

# Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers

## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

**Date** November 20, 2012

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

### CALL TO ORDER:

The PUR president, Darin McMichael called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

### INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL:

There were 31 people in attendance. There was a quorum of Directors present.

### DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES:

Agriculture & Livestock	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Walt Gayner	X				
Stanley Petrowski	X		Dianne Phillips		X
Paul Heberling	X		Stan Huebner		X

Timber, Aggregate, Construction & Mining	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Darin McMichael (President)	X		Bryan Nelson	X	
Dave Russel		X	Aaron Aasen		X
Dave Archambault	X		Bill Rice	X	
Mike Flewelling		X	Kelly Guido		X

Fishing, Recreation & Conservation	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Mike Brochu	X		Jim Yingst		X
David Parker	X				
Alan Bunce	X		Richard Chasm	X	
Ken Ferguson		X	Dale Greeley	X	

Cities, Special Districts & Public Utilities	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Deborah Yates	X		Rhonda Black		X
Blair Nash	X		Pending		X
Rich Grost		X	Ken Carloni	X	

County	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Joe Laurence		X	Tom Manton		X

Tribes	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
Heather Bartlett	X		John Schaefer		X

Members at Large	Present	Absent	Alternate	Present	Absent
M.A. Hansen	X				

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeff McEnroe  
 Gilaine Wright  
 Terry Burluson

Bob Nichols  
 Debbie Thornton  
 Eric Himmelreich

Donna Fouts  
 Sam Moyers  
 Tedd Huffman

Cory Sipher  
 Steve Burns  
 Sandy Lyon

Eric Riley  
 Matt Ruwaldt

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- The minutes and staff reports from the October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting were approved; Blair Nash made motion, M.A. Hansen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC INPUT:**

- M.A. requested a donation for the Earth Day Fair from the board. PUR does participate in the Earth Day Fair Event, but there is no cost to participate, the donation is to help offset the cost of running the event. There was some discussion on where the money would come from and what our history is regarding donations to other events. David Parker made a motion that PUR would donate \$250.00, Richard Chasm 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion passed.
- Stan Petrowski requested a donation for the State of the Beaver Conference. He requested \$2000.00. Eric Riley will be speaking at the conference. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the amount and how PUR would benefit from donating, whether or not we had donated before and how as a board do we decide which organizations to donate to. David Parker made a motion that we donate the full \$2000.00, M.A. Hansen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. There was then more discussion regarding the amount. Blair Nash made a motion to amend the \$2000.00 to \$1000.00, Dave Archambault 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The amended motion was voted on first, Deborah Yates & Dave Greenly voted no, therefore the motion did not pass. The original motion for \$2000.00 was then voted on, Deborah Yates, Paul Heberling & Walt Gayner voted no, and therefore the motion did not pass. The discussion was then tabled until the next meeting so that additional information could be provided.
- Richard Chasm gave a quick update on the LNG Pipeline. There was an LNG Pipeline public meeting which was well attended in Canyonville, the landowners spoke about their concerns for the LNG Pipeline proposal.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Darin McMichael

- Darin reported that there were no meetings this month so was pretty quiet, fire danger has gone down due to lots of rain!

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Eric Geyer

- Eric Geyer wasn't in attendance so Debbie Thornton gave the following report:
- Treasurers Report:
 

Bank Account	\$125,336.23
Outstanding Bills	\$47,033.04
Funds Requested	\$49,725.05

**STAFF REPORT: October 11, 2012 – November 14, 2012**

- Eric Riley, Executive Director:
  - Met with Kelly Coates and Heather Bartlett at the CCBUT to discuss possible partnership opportunities on fish passage projects
  - Worked with Staff to plan future projects and work on PUR 5-Year Restoration Plan
  - Met with Tim Walters (ODFW) to discuss update Rock Creek Fish Ladder MOA
  - Worked with Staff to complete OCT OWEB Grants
  - Met with Staff and Partners to conduct an After Action Review of all 2012 instream projects
  - Began PUR Workload Analysis internal project
  - Facilitated monthly Staff Meeting
  - Signed APRIL OWEB Grant Agreements
  - Attended R&E Meeting with Terry and Matt to defend West Fork Smith River III proposal
  - Met with Terry and ODFW and BLM Biologists to discuss future project plans in Rock Creek
  - Met with Sandy and Walt Barton (DSWCD) to discuss upcoming EPA 319 Grant proposal
  - Attended OWEB Listening Session in Medford – Pending changes to Council Support Grant process
  - Participated in a Network of Oregon Watershed Councils meeting in Grants Pass to discuss the Network's role with Councils and OWEB Council Support
  - Enjoyed the Veteran's Day Holiday
- Debbie Thornton, Fiscal and Data Manager:
  - Attended PUR Board Meeting
  - Prepared more fund requests
  - Starting to gather information for annual reports for BLM
  - Ordered gear for Wolf Creek survey crew

