

KWP Board Meeting Minutes July 25, 2019

Members Present: Anne Wenner, Karl Wenner, Shirley Kerns, Matt Walter,

Members Absent: Daniel Leavell, Erin Cox, Steve Kandra, Roger Smith

Quorum Present: No

Staff Present: Bill Lehman and Leigh Ann Vradenburg

Minutes: April minutes were read

Financials/Other:

Budget Review. See attached

Bill Lehman gave an overview/update of the current grants secured and status of submissions. New funding acquired in the past quarter is highlighted in yellow on the attached form. The Federal Indirect Rate will be 23% most likely. Note that asterisked grants recently awarded are not on either the Annual Budget or Grants Secured forms.

Bill discussed the proposed budget for July 2019- June 2020. He noted that by November, a Small Business Retirement Plan is required so he included 3% extra under Payroll Expenses on the budget form and Current Payroll worksheet. He also included a medical stipend that reflects what other Watershed groups offer which averages about \$400 per month per employee. The board members in attendance were all supportive of the proposals.

The group discussed the need/timeliness of hiring a part time additional employee and the general consensus was to hold off on doing so for the near future.

Project Manager Report-Leigh Ann Vradenburg:

See attached.

Leigh Ann updated the board on the following:

1. Chiloquin Community Forest and Fire Project: 3/4 of Leigh Ann's workload will be dedicated to this newly funded project. The contractor has been delayed a bit in starting this project. There is currently no market for chip or commercial logs so the hope is the market will improve in the fall. Otherwise thinning etc will be done and piles burned and commercial timber will remain standing.

2. Gerber and Noble Juniper Project: Barney Hill has completed 31 acres this month and has moved temporarily on to another project. He has done a total of about 233 acres thus far. The OWEB Technical Review team visited the site and all went well.

3. Stream Classification was not funded and will be resubmitted in the fall. Field work on the current funded part of this grant has been completed for this year.

4. South Fork Sprague: high water washed dirt out of structures so some repair needs to be done and a rock crossing for vehicle access and some willow planting will occur in August.

5. USFS Rac Weed extension of contracts is being secured with Klamath County right now. It is about \$21,000.

6. Lakeside Farms has been recommended for OWEB funding but the final decision won't be made until sometime in the fall.

Executive Director Report-Bill Lehman:

Bill Lehman gave a summary of meetings attended, outreach venues, etc. See attached. He outlined a list of what is going on.

1. The UKB Action Plan is coming to a close. Leigh Ann elaborated on the product quality issues, which included writing concerns, data gaps, omissions of important information, and a lack of overall strategy. Bill thinks there might be a chance of future funding to develop it better and noted that just the fact of meeting and talking as a group was very valuable.

2. Sustainable NW held their annual meeting in June in the Basin and toured the Modoc Point Irrigation District along with Don Gentry from the Klamath Tribes, Bill and others. This project would be an excellent opportunity for large scale modernization and restoration.

3. Fencing at Lonesome Duck will commence hopefully in the fall.

4. The Williamson River In-Stream project was funded but the owner wants to wait until next year.

5. Wave action and ice shearing at Modoc Point on private property was described and a discussion of proposed remedies versus cost occurred. More historical evidence of the type of shoreline vegetation is needed. The landowner is willing to pitch in on whatever remedies might be approved.

6. GOA- KWP has the option of having KLLT take over administration of the GOA employee and program. The board discussed various financial strategies and ultimately decided to defer to Bill Lehman to make the decision.

Matt Walter shared an email requesting off project emails and names so people would be aware of an upcoming public meeting September 10 concerning improving power costs on ag lands. Bill said he can help get those to Matt.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

Next meeting-TBD

Minutes submitted by: Anne Wenner