



**Clackamas River Basin Council
February 15, 2018 Minutes**

Persons Attending: Quorum Confirmed, 17 of 23 present

Dave Albrecht	YES	Dave Kleinke	YES	Kelly Warren
Todd Bartlett	YES	Bill Lenon	YES	
Ron Blake		Nick Loos	YES	
John Borden	YES	Earlean Marsh	YES	
Bryon Boyce	YES	Bill Monroe	YES	
Ris Bradshaw	YES	Jim Rice		
Aaron Caldwell	YES	Guy Rodrigue		Liaisons: Jack Williamson
Doug DeHart	YES	Gail Shaloum/ Andrew Swanson	YES	Bruce Zoellick Gwen Collier YES
Gary Guttridge	YES	Tim Shibahara		
Lowell Hanna	YES	Ivars Steinblums	YES	Guests: Tiffany Yelton-Bram with DEQ, Chris Achterman, Todd Allsbury with ODFW, Dave Stewart with ODFW
Michael Karnosh		Jackie Tommas	YES	Staff: Zach Bergen, Suzi Cloutier, Christine Johnson, Cheryl McGinnis, Jennifer Sampson, Charlie Ylijoki

Meeting began: B.Monroe called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., confirming the agenda.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call, Announcements, Public Introductions, & Recommendations for Future Business
2. Presentation from Tiffany Yelton-Bram with Oregon DEQ (John Runyon was unable to attend as originally planned)
3. CRBC Consent Agenda – Review & Approve Meeting Minutes, Financial Report
4. CRBC Governance – Board/Staff Retreat Review; Organizational Structure, FIP TAC Meeting Report form Board, 2018 Awards Committee, 2018 Watershed Celebration, Tickle Creek-DEQ Notices to City of Sandy & CRBC Communications, Boring-Damascus Community Connection Partner Issue Paper
5. Council Business – Staff Reports, Conservation Projects, Outreach & Education
6. Good of the Order

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

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

2. Announcements, Public Comment

None at this time.

3. CRBC Consent Agenda – Meeting Minutes & Financial Report

B.Monroe explained that with a consent agenda, the minutes and financial report will be approved together with one vote. These reports will not be gone over individually unless anyone has

questions, but all council members are still responsible for knowing the content of these reports.
B.Lenon moved to accept the consent agenda; J.Borden seconded. Motion carried by consensus.

4. Presentation – Tiffany Yelton-Bram with Oregon DEQ on the City of Sandy Sewage Treatment Facility and Tickle Creek

- Tiffany Yelton-Bram is the Water Quality Source Control Manager for the Northwest Region of Oregon DEQ, mainly working in the permit writing and compliance division.
- The City of Sandy Sewage Treatment Plant is uphill from Tickle Creek.
- The last step in the sewage treatment process is disinfection, either by ultraviolet light or Sodium Hypochlorite (chlorine) followed by de-chlorination.
 - i. After disinfection, the treated water can be sent to Iseli Nursery's holding pond for irrigation. This water is still slightly chlorinated to keep bacteria from growing.
 - 1. The nursery is a container nursery that uses drip irrigation along with a water-recycling program so the chlorinated water loss (to ground water) is minimized.
 - ii. Or the treated water can be treated with ultraviolet light and discharged to Tickle Creek.
- On May 3, 2017, a fish kill report was filed by ODFW for Tickle Creek.
 - i. DEQ had staff out to the plant within two hours of receiving the report.
 - ii. The DEQ team determined that a pipe from the Chlorine container to the disinfection tank was broken underground and was leaking to Tickle Creek via storm water runoff.
- DEQ is coordinating with ODFW on an enforcement action.
 - i. Typically DEQ deals with the plant and violation of the permit while ODFW deals with the biological aspects
 - ii. In this case DEQ is issuing an enforcement action for both the plant and violation of the permit, and the fish kill.
 - iii. DEQ issued a pre-enforcement notice that notes the incident that happened, and that there will be a penalty. And it also addressed issues besides the fish kill.
 - 1. The City of Sandy is growing and there has been a lack of upkeep of the infrastructure.
 - 2. They have been asked to do an infiltration and inflow study where they send cameras through the pipes to look for blocks, leaks, roots growing through pipes, etc. in order to repair them and keep ground water from getting contaminated.
 - 3. DEQ is putting the City of Sandy on a plan to review and build a new sewage treatment plant and/or possible improvements to the existing plant.
 - 4. The City of Sandy has agreed to a five year implementation plan, compared to the usual eight year or longer plans.
 - 5. It was brought up that with all these improvements, it is unlikely the City of Sandy would be able to get a mass load increase because of the 3 Basin Rule – a law that created stricter standards for the Mackenzie River, the Santiam River, and the Clackamas River.
- In October of 2014, there was a fish kill event at the same time as a large storm-water event.
 - i. However DEQ was unable to perform proper autopsies on the fish so they could not determine exactly what killed them.
 - ii. DEQ performed an investigation of the surrounding area looking for any kind of source like a scrap yard or outdoor manufacturing area, but they were unable to find a

particular source of contamination.

