

Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date January 19, 2010

Place ODFW Conference Room, 4192 N. Umpqua Highway, Roseburg OR

CALL TO ORDER:

The PUR president, Stanley Petrowski, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL:

There were thirty-four people in attendance. There was a quorum of directors present.

DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES:

Agriculture & Livestock	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Jan Tetreault	X		M.A. Hansen	X	
Stanley Petrowski (President)	X		Paula Stonerod		X
Paul Heberling	X		¹ Huebner ² Swingley		X

Timber, Aggregate, Construction & Mining	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Darin McMichael	X		Dave Russel	X	
Mark Kincaid	X		Jake Gibbs	X	
Dave Archambault	X		Carol Whipple		X
Bill Rice		X	Vacant		

Fishing, Recreation & Conservation	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Jim Yingst		X	¹ Frankenstein ² Brochu	X	
David Parker	X		Claude Sterling		X
Gerald Wisdom	X		Craig Burns	X	
Ken Ferguson	X		Stan Vejtasa	X	

Cities, Special Districts & Public Utilities	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Tracy Pope (Treasurer)	X		Richard Chasm	X	
Blair Nash		X	Vacant		
Vacant			Rich Grost		X

County	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Tom Manton	X		Nathan Reed	X	

Tribes	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Steve Rondeau		X	John Schaefer	X	

Members at Large	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Alan Bunce	X		Janice Green		X

OTHERS PRESENT:

Matt Ruwaldt	Dan Jenkins	Harold Ettelt	Dave Loomis	Glenn Harkleroad
Mark Villers	Fabian Carr	Diane Phillips	Terry Burlison	Jeff McEnroe
Debbie Thornton	Sandy Lyon	Bob Kinyon		

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes and staff report from the December 15, 2009 watershed council meeting were approved via consensus with a motion from Ed Frankenstein and a second from Mark Kincaid.

GENERAL DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC INPUT:

- During introductions, Stan asked Tim Walters to elaborate on his background in fisheries and his current position with ODFW.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Stan Petrowski

- Stan attended the Network of Oregon Watersheds outreach workshop in Medford along with Brian Swift and Dave Loomis. It was shocking to Stan to learn that research showed outreach for non-profits needed to be geared toward the sixth grade learning level.
- The South Umpqua Rural Community Partnership (SURCP), a 501-c-3 non-profit, of which Stan is president, is interested in discussing with the PUR board the opportunity to be a sub-council under the PUR umbrella. This small grassroots group is especially interested in restoration in the Upper South Umpqua and its tributaries, especially Elk Creek.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tracy Pope:

- Tracy provided the following financial report:

Description	\$ Previous Month	\$ Current Month
Bank Accounts	73,012.38	34,525.22
Outstanding Bills	109,079.12	19,460.07
Cash on Hand	(49,401.86)	15,065.15
Unrestricted Funds	153,783.93	152,423.00
Funds Requested	179,953.10	106,829.38

STAFF REPORT:

- Bob Kinyon, Coordinator:
 - Continued coordination with Brian Swift, the new Smith River WC coordinator, who started his new job on January 4th. Worked out details of draft MOU between PUR and the SRWC with Paul Dailey.
 - Completed MOU between SRWC and PUR to work collaboratively with Brian on training and mentoring.
 - Completed executive director article for the next PUR newsletter.
 - Coordinated venue at Sutherlin for the December council meeting.
 - Conference call with Sandy, Jake Winn and INR staff regarding a changeover of the Umpqua Explorer to open source software. It will make the website more flexible and efficient.
 - Worked with Paul Heberling to rescue a lost EPA-319 grant application that was captured in a junk email file at DEQ headquarters in Eugene. Thanks to his efforts the proposal finally got in to the queue.
 - Met with Tracy, Debbie and Terry to discuss and re-format a finance committee proposal for staff benefits.
 - Circulated a spreadsheet to staff and agency reps with 14 active grants needing a final report in 2010.
 - Confirmed with Bruce Miller, ODFW research biologist from the Charleston office, that he would be the presenter at the February PUR board of directors meeting. He also wants to participate in any coordination meetings on the W. Fork Smith River instream project since Bruce has been doing intensive fish survey work on the West Fork for several years.
 - Attended education committee meeting at PUR on January 5th. Discussed development of two resolutions for the board plus a discussion on leasing water rights to instream use via The Fresh Water Trust. There were 11 members in attendance.
 - Spent one day doing photo documentation of 9 projects across the basin for OWEB monitoring reports.
 - Attended Lunch Bunch presentation on "biofuels development on the Umpqua" at the Roseburg Country Club. There were several PUR members in attendance.
 - Met with Chris Frissell of the Pacific Rivers Council to discuss a project on Canton Creek on the North Umpqua.
 - Participated in the Events Committee meeting at PUR on the 13th.

- Debbie Thornton, Fiscal and Data Manager:
 - Did payroll
 - Paid bills
 - Attended the education committee meeting

- Terry Burleson, Planner :
 - Developed a large-scale spreadsheet for the conference room wall to track active and potential projects.
 - Coordinated basin projects with PUR, BLM, ODFW and Smith River WC staff.
 - Working on final reports for OWEB.
 - Site visit with PUR engineer Don Porior to Porter Creek – site of a culvert washout.
 - Project visit to South Sisters Creek in Smith River with Dan Jenkins, Brian Swift and John Colby to evaluate and learn from instream structure placement.
 - Trip to Rick Franklin Corporation railcar yard in Lebanon with Don Porior and landowner Steve Hall to look at railcar bridges to be used at stream crossings.
 - Site visit on Mill Creek in the Umpqua area with Mr. Kilkenny to look at a fish passage culvert. PUR is scheduled to replace a culvert upstream on Clark's property this summer.
 - Looked at a potential wetland project on Robert's Creek with Pete Baki of ODFW.

