

MCWC Council Meeting July 2 2009

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm at Central Lincoln PUD

Introductions (16 present)

Recorder's Report: one official action were taken at June meeting, A motion was passed unanimously to adopt the draft 9 concerns and questions regarding the Valsetz Reservoir as the MCWC's official position statement regarding this issue.

Treasurer's Report: handout. Balance as of 6/30/09 \$55,208

Education Program: Buy Local Campaign, Guy Faust, www.buylocallincolncounty.org/

2000 census of Lincoln County –19,296 households, median income of \$33,000, \$5348 of yearly discretionary spending.

Asking people to shift only 10% of their discretionary spending to local purchases, \$44/mo, \$535/year—clothing, groceries, dining out, recreation.

This would make a huge difference, pumping \$10M into the local economy-- \$4 M in wages, 120 jobs at \$35,000/year and would leverage \$24 M annually.

Also local giving would get a boost on top of this since local businesses give about \$4000 annually to events, charities, schools etc. Outside owned businesses e.g. Walmart etc. only gives \$1000 on average.

Local economies are very strong. About \$1.5 M came into Newport from its Farmer's Market.

Break and refreshments

Technical Team Report –Wayne reported that the Siuslaw RAC grant submission is coming up and that the Alsea Stewardship Group grant submission deadline is in Sept. There was a good Alsea Stewardship monitoring field trip lead by Mark Barnes and staff of IRM forestry. The tech team discussed the MCWC's potential role in being the convener of a diverse nearshore community group as outlined by legislation. The Tech Team also discussed some potential new projects.

Basin Planning Team Reports - no reports were available from the Siletz or Yaquina Groups

Salmon-Drift Watershed Council report—no report was available from the group

Alsea Watershed Council Report --Cyndi Karp was designated by the Alsea Watershed Council to be the representative of that group to the MCWC. She submitted a

written report of Alsea Watershed Council activities, including having submitted 2 grants to OWEB—one for Canal Creek, one for Trout Creek. The group received a one time payment of \$17,000 from OWEB but not as council support funding. It will be used to develop projects and work within the MOU with the MCWC. Other potential projects on Five Rivers were noted.

Administrative Committee Report – Fran gave the report. The Admin Committee approved the financial statement and the admin budget for 2009-2010 (\$81,022), with expenditures expected to be close to a million \$, with federal funds expected to be about \$420,000. A single audit requirement kicks in when federal funds of \$500,000 are expensed. We need to anticipate this cost for future budgets. The group discussed whether we should pursue a process to determine our overhead rate for federal funds. They also discussed the need for monthly status updates on active projects with Tanya and Wayne designing a form to make such reporting easy.

A big item of discussion was keeping our education program funded. Right now Virginia's funding is only through December. The group held an executive session to look into personnel matters regarding salaries and potential personnel changes

Education Program – Virginia reported that she has been extremely busy. They interview 85 people for the natural resource crews for summer work and hired 50. The native nursery has 3000 trees bundled up. The trailer for 8 kayaks was fixed up wonderfully by Joe Steere for the group.

Coordinator's Report – Wayne handed out a written report noting the Salmon Stronghold Conference he attended in June in Portland since Siletz River has been designated a wild salmon stronghold and he noted his attendance at and following of Port of Newport meetings regarding the removal of the Pasley (they did not get stimulus funds for removal) but will apparently move on with a permit application to remove the Pasley without grant funds and building a dock that does not involve filling in any more of the bay.

Announcements -- NMFS is accepting comments until July 27th on their coho stock status review (NOTE—subsequently that deadline was extended a month).