

KWP Board Meeting Minutes January 21,2021

Members Present: Anne Wenner, Karl Wenner, Roger Smith, Steve Kandra, Erin Cox, **Absent:** Shirley Kerns, Matt Walter

Quorum Present: Yes

Staff Present: Bill Lehman and Leigh Ann Vradenburg

Minutes: October minutes were read and approved

This board meeting was conducted virtually, with all attendees having access to KWP financials, minutes and other materials as email attachments for review and approval.

Financials/Other: See attached. Grant Funding Updates for October 2020-January 2021 were presented. 4 opportunities are being pursued and the status of others in process or updated are on the attached summary. The Federal Indirect rate is 17.44% for 2021. The payroll worksheet will be presented at the next board meeting. Bill answered questions from various board members about the amount available for salaries. The board thanked Steve Kandra for facilitating a more than \$1200 donation from PROSPER. Bill will explore ideas for use of this money with the board.

The financials and grants secured documents were approved by the board.

Project Manager Report-Leigh Ann Vradenburg:

See attached. Leigh Ann updated the board on the following:

1. Chiloquin Project- 161 acres on three properties have been thinned and slashbusting will come later in the season. The Seput property has a huge

Redband trout population. Leigh Ann identified trees to put in the stream with Bill Tinniswood of ODFW. The 242 fire situation was updated: about 20 landowners may receive FSA emergency funding. There is an OWEB post fire grant but it has been delayed for various reasons as well. Leigh Ann showed the board an outreach brochure and link to a video co-created with Lake County that will be sent to the Chiloquin area and to all partners for distribution.

Leigh Ann also received approximately \$16,000 for her time and travel for Chiloquin work and another grant from ODF may come this spring.

2. Stream Classification –the first grant is being closed out. The Longbell tract in the Upper Sycan watershed will be classified this spring.

3. Lakeside Farms- hope to begin work in March. Erin Cox asked if there is already a treatment wetland on the farm and if a design engineer was involved. Karl Wenner and Leigh Ann clarified that an old design that doesn't meet the needs of the current project was initiated in early 2000s. The current project will have the services of a wetland designer from CA Waterfowl. Roger Smith asked how sequestered phosphorus was going to be removed from the system. Karl responded that water would be released to the lake in the season when phosphorus concentrations were lowest.

4. Harmony Preserve (Bailey Flat)-new 880 acre project on the North fork of the Sprague. Partnering with TU and Partners for Fish and Wildlife. KWP's primary contribution will be juniper removal.

Executive Director Report-Bill

Lehman:

Bill Lehman gave a summary of meetings attended, outreach venues, etc. See attached

Miscellaneous:

Staff hiring was revisited and discussed but no final decision has been made by Bill and Leigh Ann on what sort of expertise to bring on board. Bill also commented that good progress has been made on cooperation between agencies, organizations etc that are involved in restoration work. Karl reaffirmed that Bill and Leigh Ann need to lead the discussion and prioritize their needs in a new staff person.

Erin Cox is moving out of the basin but has offered to stay on the board at least in the short term. Bill would like the board to think about potential board member candidates, particularly since so many current members have been on the board for so long. Roger suggested looking at a young person from FAA but Steve noted that they don't tend to stay around long. Karl asked Erin for an OIT recommendation and she has several ideas she will pursue.

There was further discussion about future projects. Bill referenced the 2020 Annual Report and mentioned a few ideas he and Leigh Ann are considering. Current ability to take on more projects was queried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

Next meeting-TBD

Minutes submitted by: Anne Wenner