- Sandy Lyon, Monitoring Coordinator:
 - Conducted monitoring run of Myrtle Creek
 - Conducted monitoring run of Umpqua/Coast, while at the coast met Matt and I met with Beth Tanner - Water Quality Technician for the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians
 - Attended the Hydrologists Breakfast
 - Attended South Umpqua E. coli Meeting
 - Conference call with Bob, Jake Winn and INR staff regarding a changeover of the Umpqua Explorer to open source software. It will make the website more flexible and efficient.
 - Reviewed first draft of "About This Site" page of the new Umpqua Explorer
 - Compiled a list of OWEB project monitoring and their due dates, distributed to those responsible for the monitoring
 - Completed Brownie Creek monitoring report with Casey Baldwin and sent to OWEB
 - Took some time off over the holidays

- Matt Ruwaldt, Wetland Project Manager
 - Attended collaboration meeting with ODFW at PUR to discuss potential and future projects.
 - Working with Brian Swift on developing projects in both the Smith River and Umpqua estuary.
 - Met with Laura Smith, new conservation tech at Umpqua SWCD. Gave her a tour of the Dean Creek restoration projects.
 - Wrote article on the estuary for the PUR newsletter.

- Kris Lyon, Technical and Monitoring Associate
 - Completed the 2nd edition of the PUR newsletter, *Fish Tales*, while home on holiday break from Lewis & Clark College.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mark Kincaid recommended the board develop a "Don Ollivant Memorial Award", to be given periodically to someone who exemplifies what Don meant to the Partnership - someone who sought scientific solutions to questions; asked penetrating questions; and spoke with conviction. After discussion, Stan made a motion to create the award, Jan provided the second, and the motion passed without objection. Those wishing to help develop the criteria for the award should contact Mark, who will take the lead on this endeavor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Paul Heberling announced that it is highly likely that EPA will authorize additional funding this year for the Formosa Mine Superfund site for more testing and evaluation.

PRESENTATION(S): Jeff McEnroe, Fisheries Biologist, Roseburg BLM: *Does Streams + Wood = Fish?* Jeff provided an excellent slide show, identifying the collaborative monitoring ongoing in the Wolf Creek sub-watershed. He listed the various partners (BLM, PUR and ODFW) and described the different kinds of monitoring, i.e. implementation, effectiveness, extensive, intensive, biological and physical with photos, graphs and tables to emphasize each type.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Finance Committee: Tracy Pope
 - Tracy convened the finance committee, met with the staff and then developed a resolution to allocate the surplus prudent reserve funding. She emailed the four-page resolution to the board for their consideration prior to today's meeting. Tracy made a motion to approve the allocation of the funding in the following percentages:
 1. Growth – 30%
 2. Projects – 15%
 3. Health Benefits – 45%
 4. Business/equipment – 10%Tom Manton seconded the motion. A discussion ensued regarding the type and cost of health benefits. The motion passed via consensus.
- Nominations Committee: Alan Bunce
 - There are still some vacancies on the board that need to be filled. The board members should continue to search for candidates for the vacant positions.
- Technical Advisory (TAC) Committee: Terry Burleson
 - Terry announced that the next TAC meeting will be on January 28th at 1:00 p.m. at the PUR office.
 - The committee will discuss project proposals for the April OWEB offering.
- Events Committee: Richard Chasm
 - Richard emailed a resolution to the board regarding the Partnership taking over the "River Clean Up" event that is held in September every year. The resolution was generated after the event committee met on January 13th to discuss this and other items. Richard moved to accept the resolution. The motion was seconded by Alan Bunce and was approved via consensus. The board noted that this was a great opportunity to clean up the riverbanks; involve the community; work together as council members; and to encourage additional membership.
- Education Committee: Stanley Petrowski
 - The education committee met on January 5th and drafted a two-part resolution, i.e. hire Dave Loomis as the education/outreach program coordinator, and use the RockEd facility as a foundation to take over from the Joe Merchep Umpqua River Foundation. This resolution was emailed to the board for their consideration prior to today's meeting.
 - Stan had several telephone calls from directors who had concerns about this proposal. Rather than engage in a lengthy discussion at the board meeting, the president sent the resolution back to committee for further deliberation. Bob will send a "doodle" to all members to schedule a follow-up education committee meeting prior to the February council meeting. All members who want to have a voice in this decision should plan to attend the education committee meeting.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:**UPCOMING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Bob announced that there were still seats available at two PUR tables for the February 5th Derby auction and dinner. Bob will send out a final request for attendees after today's meeting.
- Gerald announced that the Umpqua Watersheds banquet is coming up on February 13th. PUR will purchase one table for the banquet. Bob will send out a request for attendees when the banquet announcement arrives.
- Stan reminded the members that the State of the Beaver conference is February 3 – 5 at the Seven Feathers convention center.

NEXT MEETING: ODFW Conference Room, 4192 N. Umpqua Highway, Roseburg. The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. on February 16th. Bruce Miller, ODFW research biologist in Charleston, will speak on *"Fish Monitoring in W. Fork Smith River: How Fish Production Appears Linked to Summer and Winter Rearing Habitats"*

ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

/S/ Bob Kinyon
PUR Secretary