

# Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers

## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

**Date** October 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		Dianne Phillips	X	
Paul Heberling	X		<sup>1</sup> Huebner <sup>2</sup> 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
Mike Flewelling	X		Bill Rice		X

Fishing, Recreation & Conservation	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Jim Yingst	X		<sup>1</sup> Frankenstein <sup>2</sup> Brochu		X
David Parker	X		Claude Sterling	X	
Cindy Haws	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		
Rich Grost		X	Vacant		

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:

Sandy Lyon	Debbie Thornton	Sally McKain	Heather Bartlett	Ralph Lampman
Laura Smith	Ross Greedy	Andrew Janos	Andrea Rangelof	Harold Ettelt
Kirk Haskett	Joy Archuleta	Kelly Crispen	Tullia Lipton	Bob Kinyon

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes and staff report from the September 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> meetings were approved via consensus with a motion from Mark Kincaid and a second from Mike Flewelling.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Stanley Petrowski

- Stan noted that he and several other beaver advocates will be presenting at the OWEB conference in Pendleton in November. Sandy Lyon will also be at the conference, doing a joint presentation with BLM staff on the Wolf Creek restoration project.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tracy Pope:

- In Tracy's absence, Debbie Thornton provided the following financial report:

Description	\$ Previous Month	\$ Current Month
Bank Accounts	81,582.45	52,959.46
Outstanding Bills	2,574.57	43,653.88
Cash on Hand	79,007.88	9,305.58
Unrestricted Funds	156,474.00	159,954.51
Funds Requested	208,283.70	220,373.08

**STAFF REPORT:**

- Bob Kinyon, Coordinator:
  - On vacation from September 8<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - Continue to work with Tim Walters at ODFW on PUR funding issues with the Rock Creek hatchery fishway
  - Set up and attended an Executive Committee lunch meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> with Stanley, Darin, Tracy and Eric.
  - Acted as clearinghouse for input and dissemination of information to and from the PUR Board and members regarding the blocked decision to hire Tom Manton as the Formosa Mine Technical Advisor.
  - Worked with Nancy Geyer and Megan Kleidecker (OSU Extension – Corvallis) on a budget and OWEB application for the Master Watershed Steward training.
  - Worked with staff to resolve funding issues with several culverts. All issues were resolved.
  - With Eric, visited the Morgan Creek restoration project (3 crossings and log placement). Tied in with Terry who was inspecting the project.
  - Sent a letter to the Smith River Watershed Council stating that the MOU regarding partial PUR funding for Brian Swift was terminated as all the proposed funding had been obligated. In my opinion, the agreement between the two councils worked very well to help Brian get a firm footing as coordinator of the SRWC.
  - Wrote a letter of support for Cindy Haws for a Wildlife Conservation Technology Program at UCC.
  - Hosted Mark Grenbemer, our Region 2 OWEB rep, on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Mark discussed the status of OWEB funding with the PUR board at a special Board meeting and then later with staff at the PUR office.
  - Observer and facilitator of evaluation (hot wash) for the Galesville Rush – 2010, a FERC-required exercise to test emergency services response to a catastrophe (breach of Galesville Dam scenario).
  - Attended FMC subcommittee meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> at the BLM auditorium.
  - Hosted a PUR staff meeting with Heather Tugaw (DEQ – Medford) and David Waltz (DEQ – Corvallis). Discussed the EPA 319 grant program and other relevant water quality issues. USFS and Tribal staff were also in attendance.
  - Contracted with Daniel Newberry to conduct a Board self assessment and facilitate an update of the PUR strategic plan.
  - Supported staff in editing numerous OWEB grant applications.
- Debbie Thornton, Fiscal and Data Manager:
  - Prepared payroll & payroll reports
  - Paid bills
  - Prepared & received many fund requests
  - Gathered receipts for auditor
  - Attended meeting with DEQ

- Eric Riley, Restoration Coordinator:
  - Attended Executive Committee Meeting with Bob to learn the process and function
  - Worked with Matt Ruwaldt and Terry Burleson on project implementation
  - Coordinated Helicopter Log Placement Projects and Contracts with Columbia Helicopters, Inc., Matt Ruwaldt and Coos BLM
  - Contract Administration and Inspection on Capital Projects
  - Summer 2011 Invoice resolution with Terry
  - OWEB Grant Coordination and Facilitation for 10 grant applications (6 restoration, 2 TA Grants, 1 Monitoring, 1 Education & Outreach)
  - Met with PUR Staff and Mark Grenbemer to discuss upcoming grant cycle and the future of OWEB grant applications and the process
  - GRANTS, GRANTS, GRANTS!!!
  
- Terry Burleson, Planner:
  - Inspected project work at Little Wolf Creek.
  - Looked at potential projects up Hardscrabble and Jack creeks.
  - Helped to strategize upcoming OWEB grant applications.
  - Helped to write OWEB grants for fish passage improvements in Jack and Hardscrabble creeks and helicopter log placement in Wolf Creek.
  - Worked with Jeff McEnroe and Holly Truemper to write the monitoring portion of the Wolf Creek grant application.
  - Worked with a landowner to resolve an issue with a mailbox that we put back after a culvert replacement project was complete. The postmaster did not accept the new location the owners chose, and thus the mailbox needed to be moved back. Lesson learned: don't mess with the Myrtle Creek postmaster.
  - Scheduled three new project site visits to occur after the OWEB grant applications are complete.
  - Worked with Eric to resolve billing issues for summer project work.
  