- Met with Cheryl Caplan & Leonard Houston about Rogue Umpqua RAC grant report
- Terry Burleson, Planner:
  - Finished up grant writing for OWEB. Submitted Brush Creek Phase 2 and South Umpqua Restoration Planning
  - Attended PUR's first annual after action review of the 2012 project season.
  - Attended ODFW R&E program meeting in Springfield with Eric Riley, Eric Himmelreich, and Matt Ruwaldt. Matt was successful to receive \$75,000 from the committee for his West Fork Smith River project
  - Worked with Ann Kercher to develop maps for Myrtle Creek Technical Assistance and Rock Creek Restoration
  - Started working on the Governor's Fund for the Environment grant for the Rock Creek Restoration Project
  - Coordinated meetings between PUR, ODFW, and BLM for Rock Creek restoration planning
- Sandy Lyon, Monitoring Coordinator:
  - Helped get OWEB grants off
  - Attended meeting at SWCD, planning for Morgan Creek Project, PUR will do the water quality monitoring pre/post project implementation
  - Met with Eric and Walt Barton to discuss next DEQ319 Grant Proposal round
  - Met with Heather Bartlett from the tribe to discuss possible monitoring partnering opportunities
  - Developing Grant Pre-Proposal for DEQ319 Grant, will include proposal to continue HABs monitoring as well a request funding for fencing materials, stock water tanks, and bio-swale development depending on identified projects
  - Starting on final report for Wolf Creek
  - Completed report to Tribe for funding received from last year's Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Natural Resources grant funds
  - Joe continues to do weekly monitoring runs with volunteers M.A. Hansen and Dave Swartzlander. In addition he has twice gone with Nancy Geyer to Phoenix School to demonstrate water quality monitoring techniques
- Matt Ruwaldt, Wetland Project Manager:
  - Completed and submitted the Camp Creek Phase I OWEB grant
  - Attended the PUR staff meeting
  - Attended the PUR AAR meeting
  - Presented the WFSR Phase III grant to the R&E board
  - Continued working with contractor and landowners at Scholfield Creek
  - Worked with Debbie and Eric on truck maintenance
  - Set up and led a meeting to discuss work this year on WFSR
  - Continued design work on WFSR
- Kris Lyon, Technical and Monitoring Associate
  - Back at college, need ideas for winter newsletter ASAP

**INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR REPORT: October 11, 2012 – November 14, 2012**

- Nancy Geyer, Education and Outreach Consultant
  - Salmon Schools project development and implementation
  - Initial OC Brown project development
  - OWEB grant writing
- Ann Kercher, Culvert Inventory Specialist
  - Meetings with Terry to discuss work for the Myrtle Creek Restoration Planning project
  - Created map in ArcGIS and began landowner list for Myrtle Creek Restoration Planning project.
  - Created map of Rock Creek for restoration strategy meeting with BLM/ODFW
  - Meeting with Terry to discuss upcoming potential small grant/weed board grant opportunities and priorities
- Amy Pinson Dumm, Grant Writer:
  - Worked with Terry on applications for OWEB's October grant deadline
  - Looked into funding opportunities to pursue this winter/spring and relayed to staff
  - Attended staff/contractor meeting at PUR office

- Worked with Terry on grant application to the Oregon Governor's Fund for the Environment

**STAFF UPDATES:**

- Matt – will be checking on a couple projects on his way home, due to the high rains we have been having.
- Terry – If you are interesting in seeing some fish jump, she would suggest you head over to wolf creek.
- Eric – We asked for a little less than normal from OWEB this past grant session due to the summer projects being larger than normal. All the staff is working on some non-traditional grants in an attempt to diversify our funding.
- Eric – We got together with some of our partners this last month and went over the in-stream season went, discussed the good and the bad. Eric really felt like the feedback was beneficial to PUR.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- NTR

**NEW BUSINESS: Eric Riley**

- NTR

**PRESENTATION(S): Board Working Session: Update on the OWEB Council Support Draft Plan and working group session to develop a PUR position on the proposed policy change.**

- OWEB Proposal: See attached presentation.
- The presentation was intended to be a working group effort inform the Board and elicit their response to a list of questions that would help the Board establish a position on the OWEB Proposal. The questions were sent out to the Board for their review and comment.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC): Terry Burleson – Terry would like to find a time to meet with other biologists to check out the summer projects now that the rain has started and the rivers are up.
- Finance Committee: Debbie Thornton – NTR.
- Nominations Committee: Darin McMichael – No meeting planned but we do need to know who the new alternates are.
- Education Committee: Nancy Geyer – Nancy is working on Salmon Schools and helping to plan the Derby event.
- Water Trails Steering Committee: NTR

**ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:**

- The State of the Beaver Conference sponsorship.

**UPCOMING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- NTR

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 2012**

- We will be meeting at the ODFW Conference Room, 4192 N. Umpqua Highway, Roseburg

**ADJOURN:**

- The meeting was adjourned at A.M.

/S/ Gilaine Wright & Heather Bartlett  
PUR Secretary