



**Clackamas River Basin Council
September 20, 2018 Minutes**

Persons Attending: Quorum Confirmed, 14 of 25 present

Dave Albrecht	YES	Gary Guttridge	YES	Tim Shibahara	
Todd Bartlett		Lowell Hanna	YES	Ivars Steinblums	
Daniel Bedell	YES	Michael Karnosh		Jackie Tommas	YES
Ron Blake		Dave Kleinke			
John Borden	YES	Anh Le			
Bryon Boyce		Bill Lenon	YES		
Ris Bradshaw	YES	Nick Loos	YES	Liaisons: Jack Williamson	YES
Aaron Caldwell		Earlean Marsh	YES	Bruce Zoellick	
Doug DeHart	YES	Bill Monroe	YES	Gwen Collier	YES
Carl Exner (ratified @ mtg) YES		Jim Rice		Guests: Garth Wyatt, PGE Fish Biologist; Carl Exner, City of Sandy, ratified as CRBC member during meeting	
Hugh Ferrar		Gail Shaloum	YES	Staff: Zach Bergen, Suzi Cloutier, Pat Kaczmarek, Cheryl McGinnis, Jennifer Sampson, Charlie Ylijoki	

Meeting began: B.Monroe called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m., confirming the agenda.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call, Public Introductions
2. Announcements, Public Comments
3. CRBC Consent Agenda – Review & Approve Meeting Minutes, Financial Report
4. CRBC Governance/Board Development – Board Member Ratification, Committee Reports
5. Presentation from Garth Wyatt, PGE Fish Biologist, on recovery efforts in the Clackamas; and Presentation from Zach Bergen, CRBC staff, on 5 Proposed Restoration Projects to Increase Off Channel Habitat for Migrating Fish
6. CRBC Governance – Compensation Philosophy, City of Sandy Facility Development, Invitation to PGE Event: A New Day at Faraday
7. 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

B.Monroe announced that the Celebration of Life for Kelli Monroe would be tomorrow at the Monarch hotel, and wished to express his gratitude for all the support he and his family received from CRBC board members and staff. C.McGinnis introduced CRBC's new Communications and Program Coordinator, Pat Kazcmarek.

3. CRBC Consent Agenda – Meeting Minutes & Financial Report

J.Borden moved to accept the consent agenda; G.Shaloum seconded. Motion carried by consensus.

4. CRBC Governance – Board Development

Board Member Ratification: Carl Exner, Council City of Sandy, City Stakeholder Interests: B.Monroe welcomed C.Exner. *J.Borden moved to ratify C.Exner as a CRBC board member; G.Guttridge seconded. Motion carried by consensus.*

Committee Reports: Board Development & Recruitment Committee: G.Shaloum reported that their next meeting will be on Monday at 10:30am in the Garden Room to work on the bylaws.

Finance Committee: D.Albrecht reported that the committee approved the Compensation Philosophy, and after some word choice revisions, it has been brought to the council for approval. *G.Shaloum moved to accept the fourth draft of the Compensation Philosophy; G.Guttridge seconded. Motion carried by Consensus.*

Outreach & Community Involvement Committee: S.Cloutier reported that the committee's main goal was to increase attendance at the Down the River Cleanup, by having board members share the event in their social circles. The committee's next second priority will be staffing and outreach for the annual celebration.

Watershed Issues & Policy Committee: Z.Bergen reported that the committee plans to identify key facts to watershed issues and practical output CRBC can provide to these issues. The main issue facing the council presently is the City of Sandy effluence release into Tickle Creek, and the committee recommends scheduling a tour to view their facilities. The flows of Foster Creek, and the upper end of Fisher's Bend are also ongoing discussions.