- Sandy Lyon, Monitoring Coordinator:
  - Attended Formosa Mine Sub-Committee meeting
  - Did final audits of temperature loggers in Wolf Creek with Heather
  - Did Coast run
  - Did Cow Creek run
  - Attended Council Meeting and Monitoring Sub-committee meeting afterward
  - Did Myrtle Creek run
  - Wrote up Upper Joe Hall Instream project monitoring report for OWEB. Thanks to Stan P. for photos and comments
  - Did split sample with DEQ ambient monitoring crew
  - Met with Mark Grenbemer and PUR Staff to discuss upcoming grant cycle and the future of OWEB grant applications and the process
  - Did another Cow Creek run
  - Did South Umpqua run with Heather
  - Attended Umpqua basin monitoring discussion hosted by BLM – great meeting of networking and planning monitoring to complement each other's work
  - Did Elk Creek monitoring run with Heather
  - Attended Hydrologist's breakfast
  - Attended PUR staff meeting with Heather Tugaw (DEQ – Medford) and David Waltz (DEQ – Corvallis). Discussed the EPA 319 grant program and other relevant water quality issues
  - Prepared for Coast run but Heather did it with Ross Greedy for the first time without me
  - Retrieved HOBOS for Wolf Creek hyporheic flow study with Denise Dammann and Ross Greedy
  - Did another Cow Creek run with Heather
  
- Matt Ruwaldt, Wetland Project Manager:
  - Worked with Terry on implementation at the Kennedy Ranch bridge placement
  - Went to the Fate/Days creek instream project with Eric
  - Arranged a cutter to fall and buck trees for the West Fork Smith River project
  - Hired and worked with a contractor to stage logs at Upper Dean Cr.
  - Toured our potential coastal projects with Madeleine Vanderhayden, USFWS
  - Gave a presentation to the board with Eric
  - Toured the Charlotte/Luder/Upper Dean helicopter projects with Mike Dauenhauer, Columbia Helicopters
  - Met with the other staff and Mark Grenbemer, OWEB, to discuss projects for this round

- Attended the SRWC meeting
- Lead a ground crew on the WFSR helicopter project
- Worked with a contractor cutting trees on Charlotte/Luder/Upper Dean
- Lots of time at the office writing grants
  
- Kris Lyon, Technical and Monitoring Associate
  - Second year at Lewis and Clark College
  - Please start gathering ideas for the winter newsletter and forward to [Kris@umpquarivers.org](mailto:Kris@umpquarivers.org)
  
- Brian Swift, Smith River Watershed Council Coordinator:
  - Met with Dan Jenkins to discuss South Sisters V OWEB grant re-submit.
  - Met with Mark Grenbemer and strategized for SRWC future grants.
  - Was invited by Buck Creek (near Smith River Falls) landowner to identify areas for instream restoration, Dan Jenkins came with me. We will coordinate with landowner to develop an OWEB small grant.
  - Started UBFAT culvert surveys in Lower Smith River.
  - Conducted SRWC TAC meeting.
  - Completed (1) restoration grant to submit to OWEB October 18<sup>th</sup>.
  
- Nancy Geyer, Education and Outreach Program Manager
  - Collaborated with Douglas County OSU Extension and the Watershed Education Team's coordinator to develop a strategy to bring the Master Watershed Stewards training to Douglas County in 2011; wrote a grant for the project.
  - Worked with members of the FILP team finalizing expectations for the salmon sculpture plaques; completed and submitted eight 250-word documents relating to salmon and salmon habitat.
  - Helped facilitate Ross Greedy's orientation as a PUR/Phoenix AmeriCorps participant; had meetings with Ross, Thomas McGregor (Phoenix), and the E/O committee outlining Ross' weekly responsibilities and 10-month work plan; submitted work plan to UCAN.
  
- Ross Greedy, AmeriCorps Participant
  - This month I have been shadowing people at PUR learning their role in the council and identifying opportunities where education development and student interaction opportunities are a possibility.
  - In addition I have been looking into the water trail project and determining what steps to take to get going on that project.
  - I have also been working with students at the Phoenix school and meeting teachers here explaining my role within the school and the interaction with PUR.
  - My goal has been to inform people at the school about what PUR does and I am looking at ways that we can integrate PUR education activities with classes at the Phoenix school.
  - This has been the majority of my activity for the second half of the month and the beginning of my position. I have had a lot of great opportunities thus far to see what people do while in the field with PUR. I feel I have identified a good number of opportunities with potential for integration between Phoenix classes and hands on watershed education and monitoring activities in the field. I am excited to see what can be developed and improved upon as my position progresses.
  