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5. Governance Issues

Board/Staff Retreat Review; Organizational Structure: B.Monroe reported that overall the Board/Staff retreat was well received by all and was pleased at the large attendance. A summary of the discussions at the retreat are included in the meeting packet, as prepared by Alexis Millett. The Executive Committee will be working to implement some of the suggested changes to the board structure and will hopefully present these suggestions at the March Council meeting. If anyone has comments or questions on the proposed changes, they are welcome to contact the Executive Committee before the March meeting.

FIP TAC Meeting Report from Board: J.Borden reported that the project vetting is still in process. The vetting committee has not yet vetted the fish passage barrier projects yet as they are not yet complete enough to score.

2018 Awards Committee: C.McGinnis announced that volunteers are needed for the Awards Committee to select award recipients from the nominees submitted. This is a one day commitment on April 27, 2018. B.Monroe, D.Albrecht, and T.Bartlet volunteered to be on the Awards Committee.

2018 Watershed Celebration: C.Johnson reported that the Abernethy Center has been reserved for the 2018 Watershed Celebration on May 17th. Council members are requested to sign up as volunteers to help with the event. The initial volunteer planning meeting will be held in the next couple weeks.

Tickle Creek, DEQ Notices to City of Sandy, CRBC Communications: No discussion at this time due to the discussion during the presentation.

Boring-Damascus Community Connection Partner Issue Paper: C.Johnson presented this issue to the council. The Boring-Damascus Community Connection is an online platform CRBC can use to connect with other organizations in the watershed as well as promote events, work parties, projects, etc. This is a free platform that can be used to promote CRBC in communities we are already working with. B.Lenon moved to join the Boring-Damascus Community Connection; G.Guttridge seconded. Motion carried by consensus.

Council Disclosure Papers: C.McGinnis passed out the board disclosure statements and board member agreements for council members to sign. B.Lenon and R.Bradshaw objected to the part of the agreement that says financial contributions are required of board members. C.McGinnis confirmed that this agreement has not been changed, but the wording may be looked at along with the other proposed structural changes to the board.

HR and Staff Compensation Review: D.Albrecht reported that he and C.McGinnis are in negotiation with a firm that provides HR services, to have them review CRBC's current employee compensation plan. Hopefully they will begin to review CRBC's HR plan in the next couple of weeks.

- 6. Staff Reports** – C.Johnson passed around a sign-up sheet for board members to request a template CRBC PowerPoint presentation that can be tailored to fit an organization of their choosing. These presentations can be made either by CRBC staff or by board members. C.Johnson is also requesting feedback on the Board page of the website. An image of the current appearance of the board page is included in the meeting packet. Feedback is requested on how to list open positions, how to list board member contact information, and any other comments council members may have. C.Johnson also passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteering at upcoming work parties and the upcoming watershed celebration. C.McGinnis reported on current grant including that there will be a retreat for OWEB FIP grantees in mid March. C.McGinnis will attend the retreat with three others to learn from other partnerships already in the implementation phase. The Clackamas partnership has been asked to present on the Project Tracker website at the retreat. C.McGinnis, Z.Bergen and C.Johnson met with Glen Ahrens who is organizing a tour for the Master Naturalist program. They would like to tour a

completed project as well as a project currently in process as part of their program. C.McGinnis is working with other Clackamas County watershed councils to organize a presentation to the County Commissioners in place of an annual report. C.McGinnis reported that the Bonneville Environmental Foundation has expressed interest in funding drinking water projects and is looking into the USFS Drinking Water Providers grant on North Fork Clackamas. C.McGinnis is also working on putting together the OWEB work plan, which is due by June. S.Cloutier reported on outreach activities including that the annual report for CRISP has been completed and 278 acres were treated in 2017 (including Shade properties) under this program. The last CRISP fall treatment was completed on December 5th. Instead of the Shade Our Streams graduation event in October, S.Cloutier is planning workshops and other educational events for Shade participants as well as non-participants. The first workshop will be April 14th on nature-scaping. The Clackamas Water Education Team is planning for the upcoming Children's Clean Water Festival. CBRC will offer the salmon toss at the festival and will need two volunteers. The OWEB small grant for restoration and community education on Noyer Creek has been submitted and approved, but we are still waiting to hear back on the DEQ 319 grant. S.Cloutier thanked everyone who helped at the Christmas for the Clackamas work party and the Estacada Library planting party. At the Estacada Library work party 860 bare root plants were planted. The next work party will be March 3rd. C.Johnson reported on communications including that the winter 2018 newsletter was sent out on February 1st, and an e-blast will also be sent out with the newsletter contents. The Clackamas County Government Channel has produced a short feature on the Christmas for the Clackamas work party that has been posted to CRBC's Facebook page. Z.Bergen reported on field activities including that they are in the process of sorting plants in the cooler. 2018 is the last planting year in the Shade Our Streams program, with one site needing inter-planting. Planting will begin at the end of February. Planting with McBain on the North Fork Reservoir will also begin soon. CRBC hosted an OWEB tour at Bonnie Lure and that project is currently ranked fifth for funding.

7. Good of the Order

C.Achterman enjoyed the council meeting and announced that he just moved to the area and lives on Rock Creek, and can't wait to get more involved. R.Bradshaw reported that fish are being caught in front of his house.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.