

KWP Board Meeting Minutes April 29, 2021

Members Present: Anne Wenner, Karl Wenner, Roger Smith, Steve Kandra, Matt Walter

, **Absent:** Shirley Kerns

Guest: Ashton Greer, OIT faculty member

Quorum Present: Yes

Staff Present: Bill Lehman and Leigh Ann Vradenburg

Minutes: January minutes were read and approved

This board meeting was conducted in person

Financials/Other: See attached. Grant Funding Updates for January –April 2021 were presented. Total secured operational funds are \$446,305. Approximately 1.9 million is the figure for current active projects. In the first quarter of 2021 12 grants are being pursued with over \$1 million in funding also pending.

Bill presented the 2021 Payroll Worksheet. He proposed increasing his and Leigh Ann's hourly wages plus adding a part time intern for an additional total of about \$19,000 effective May 1. After discussion led by Steve Kandra concerning the status of KWP's bank balance and a request for access to P and L statements prior to the next board meeting the board approved the pay raise and in a separate motion approved hiring an intern. Four candidates will be interviewed starting next week.

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- mulching, seeding and tree planting have commenced.

The mulch is a wood straw product. An additional grant request for \$170,000 has been submitted to USFWS for tree planting. Green Diamond donated 9000 ponderosa pine seedlings which a paid planting crew will plant on about 30 acres.

There will be a workshop this Saturday on making your home resilient to wildfires in Chiloquin.

Leigh Ann applied for a grant for NRCS to continue on the ground treatments for the next three years.

2. Harmony Preserve/Bailey Flat on the North Fork of the Sprague.

Landowners are interested in a holistic restoration of about 900 acres. This is a cooperative project proposal to be submitted to OWEB and FWS. TU and Partners for Wildlife would work on stream restoration and ODF/KWP and Partners would be involved in sage meadow restoration/juniper removal. Leigh Ann showed the board a video of the proposed project that she made for OWEB since they are not meeting in person. Grants will be awarded in the fall.

3. Lakeside Farms- Great progress has been made on this project.

Permits were approved, leveling has begun...Documentation through drone footage is ongoing. Karl explained to the group that phosphorus loading to the lake will be reduced through leveling and that the restoration of wetlands on the property will allow them to pretreat the water before it goes into the lake.

Roger mentioned that monitoring will be important and a

partnership with OIT for this might be a good fit.

4. Southeastern Cascades Forest and Fire Project-KWP will provide technical assistance for mapping and outreach using the Chiloquin project as a model for this new landscape.
5. Upper Williamson Forest Health-this is a forest thinning and meadow restoration project

Executive Director Report-Bill

Lehman:

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

The upcoming OSU Extension Irrigation Field Day on the Sprague River may be postponed due to covid- related issues.

The biochar filtration project has been delayed because of mechanical issues.

UKBWAP is complete and ready for use.

Bill gave details about proposed USFWS funded projects: Off stream water wells, monarch butterfly habitat improvements not likely, Lonesome Duck, and the Ganong property.

Miscellaneous: Bill also mentioned the SSSD Water Project and the board had a discussion about associated water quality issues and possible solutions and scenarios.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

Next meeting-TBD

Minutes submitted by: Anne Wenner