



**Pudding River Watershed Council Annual Board Meeting Minutes for
February 17th, 2015**

Present: Les Bachelor, Lisa Hanson, Brenda Sanchez, Clair Klock, Quintin Bauer

Board members:

Chairman: Jeff Butsch

Co-Chair: Steve Starnier

Coordinator: Anna Rankin

Secretary: Shuwen(Grace) Chen

Treasurer (interim): Karen Garst

GIS Technical: Brian McLeer

Member at large: Bev Koutny

Member at large (interim): Ron Garst

1. Call to Order and Public Comment

- A. Chairman, Jeff Butsch greeted and welcomed all attendants.
- B. Coordinator, Anna Rankin introduced individual's name and title at the meeting.
- C. All new board members of PRWC have been approved via the public election, no objections at the meeting.
- D. Anna Rankin notified that the Rapid Bio-survey from September 2014 was completed, have not set a date for public release of results.
- E. Public announcement of the next PRWC meeting will be on March 10th, and will reconvene every second Tuesday in a month.
- F. In response to the public comments, Anna orally listed a few social media strategies that the council has done to notify the public about the annual meeting: local news press, confidential electronic mail invitations, posters in library and public buildings and etc.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

- A. No minutes were presented for review and approval in the meeting.
- B. All minutes must be posted on the new watershed webpage for public information.
- C. All minutes will be presented for review and approval by the board in the next meeting, March 10th, 2015.

3. Monthly Fiscal Update

- A. Karen Garst announced \$300 will be needed to pay for the Rapid Bio-Survey contractor by May 2015. A second year data has to be done.

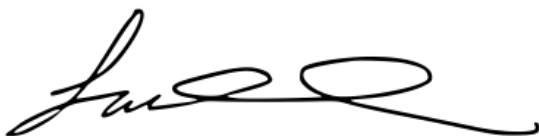
4. Projects, Programs, Special Actions

- A. Representative of ODA, Lisa Hanson emphasized the importance of water quality and quantity practices in regions of diverse agricultural uses; especially since Marion County provides the leading source of revenue of Oregon's agriculture sector.
- B. With regard to agricultural water quality, Lisa described that the ODA recommended \$6 million budget to aid Oregon's farmers in identifying issues for riparian area assessments. Regarding water quantity issues, Lisa pointed out that recharge/reservoir implementations could be done.
- C. Additionally, Lisa encouraged that the first step to address issues in agricultural pesticide uses and GM agriculture is to develop a coexistence among farmers: 1) Planning out actions before they act. 2) Consideration of how their actions will impact their neighbor. Further cooperation with Water Conservation District and the council is necessary.
- D. Representative of NRCS, Les Bachelor reported a Conservation Enhancement Program survey of selective segments tests on water quality responses could be funded for irrigation improvement. Marion County currently has three grants that are designated for water quality issues.
- E. Representative of MSWCD, Brenda Sanchez mentioned about a 50/50 cost share project (Flyers are given at the front desk). The purpose is to efficiently utilize grants for conservation projects. She mentioned an in-process project focused on noxious and invasive plants along 3.6 miles of Silver Creek.
- F. Representative of CSWCD, Clair Klock encouraged 1) contacting the NRCS of any stream quality problems will help on the conservation programs 2) achieve community's goals while maintaining environmental purposes.
- G. For the water quality improvement, Clair also described how the increased demand for organic food led practicing farmers to cut pesticide use in half.
- H. Clair suggested bio swells (bio rain gardens) projects within farmlands.
- I. Representative of SOLVE, Quintin Bauer introduced the mission of SOLVE for the environment and the public. He expressed interest in working together with the council for volunteer projects in the future.

5. Committee, Partner

- A. Last week, Grace and the stream restoration coordinator of SOLVE, Steven Kennett visited two sites in the Pudding River Watershed: Fir Point Farm nature path and Butte Creek off Highway 211 at the Marion and Clackamas County boundaries.
- B. Guests thanked for the invitations and successes of the council.
- C. PRWC members appreciated the contributions of all the guests at the annual meeting.

Minutes is written and submitted by

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