

**Pudding River Watershed Council
Board Meeting Minutes
March 10th, 2015**

Board members present: Chairman: Jeff Butsch ; Co-Chair: Steve Starner; Secretary; Shuwen(Grace) Chen; Treasurer (interim): Karen Garst; Member at large: Brian McLeer; Member at large: Bev Koutny; Member at large (interim): Ron Garst

Also present: Coordinator: Anna Rankin and Dave Stewart, Steven Starner, Bob Qualey, Sandy

1. Call to Order and Public Comment

All board members and guests introduced themselves and expressed interest in the goals of the Pudding River Watershed Council (PRWC).

All board members voted and approved Bob Qualey to be a new board member of the PRWC.

Coordinator, Anna Rankin, proposed to create a nominating committee and technical advisory board. Anna also recommended Ron Garst to reinforce PRWC's professional network in the future technical advisory board.

The idea for a steering committee was raised. Karen Garst suggested that at the current time, there were insufficient numbers in the board. The board agreed to wait.

Karen Garst agreed to revise the existent BYLAWS of PRWC to meet OWEB's funding requirements.

Dave Stewart agreed to be the council's website editor regarding information updating and organizing.

All board members agreed to hold the monthly meeting from 6pm-8pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Further changes may be necessary for new members' needs.

Member at large, Brian McLeer indicated concern about non-pointed data for the Rapid Bio Assessment maps.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

A typo on the amount of a \$3000 expense for 2014 Rapid Bio-Survey (RBS) in the previous minutes was revised and the minutes for the January and February were approved by the board.

3. Monthly Fiscal Update

A financial budget for the council will be present at the next meeting by Karen Garst. Both Karen and Anna agreed to efficiently allocate grants among different resources.

Anna notified the council that the new cycle of Technical Assistance Grants begins on April 15th.

Karen reported that Mid-Willamette Alliance is willing to serve as fiscal agent for PRWC. Also, current financial assets include \$6000 from Mid-Willamette Alliance, \$5000 committed to Aurora projects, \$1300 for Aurora litigation, and a \$366 expense for

website development from the previous council. The PRWC anticipates receiving \$5000 from OWEB's reimbursement for prepaid expenses by the council.

The Board suggested compensating Anna's expenses and work for the council as the first priority.

4. Projects, Programs, Special Actions

Anna suggested reserving the Oregon Garden for an upcoming public meeting, which will include a presentation by the Bio-Surveys, LLC on the 2014 Rapid Bio-Survey's results. Bob offered to contact Oregon Gardens and set up a meeting space. Another option could be the public library.

According to the OWEB meeting summaries, PRWC has great habitats for turtle populations, therefore Anna foresees a potential project focused on turtle restoration. However, Ron suggested prioritizing the fish habitat restoration projects first.

Grace recommended shifting project focus in the Aurora areas in order to utilize a designated fund for Aurora restoration projects.

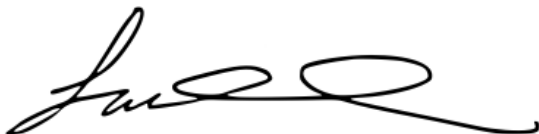
In Grace's field trip with Steve Kennett from SOLVE at Fir Point Farm's nature path, Steve expressed that engineering help level was needed. Additionally, Steve suggested consultanting with the local Soil and Water District for further projects on the second site off Hwy 211 on Butte Creek.

5. Committee, Partner

Anna announced a potential partnership with North Santiam Watershed Council about a sub-watershed in the Salem area, particularly projects for Champoeg State Heritage Area and Champoeg Creek in the Mideast section.

Ron suggested having a social meeting, such as hiking, or a clean up event to enhance members' interaction.

Minutes were written and submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lara', written in a cursive style.

Minutes were edited by Karan Garst.
All approved by the board on April 14th, 2015.