meeting
- II. Review and approve agenda – Ms. Hartzell
  - Mr. Movsky informed the group that Mr. Runyon had to cancel his presentation on the Mid Fork's Action Planning process and has rescheduled his talk for the October meeting.
  - The revised agenda was approved by all.
- III. Approve June Council Minutes
  - The June minutes were approved as written.
- IV. Public Comment/Announcements
  - Mr. Running informed the group that the McKenzie River Trust was sponsoring a tour of a sustainable forest they protected last year near Lorane on Saturday the 28th. While the property is not technically in the Mid Fork watershed, the tour itself may be of interest to Council members. Ms. Rice reminded the Council that on the same day, the 28th, the Council was sponsoring a tour of a Forest Service oak savannah restoration project.
  - Mr. Taylor announced that ODFW Fish Biologist Jeff Ziller had found native adult spring Chinook salmon in Lost Creek. Evidently they are spawning up the Creek. This is very good news.
  - An announcement was made that there will be a conference in Eugene put on by the Groundwater Foundation on November 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. More information forthcoming.
  - Ms. Hartzell informed the Council that Rick Scott (Forest Service Ranger) has been out for the last number of weeks with back problems. Hopefully he will return to action soon.
  - Mr. Hampton discussed Oakridge's recent meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers. He also mentioned that a group of Japanese fishermen will be filming an outdoor fishing program on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October at Gold Lake.
  - Ms. Hartzell told the Council that this meeting will be her last, as she has accepted a recent job offer in Washington state. She thanked the Council for their work and the opportunity to assist them, and the Council offered their best wishes on her future endeavors.
- V. Steering Committee Report – Mr. Movsky
  - Mr. Movsky updated the Council on the activities of the Steering Committee. With Amy Chinitz on vacation for most of August and September, the Committee didn't formally meet. However, there has been some activity. The Watershed Council Assessment is officially finished. John Runyon has provided the Council with three hard copies and one CD of the document. Mr. Running has kindly offered to print hard copies for Council members (within reason).
  - The Action Plan Mr. Runyon is working on for the Council should be finished by the end of October. The Action Planning Committee will meet one or two more times, and Mr. Runyon will try to update the Council on the plan in the near future.
- VI. OWEB Grant Updates – Mr. Movsky
  - Mr. Movsky also briefed the Council on the current status of pending and future grants. The OWEB Board will meet on the 20th and 21st of September to decide on two grants the Mid Fork has pending. However, Mr. Movsky found a staff memo to the Board that referred to these two grants (the education and water quality monitoring grants). It seems that though the Regional Review Teams recommended funding both

grants, the OWEB staff didn't recommend funding either. We will know more (and have more information on suggestions for improving the two grants) before the Oct. 1st re-submittal date.

- Mr. Movsky briefed the Council on a potential Army Corps of Engineers OWEB grant for an Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Mid and Coast Fork watersheds. This grant is a larger project than just the Mid Fork and would be a multi-year grant to conduct and coordinate outreach associated with the Army Corps' Mid and Coast Fork Floodplain Restoration Feasibility Study. Mr. Sward asked how much money the Army Corps grant will be. Mr. Movsky said that was uncertain at the moment. Mr. Taylor mentioned that the first year's education grant was for \$50,000. The stakeholder group working on the grant is still putting together the grant budget.
- The Steering Committee dealt with the question of whether to resubmit the education grant in October to OWEB if the Army Corps also submits the grant for an Outreach Coordinator at the same time. The Steering Committee agreed that nothing bad could come of doing this and recommended resubmitting both the education and water quality monitoring grants for October 1st. Mr. Movsky informed the group that Amy Chinitz's top priority when she returns to work will be to get the education grant and the water quality monitoring grant ready for re-submittal, taking OWEB's comments from both their staff and board.

## VII. Council Self Evaluation – Mr. Running

Mr. Running explained a new requirement from OWEB for continued general council support. OWEB is asking each watershed council to conduct a "Council Self-Evaluation" process to establish their goals and objects, as well as identify areas to both improve and celebrate, for the coming year. The process entails a facilitated session where Council members fill out two checklists, and then out of their responses create a Council Action Plan for the coming year. This Action Plan differs from the Action Plan John Runyon is putting together in that the former will deal with organizational goals, while the latter focuses the Council's restoration and on-the-ground projects for the future. Mr. Running informed the group that this facilitated session will take place on October 19<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) from 9am-12pm at the Jasper Mountain School. Amy Chinitz has secured a professional facilitator to volunteer his time to facilitate the session.

Mr. Running then lead the group, in preparation for the Council Retreat on the 19<sup>th</sup>, in a group process where he asked the question: "Why do you participate in the Mid Fork Willamette Watershed Council?" Below are the responses.

- Businesses have vested interests in the health of the watershed.
- A healthy economy needs a healthy watershed.
- The diverse participants bring unique conservations.
- You learn something at every meeting.
- Opportunity to protect the interests of the Forest Products Industry.
- Truly excited about fish restoration projects.
- Need to protect resources in face of and to prepare for future growth.
- Ensure watershed doesn't degrade (keep an eye on the watershed).
- Ensure that adequate "baseline" understanding of the watershed exists (i.e. the assessment).
- Protect drinking water.
- To collaborate on watershed education projects.
- Use watershed to recreate, so want to come and participate.
- Interesting and fun to be part of the decision-making process.
- Good forum to cooperate with others for the management of lands for mutual interests.
- Grassroots nature of the Council.
- As a landowner who cares about the watershed.

## VIII. Lower Watershed Habitat Restoration Action Planning

This agenda item was removed since Mr. Runyon was unable to attend the meeting.

## IX. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm. Next General Council Meeting is on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Oregon Department of Forestry office in Springfield. The Springfield Utility Board will take the Council on a tour of its new water treatment facility.