

KWP Board Meeting Minutes January 31, 2019

Members Present: Anne Wenner, Daniel Leavell, Karl Wenner, Shirley Kerns

Members Absent: Steve Kandra, Roger Smith, Matt Walter

Quorum Present?: Yes

Staff Present: Bill Lehman and Leigh Ann Vradenburg

Minutes: November minutes were read and approved.

Financials/Other:

Budget Review:

Bill Lehman gave an overview of the current grants secured. He noted that the amount is actual closer to \$398,000 with a last minute update, rather than the document e-mailed prior to the meeting indicating \$395,961. New funding is highlighted in yellow on the attached form. Bill reported that the current Federal Indirect rate has been increased from 20.43 to 28.25% for 2019.

Bill proposed a pay increase of \$3.50/hour for Leigh Ann and \$1.50/hour cost of living increase for himself. The board approved this contingent on successful OWEB funding.

Project Manager Report-Leigh Ann Vradenburg:

Leigh Ann updated the board on the following:

1. Chiliquin Community Forest and Fire Project: Phase 1 focus area has been determined and a proposal to OWEB was recommended for funding. See attached for more details. If awarded, work would commence in April, 2019.
2. OWEB/NRCS Technical Assistance grant for over \$18,000 was approved for KWP outreach.
3. Gerber and Noble Juniper Project: OWEB has funded this and we are the subcontractor. 600 acres of trees have been flagged and work will begin pending suitable conditions. The Noble property is being cleared as conditions allow.
4. Stream Classification funding will be determined in Mid-March. Karl asked Leigh Ann about the overall value of information obtained through this process and she confirmed it is very valuable.
5. Leigh Ann showed the board the new website for KWP that she designed.

The group discussed costs associated with off-stream watering projects. Bill spoke to the Energy Trust about the increased cost to landowners, noting fish screens and filters similarly impact landowners.

Executive Director Report-Bill Lehman:

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

Bill spoke about Irrigation Modernization project partnerships, specifically the Farmers Conservation Alliance and the Modoc Point project. KWP's role was listed as admin. and NRCS coordination.

Another update was given on the Modoc Point Irrigation Modernization proposal which is likely to be funded in one form or another, addressing water quality and quantity issues on a limited, local scale and thus could serve as a pilot project for larger efforts. Also potential for Community Solar Initiative partners. Riparian restoration opportunities to be addressed in the same MPID area.

Also mentioned was Beaver Dam Analog work being done by Jherime Kellerman and students from OIT in collaboration with UW. Bill will attend the State of the Beaver conference February 19th.

Bill mentioned that Sustainable NW received a community solar grant to assist MPID.

Board also discussed the future of GOA within KWP and consensus was to let it go to other entities.

Meeting adjourned at 6 pm

Next meeting-TBD

Minutes submitted by: Anne Wenner