- Ann Kercher, Culvert Inventory Specialist
  - Continued survey training with Heather in Upper Smith River and worked with both Heather and Brian on data downloading and management.
  - Arranged for use of Douglas SWCD 4x4 truck for Heather to drive while surveying.
  - I had the opportunity to better my GIS skills by sitting in with a GIS specialist who created the maps for the fall grant cycle.
  - Provided the county with a dataset of county-owned culverts that have been surveyed and scored.
  
- Amy Pinson Dumm, Grant Writer
  - Talked with Eric and Matt about OWEB project proposals at PUR office and previewed presentation planned for PUR monthly meeting.
  - Summarized grant opportunity, Oregon Governor's Fund for the Environment, at Bob's request and emailed info to all.
  - Worked on Mill Creek and Sagabeard FP OWEB applications.
  - Reviewed/proof-read salmon plaque essays for Nancy.
  - Researched background info for Mill Creek FP project (UBFAT and streamnet).
  - Read through last year's watershed council support grant application to OWEB.

- Downloaded the 2011-2013 watershed council support application.
- Worked on and reviewed nine other OWEB grant applications.
- Other
  - Bob Kinyon updated the membership on current PUR staff activities. Eric Riley, Terry Burleson and Matt Ruwaldt were absent from the council meeting today as they were finishing up a helicopter log and tree placement project in Upper Dean Creek. The Partnership has completed all planned capital projects for 2010.
  - Sandy Lyon talked about water quality issues in the S. Umpqua River where a health hazard alert is still posted. Sandy's monitoring in the area filled in data gaps associated with the Larson Bar closure. There was a discussion regarding WQ testing labs, their capabilities, cost per sample and location. Sandy will concentrate on data input and analysis this winter and then convene a WQ subcommittee meeting to discuss next steps for the monitoring program.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Beaver Advocacy Committee requested \$2,000 from the PUR Board to support the 2<sup>nd</sup> Beaver Conference, to be held in early February, 2011 at the Seven Feathers Convention Center. Richard moved to approve the expenditure from the prudent reserve. Cindy Haws seconded the motion. There was no objection from the Board. Steve Rondeau, representing the Cow Creek Tribe, fully supported the conference and noted that the Tribe has agreed to provide the conference room free of charge, plus several other amenities at a reduced price. Stan identified several supporters from last year's event and indicated the total cost to host the beaver conference was about \$15,000.

**PRESENTATION(S):** Ralph Lampman, OSU graduate student: Update on Pacific lamprey research on the North Umpqua River.

Ralph opened his presentation with a rap piece that got the audience's immediate attention. Using humor and hard data, Ralph talked about the life cycle of the lamprey. He also spoke about his trapping methods, and tagging and tracking efforts over the past two years. He had the opportunity to be at the Winchester Dam during draw down of the reservoir pool. Numerous lamprey were found in the cribbing of the dam, perhaps because it was ideal habitat or the fish were waiting for the best conditions to move upstream. The dam is quite porous and Ralph conjectures that many lamprey pass through the dam as opposed to the fish ladder. He hopes to garner an OWEB grant to further study passage at the dam. Even though he may have been spoofing about changing his name to Ralph Lampreyman, Ralph's presentation was very informative and entertaining.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC): Eric Riley - None
- Finance Committee: Tracy Pope - None
- Nominations Committee: Alan Bunce – None
- Events Committee: Richard Chasm
  - This year's effort for the Annual River Cleanup had a mix up in dates. The dates chosen competed with a similar effort on National Lands Day. Next year the PUR-sponsored river cleanup will occur on that date. Instead of a banner for next year's event, Richard plans to create a logo.
- Education Committee: Nancy Geyer
  - Ross Greedy spoke on Nancy's behalf and brought the council up to date on the PUR education/outreach program. Ross also handed out his AmeriCorps work plan for the next ten months.
- Formosa Mine Cleanup Subcommittee: Cindy Haws
  - Cindy updated the council on the subcommittee motion to remand the decision on hiring the Technical Advisor back to the board as the members of the subcommittee could not reach consensus. She handed out copies of the agendas and minutes from past meetings as well as a transcript of the October 6<sup>th</sup> subcommittee meeting.
  - She also noted that the Board of Directors of Umpqua Watersheds had agreed to apply for the TAG grant if PUR should terminated the grant.
  - After much discussion about the pros and cons of PUR managing the above grant, Cindy made the following amended motion: "I move that the PUR Board of Directors terminate the TAG grant". David Parker provided the second and the motion passed without objection.

- The board recommended that the Executive Director write a letter to EPA stating that it is the board's decision to terminate the grant. Additionally, they wanted to include a statement supporting the TAG going to a local 501-c-3 group and a statement that the Partnership was still very interested in being informed of Formosa Cleanup efforts.
- Tom Manton updated the council on recent cleanup activities currently going on at the mine site.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:**

- The November meeting will be a work session for the Board to discuss the self evaluation and to update the PUR three-year strategic plan. Daniel Newberry will facilitate the meeting.

**UPCOMING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** November 16<sup>th</sup> at the ODFW conference room, 4192 N. Umpqua Highway.

**ADJOURN** The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

/S/ Bob Kinyon  
PUR Secretary