

**MidCoast Watersheds Council  
General Meeting  
1 October 2009**

Meeting called to order; 18 people present

Recorder's report: one official act: to approve submission to the Alsea Stewardship Group of the Starr Creek Reserve Forest Health Initiative

Treasurer's report: as of last Friday-\$92,000

Educational Program: Greg Harlow Siletz Watershed Council

River mile 35 trash removal. Last winter high water eroded the bank and took out 40 trees and uncovered cars that had been used for rip rap. The Natural Resource Crews documented over 100 items of debris. Two landowners were interested in remove cars from bank and from in-channel. ODFW's Dan Avery looked for spawning gravels so that least damage was done when equipment was brought into the stream. A certified clean machine to remove trash/debris was required (no oil, grease etc.). Access Equipment had an appropriate piece of equipment for rent in Corvallis. Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of August got the emergency permit in hand. 7 vehicles and miscellaneous parts with a total weight of 7 tons was removed from about 100 yards of river. Tractor hauling metal from site got stuck at first. 30-40 loads were hauled out, . engine blocks, transmissions, vehicle bodies. Never saw petroleum based products coming from the old materials. Lots held together with the cable. The cost was the track hoe and others volunteered their time, in the end the landowners split the bill for the trackhoe. Quinn Merk volunteered site for metal recycling and would return any profits to project. Operators worked hard to not make any silt. Port of Toledo supplied the spill kits for in case of incident. Getting feedback to the Natural Resource Crews who did survey was suggested.

Next step in Siletz may be logging cable cut it into shorter pieces to transport.

Fall clean up-First Saturday following a large water event. Liability release needs to be signed for all these jobs. Don't destroy log shoots if possible -of historic interest.

Break

Technical Team Report-

(NOTE: OWEB's office is closed on Friday before submission deadline Oct 19<sup>th</sup>)-

The committee considered a number of grant proposals for submission.

Green River-carrying capacity for winter Coho especially-this year could have the largest return of Coho in decades so we can look a carrying capacity in high numbers times.

\$10,000-Rennie motion and Joe seconded-with small edit-page 8 and 9 need to be completed-summary table should be placed in the application-passed-no abstentions

Bummer Creek-Tech team recommended subject to completion. Budget, etc. Sam made motion, Rennie seconded that it go to Tech Team for work and approval before submission-we've completed design on the project-this will support the design suggestions-use this to study the effectiveness by studying the issues with which the team

had problems-Need to add more about the technical assistant grant prior. Alcoves are a political habitat items-so favor comes and goes with the times. They may impact summer water temperatures. Built in numerous measures-cost is estimated-can request monitoring until 2014. Motion passed-no abstentions

Little Beaver Creek Fish Passage-west of Dairy Queen-9 ½ degrees and too small and gets plugged by beavers. We got an extra \$4000 for match. Riparian planting will be added. Rennie moved and Mark seconded. All OWEB are due on the same date. passed one abstentions

Feagles Creek Channel Restoration-need to check the date may be prior to 96. Forest service will do some technical assistance-we can ask about riffraff. Mark moves we moved ahead to Tech team review and approval, seconded by Rennie. The grant needs a rationale-emphasis on restoration of processes. Motion passed-no abstentions

5 Rivers-project development from limited factor's analysis, Alsea Watershed Council will write a letter of support. Alsea, Rennie made motion and Ann seconded. Outreach and final design to end with a grant application to accomplish the work plan worked out with landowners. Need to better describe project designs as outcome of outreach work. All in favor

Discussion-OWEB funds processes that restore natural functions and watershed processes- so alcoves will need to be justified fully. If you could show historically that the alcoves would have existed-then alcoves could be a restoration. Alcoves tend to silt in so difficult to justify. Artificial may be necessary but still has to pass through the review team.

Group talked about submission of OWEB grant for ocean tributaries rapid bioassessments. Would the council authorize Tech Team to write and approve a bio survey in ocean tribs-Peter Lawson at NOAA to test the assumptions- NOAA Oregon coastal Coho were categorized as independent so impact recovery planning consideration. MCWC has more than half of these tribs. Fran made a motion that MCWC delegate authority to the Tech Team-Rennie seconded the motion-Corinna let Salmon Drift know ahead of time. Passed no abstentions

Group discussed proposal regarding marine debris. Due Oct 20. This is not an OWEB grant but a NOAA Marine Debris Program Grant . Idea is to remove creosoted pilings from Bay and rail road ties and other potentially hazardous stuff from Yaquina, Alsea, Salmon, Siletz. Note of old barrels under Alsea Bay Bridge. Huge tire up river of Critser Moorage. Mark made a motion and Jan seconded it. Let Fran or Wayne know of debris items. Motion passed-no abstentions

#### Basin Planning

Siletz monthly written report

Yaquina Oct 11<sup>th</sup> closing date for coordinator position application. \$25/month \$15/ hour

## Salmon Drift Watershed Council Report

Written monthly report; report of 2<sup>nd</sup> Fisher grant

## Alsea Watershed Council

Written monthly report

Andy Kittel will be representative for next two months, Cyndi has been representative for three. Want to give various people experience.

## Admin Committee

Special conditions on Alsea WSC OWEB support grant—to meet quarterly with MCWC is one condition and the Admin committee meeting was the first such meeting.

Alsea will write a letter of support for the 5 Rivers outreach/proposal development grant. Yaquina group staffing-outreach coordinator position advertised.

Annual report –Natural Resource Crew work could possibly be focus this year

Will pay Rennie's expenses to network of watershed council conference

Feagle's Creek Bridge—channel realignment grant may be in the works. OWEB wants us to tackle.

Stimulus money \$150,000 maybe for Horse Creek valley bottom road decommissioning

Highway clean up Oct 10

## Education Committee

We've been invited to Chicago National Association of Workforce Development Professionals to present the work of the Natural Resource Crews from the last summer. 3 crew members, 1-2 crew leaders, Parker, 3 Community Service Consortium staff and Virginia are being sponsored to go-December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Please send projects to Virginia for grants she's writing- work that youth crews can do during the winter October to May. Upstream of bridge of Eddyville-release and planting.

Proposal for Starr Creek Preserve stewardship project may get funded so some money for Virginia and work for NR Crews.

## Coordinator's Report

OWEB got us more council support money. \$26,000-Salmon Drift wants some. Admin will discuss at next month when they redo their budget.

OWEB strategic planning process draft should be up on Monday on OWEB website.

## Announcements

Yaquina Bay Cleanup Oct 3: 9-11:30, Lunch 12 at Rogue So Beach

Yacht Club and Toledo sign in places

At last Alsea speaker from Siletz talked about turbidity.

HWY 20 Cleanup 9-12 Saturday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Cemetery Road

Library Service District Ballot Measure-renewal only not a tax increase

Adjourn 9:00