5. Presentation – Garth Wyatt, Fish Biologist with PGE, on Clackamas River Salmon Recovery Efforts

- Garth Wyatt presented on how fish passage improvements have affected salmon counts over time.
- PGE has three hydro-projects outside of Estacada: Faraday Powerhouse, Rive Mill Dam, and the North Fork Powerhouse.
 - i. From 1909 to 1917 there was intermittent fish passage from below River Mill to above North Fork.
 - ii. From 1917 to 1938 there was no upstream fish passage.
 - iii. From 1939 to 1999 the Clackamas Hatchery was built and put into use in the late 1940s, so we have had approximately 79 years of the reintroduction project on the Clackamas River.
- Within the last seven years, the following improvements have been made:
 - i. A new fish ladder was installed at River Mill.
 - ii. Surface Collectors were installed at River Mill and North Fork.
 - iii. A new adult trap was installed.
 - iv. Minimum flows have been increased.
- PGE has also been conduction habitat work including:
 - i. Gravel augmentation with 8,000 cubic yards in the lower basin, with more planned in the future.
 - ii. Large wood placement projects.
 - iii. Creation of 35,000 square feet of side channel habitat
 - iv. Flow restoration.
- Juvenile and Adult Chinook migration counts have greatly increased since 2015, largely caused by the facility improvements implemented. Coho counts have shown to be about 240% greater than the ten year average (2017 was the first return on the North Fork Dam so there weren't comparison numbers as with Chinook).

Zach Bergen, CRBC Restoration Project Manager, on Five Potential Restoration Projects to Increase Off Channel Habitat for Migrating Fish in the Lower Clackamas with Potential FIP Funding

- The Riverbend Project:
 - i. This project is where Sieben Creek feeds into the Clackamas.
 - ii. The project would open a historic side channel and enhance an alcove.
 - iii. The project would recover 1,750 linear feet, include approximately 200 log structure installations, and reconnect a side channel.
- The Johnson Creek Confluence Project:
 - i. This is a small tributary/side channel across from the Riverbend site.
 - ii. Dan Skourtes is the property owner.
 - iii. This project would improve 1,600 linear feet and include 100 large wood installations.
- The Foster Creek Realignment:
 - i. Foster Creek re-located after the 1996 flood. Previously it ran through farmland and this project would return it to its historic location.
 - ii. This project would improve 1,450 linear feet and include 100 large wood installations, developing spawning habitat.
- The Kingfisher Project:
 - i. Kingfisher is located at Milo McIver Park, below the Kingfisher campground.
 - ii. This project would improve 1,620 linear feet and include 200 large wood installations, re-connecting the side channel.
- The Clear Creek Project:
 - i. This project would focus on additions to the confluence of Clear Creek.
 - ii. Improving 1,350 linear feet and including 150 large wood installations from the bridge to the confluence.

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6. CRBC Governance

City of Sandy Facility Development: C.Exner stated that he would need to abstain from voting on any decisions regarding the City of Sandy. C.Exner reported that the City of Sandy has begun the planning process for expansion as their current facilities are at capacity. The City of Sandy plans to submit their plans to DEQ in early October, and will be seeking input on the plans from CRBC and other entities hopefully no later than November or December (pending feedback received from DEQ). J.Borden requested that the City of Sandy consider the Sandy River as a primary discharge location instead of Tickle Creek. C.Exner reported that they will consider all options. C.Exner announced that they are currently performing smoke tests to locate leaks, especially in the older areas of the City. Regarding a possible tour of the facilities could be scheduled in either late October or early November. C.Exner reported there was a new DEQ violation from the City of Sandy facilities on September 10th-13th: the contractor for City of Sandy broke something in the chlorine system, and some did spill into Tickle Creek before it was contained. The contractor took four days to notify DEQ, which is also a violation. ODFW was not alerted to the spill soon enough to study any possible effects on the fish population. The contractor did put anti-chlorine tablets into Tickle Creek as soon as he became aware of the spill, but there was likely still some contamination of the creek, with the total amount unknown at this time.

Invitation to PGE Event: A New Day at Faraday: C.McGinnis announced that John Esler has invited everyone to attend the event on Monday, September 24th from 4:30pm-7:00pm at the Faraday Power House.

7. Staff Reports

Included in meeting packet for council members to read on their own time.

S.Cloutier announced that the next Shade workshop will be September 22nd on “What’s in my Stream?” from 10am-Noon. All board members are welcome to attend and asked to RSVP to S.Cloutier. This will be the last workshop in 2018 and will feature electrofishing in Clear Creek.

8. Good of the Order

S.Cloutier announced that statistics on trash and recycling collected at the Down the River Cleanup are not yet known, but they did find several submerged vehicles that volunteers tore pieces off of as they were able.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.