



**Clackamas River Basin Council  
July 21, 2016 Minutes**

**Persons Attending: Quorum Confirmed, 15 of 27 present**

Dave Albrecht	YES	Michael Karnosh	Tim Shibahara
Todd Bartlett		Barbara Kemper	Ivars Steinblums YES
Ron Blake	YES	Dave Kleinke YES	Jackie Tommas YES
John Borden	YES	Bill Lenon	Kelly Warren
Bryon Boyce	YES	Nick Loos YES	
Ris Bradshaw	YES	Earlean Marsh YES	
<u>Andy Buoni</u> / Aaron Caldwell	YES	Bill Monroe YES	Liaisons: Jack Williamson
Doug DeHart		Jim Rice	Bruce Zoellick Gwen Collier YES
Gary Guttridge	YES	Michael Morrow	
Lowell Hanna	YES	Guy Rodrigue	Guests: Morgan Parks, Nat'l Wildlife Federation
Dick Jones	YES	Gail Shaloum	Staff: Cheryl McGinnis, Charlie Ylijoki

**Meeting began: B.Monroe called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m., confirming the agenda.**

**AGENDA**

<b>1. Roll Call, Announcements, Public Introductions, &amp; Recommendations for Future Business</b>
<b>2. Presentation from Colin Fogarty, Executive Director Confluence Project</b>
<b>3. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes</b>
<b>4. Financial Report</b>
<b>5. Staff Reports</b>
<b>6. Governance Issues – Future Office, Stash the Trash Volunteer Support, County Land Use Designations</b>

**1. Roll Call, Assess Quorum, Public Introductions, & Recommendations for Future Business**

B.Monroe, Chair welcomed Board members and guests. Quorum confirmed.

**2. Presentation – Connecting People to Place through Art and Education from Colin Fogarty, Executive Director Confluence Project**

The Confluence Project initiated in 2002 as attributed to Antone Minthorn is based in Vancouver, WA. The focus is connecting people to place – the Columbia River system – through art, education and storytelling.

<http://journeybook.confluenceproject.org/#/acknowledgements/>

Art incorporated in natural settings is found at 6 Confluence Project sites:

- 1) Cape Disappointment State Park - *We start where Lewis and Clark's journey ended at the mouth of the Columbia, where the river meets the sea, holding up a mirror to reflect back upon Lewis and Clark's journey.* -Maya Lin
- 2) Vancouver Land Bridge - *The land bridge is a real link connecting back to the Klickitat Trail, Lewis and Clark, and the development of the Northwest. It completes a circle that's been broken.* -Johnpaul Jones
- 3) Sandy River Delta - *Visitors encounter an elliptical bird blind, which embodies Confluence Project's commitment to sustainability and ecologically aware artistry. I try to give people a different way of looking at their surroundings.*-Maya Lin

- 4) Sacajawea State Park - *What the Confluence Project [intends] is to reveal the deeper history of the place. Go out and read each Story Circle. Each one frames and tells you a little bit more about this place in terms of the Native American tribes who came here, and this was a very important place for them.* -Maya Lin
- 5) Chief Timothy Park - Chief Timothy Park, on an island at the confluence of the Clearwater and Snake rivers in Clarkston, Washington, is the only Confluence Project site that still resembles what Lewis and Clark saw 200 years ago. Here, Ms. Lin is fully restoring a section of the island to native grasses and wildflowers and will install a large, stone-rimmed earthwork: a "listening circle" sculpted out of a natural amphitheater located at the top of the island. *Worthy of remark that not one tick of timber on the river near the forks and but a few trees for a great distance up the River.* -William Clark, Oct 10, 1805
- 6) Celilo Park – (last one planned to be completed)...*The W'yam Indians always say that the Falls is sleeping but the roar of the Falls echoes in our hearts. And to me that walkway would give me the greatest feelings to walk to see where the Falls is sleeping because the Falls still echoes in our heart and our people...* Karen Whitford May 1, 2015

### **Presentation:**

D.Albrecht and B.Monroe presented C.McGinnis with a recognition plaque in honor of 10 years of service as Executive Director of CRBC. Thank you to all!

### **BREAK**

**Staff Introduction** – Charlie Ylijoki joined the Council staff July 12, 2016 as Field Specialist. C.Ylijoki summarized his activities at *Shade Our Streams* riparian project sites with restoration crews completing a round of maintenance and reviewing the Clackamas Confluence instream construction activities as area for future riparian enhancement activities.

### **Board Member “Who Me? / Getting to Know You” Presentations from**

**Dave Kleinke** – included retirement focus for tree planting projects, which when googled identified opportunities with CRBC

**Nick Loos** – included role with PGE hydrofacilities and licensure actions; personal life is active with 3+1 on way children

**Earlean Marsh** – included long term basin resident (as of age 6); education career teaching art and performing arts in local school districts; involved in advocating for watershed health beginning with attempt to prevent gravel mining at the river;

**Ivars Steinblums** – 20 year career with USFS – Mt Hood Forest; J.Berry, USFS Ranger encouraged Ivars to be involved with watershed council in 1998 and served as liaison from USFS; currently a dedicated private citizen with watershed interest;

**Jackie Tommas** – currently lives in the same home she was born; mom reinforced service to the community; law career took her out of area to work with IRS, she returned to area to work at their Portland office; became active in the watershed with zoning issues and state land use bill protections

### **3. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes**

*D.Albrecht moved, R.Blake seconded to approve the July meeting minutes. Motion carried by consensus.*

4. **Financial Statements** – D. Albrecht, Treasurer reviewed the financial statements provided in the packet, highlighting activities report, new grant awards and display of growing a fund for future office building (p. 12 of packet). *L.Hanna moved, N.Loos seconded to approve the financial statements. Motion carried by consensus.*

5. **Staff Report** – C.McGinnis reviewed status of staffing recruitment efforts that included hiring C.Ylijoki as Field Specialist and Alix Danielsen as Communication and Program Specialist. Recruitment for a Fiscal and Administration Specialist underway to round out a 6 member staff team. All positions

are full-time positions. A photo display and overview of the Clackamas Confluence project was given.

- 2 off-channel basins enhanced to increase seasonal inundation frequencies
- Large wood habitat structures added to the basins
- Site prep occurring at 9.3 acres of natural area scheduled for planting in 2017

Additional reporting on field, education and outreach activities found in the meeting packet.

## 6. Governance Issues

Future Office Building: B.Monroe and R.Blake reviewed discussions held with a water district and County on potential properties available to CRBC. R.Blake introduced a fundraising opportunity from Pearson Ranch offering citrus products for sale at retail price with difference between retail and wholesale as a donation to charity. Board requested further information on program.

Stash the Trash: B.Monroe encouraged members of the Council to volunteer to pick up Stash the Trash bags that may be improperly left on roadsides as seen during the 2015 summer season.

County Land Use Consideration: Council reviewed Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners' interest in removing rural reserve designation from 3 areas in the county including an area within the Clackamas River Basin around Springwater Road. **E.Marsh moved, G.Guttridge seconded to communicate opposition for removing rural reserve designation of the Springwater Road area and the other areas citing rural reserve criteria met.** B.Monroe and R.Bradshaw to write a letter to the Board of County Commissioners.

**Council meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.**