

## **KWP Board Meeting Minutes October 29, 2019**

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

**Members Absent:** Daniel Leavell, Steve Kandra,

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**Staff Present:** Bill Lehman and Leigh Ann Vradenburg

**Minutes:** July minutes were read and approved

### **Financials/Other:**

Budget Review. See attached

Bill Lehman gave an overview/update of the current grants secured and status of submissions. 9 grants were pursued. 5 are secured, 1 is on hold, 1 was submitted, and 2 are in process. New funding acquired in the past quarter is highlighted in yellow on the attached form. The Federal Indirect Rate will be 23% most likely. A biochar meeting is set for next week and work will probably begin next summer.

Bill discussed the proposed budget for July 2019- June 2020. The organization is on course with a net income of \$71,400 projected.

### **Project Manager Report-Leigh Ann Vradenburg:**

See attached.

Leigh Ann updated the board on the following:

1. COCO AIM Grant: The machine to cut and chip has been purchased and the ODF crew uses and maintains it and pays us.
2. Chiloquin Community Fire Project: 8 landowners have signed on so far. This summer 378 acres were thinned and logs were sent to Collins and smaller biomass was sent to White City. The remaining slash was piled for future burning. Slash busting will begin in about 2 weeks. Leigh Ann reported that fires in the area in May were beneficial. Roger Smith asked for clarification on the objective of the work. It is to promote wildfire resilience and forest health, thus ultimately protecting the watershed.
3. Stream Classification was not funded and was resubmitted. Field work on the current funded part of this grant has been completed for this year. 98 miles were surveyed and a new stream channel was discovered.
4. South Fork Sprague: high water washed dirt out of structures so some repair needed to be done and a rock crossing for vehicle access and some willow planting occurred in August.
5. Longbell Fencing/Green Diamond: completed this fall and Leigh Ann will meet with them this fall to discuss future fencing on Upper Long Creek and we are also evaluating fencing on Brownworth Creek and Leonard Creek with USFWS partners.
6. Lakeside Farms was funded by OWEB for \$37,296.
7. NRCS National Water Quality Initiative update: this pilot project was completed in the past and then back burned. Now NRCS is moving forward with a 1.17 million dollar proposal for FY 20-22. KWP will not receive or be involved in this. **Roger Smith mentioned that Ted Wise, the hydro lead for ODFW in the Bend office is a good source for work based on stream classification**
8. In November a joint project with KWP, ODA, SWCD, and NRCS will be submitted for lake fringe property CIS for \$2,225,000 over 5 years.

The group discussed funding priorities for endangered species that limit opportunities in certain areas like Lost River.

### **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: Megan Skinner from the FWS is looking to revive this plan around the first of the year.
2. Last week the Fall Energy Symposium was held in Klamath Falls, hosted by Sustainable NW. There was a tour of the Modoc Irrigation District project and presentation by Steve Kandra.
3. Fencing at Lonesome Duck will commence in the fall, part of the Modoc Point Project.
4. The Williamson River project was funded but the owner wants to wait until next year, it is located in the Modoc Point Irrigation District.
5. The Modoc Point Project includes restoration within the irrigation district. Wave erosion on the Gienger property is to be addressed. The large scale modernization funded by FCA is in the planning process.
6. The OWEB Beaver Project funding has been adjusted to develop a plan for Beaver Dam Analogues. This includes implementation and monitoring for water quality effects and fisheries benefits. Recently USFWS took an interest, and KWP is contracting with OIT to develop a larger plan for this BDA analysis.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm**

**Next meeting-TBD**

**Minutes submitted by: Anne Wenner**