



**Clackamas River Basin Council
March 16, 2017 Minutes**

Persons Attending: Quorum Confirmed, 13 of 24 present

Dave Albrecht	Michael Karnosh	Jackie Tommas	YES
Todd Bartlett	Dave Kleinke	Kelly Warren	YES
Ron Blake	Bill Lenon		YES
John Borden	Nick Loos		YES
Bryon Boyce	Earlean Marsh		YES
Ris Bradshaw	Bill Monroe		YES
Aaron Caldwell	Jim Rice	Liaisons: Jack Williamson	YES
Doug DeHart	Guy Rodrigue	Bruce Zoellick Gwen Collier	YES
Gary Guttridge	Gail Shaloum		YES
Lowell Hanna	Tim Shibahara	Guests: Sam Doane, Production Horticulturist with J.Frank Schmidt Nursery; Brenda Sanchez, Water Quality Specialist with ODA.	YES
Dick Jones	Ivars Steinblums	Staff: Zach Bergen, Suzi Cloutier, Alix Danielsen, Cheryl McGinnis, Jennifer Sampson	

Meeting began: R.Blake called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m., confirming the agenda.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call, Announcements, Public Introductions, & Recommendations for Future Business
2. Presentation from Sam Doane, Production Horticulturist with J.Frank Schmidt Nursery
3. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes
4. Financial Report
5. Staff Reports
6. Governance Issues – Future Office, Bylaws Review Committee, FIP TAC Meeting Report from Board, 2017 Watershed Celebration, Award Committee Volunteers, ONEStop Farmgate, Zoo Education Center Affiliate Opportunity
7. Good of the Order

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

R.Blake, Chair welcomed Board members and guests. Quorum confirmed.

2. Announcements, Public Comment

No announcements at this time.

3. Presentation – J.Frank Schmidt Nursery Practices by Sam Doane, Production Horticulturist

- Nurseries do not fall into the traditional agriculture framework; and instead exists as a poly cultural cropping systems (ie. a patchwork of crops).

- Schmidt Nursery takes a multifaceted approach to stewardship and conservation – examining factors such as:
 - Wind erosion
 - Water erosion
 - Pesticides and nutrients in the soil
 - Etc.
- Schmidt has participated in several studies to make nursery more environmentally friendly and more sustainable in the long run.
 - Cover crops were planted in between nursery stock rows
 - This system eliminated tractor ruts, but they ran into problems with geese eating the cover crops which caused the cover crop to have poor establishment; leading to more soil erosion and unprofitable cover crops.
 - An intelligent sprayer was created to reduce pesticide application rates
 - It started as a variable rate hydraulic sprayer which showed a reduction of 65% in pesticide spray.
 - The next generation had air assisted laser plant measuring capabilities that was computer controlled so that the amount of pesticide spray needed could be calculated while spraying and adjust pesticide to the exact amount needed to cover only the plant. This reduced spray loss on the ground by 68-93% and reduced overall spray volume by 47-73%.
 - This is still in the experimental stage, with the next phase going from 2017-2020 with a USDA grant (as a project with OSU).
 - Overall, this sprayer is being investigated by 26 principal investigators around the country to increase efficiency and decrease excess pesticide application.

BREAK

4. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes

J. Tommas moved to accept the minutes for February; J. Borden seconded. Motion carried by consensus. G. Shaloum moved to accept the minutes for January; A. Caldwell seconded. Motion carried by consensus.

5. Financial Statements

C. McGinnis presented the financial statements for December 2016 and January 2017. *R. Bradshaw moved to accept the financial statements for December and January; LHanna seconded. Motion carried by consensus.*

- 6. Staff Report** – C. McGinnis reported on grant updates, including the Drinking Water Providers Partnership grant was approved, in partnership with BLM for \$34,711. The OWEB Fishers Bend Phase II contractor has submitted permit applications and we are waiting for approval. CRBC has been invited to participate in the Limberloss cycling event, July 7th-9th – they would like us to present on our current activities. The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde are hosting a “Practitioner to Practitioner” Day in April where they will be sharing activities they are working on and their interests in other projects. With the Clackamas Stewardship Partners, future funding sources are being sought, including retained receipts if allowed. The OWEB Small Grant for D. Bugni’s instream restoration project has been funded for \$10,000 (this project will cost roughly \$30,000 total). There is an OWEB listening session coming up on March 23rd from 1-4pm at the Monarch Hotel if anyone would like to attend. The next OWEB Board meeting will be April 25th and 26th in Salem.

Z. Bergen presented a summary of Shade our Streams planted sites from 2012 to the present, and noted that 2018 will be the final year of planting. Current planting is nearly completed for Shade, with only

River Island North delayed due to high water. The Watershed Wide Event work party was held on March 11th and had a good turnout despite bad weather. Plants leftover from the work party will be planted by contractors. Crews planted 10,000 plants at the Clackamas Confluence Habitat Restoration Project last week when the water level was lower. Both North Clear Creek and River Island North Metro sites will be planted in March. CRISP has released the project proposal application and CRBC put in an application to treat a 16 acre property that is covered in Ivy.

S.Cloutier reported that the Pesticide Pledge is starting up again next month – board members can sign up at the meeting if they wish. ODA PSP water quality sampling starts on Monday. CRBC can now receive motor vehicle donations, through “Donation Line”, to help raise funds. The shelter at the Rock Creek Confluence has been delayed again due to high rain levels. CRISP site visits are commencing. The Shade our Streams blog is live and is linked on our website. S.Cloutier also gave a presentation at the 4-County Cooperative Weed Management Association quarterly meeting. Naas Elementary School’s final fry have been released and look forward to doing future projects with CRBC. The Estacada Earth Day work party is coming up April 22nd, volunteers are welcome.

A.Danielsen reported that despite the weather, the Watershed Wide Event was a success with roughly 67 attendees. There is a partner tour of the Clackamas Confluence project scheduled for March 22nd with ODFW, Henderson, Waterways and CRBC. A.Danielsen reported on the Watershed Celebration (recorded under governance). The CRBC info/donation brochure is in the process of being updated – a draft was handed out at the council meeting.

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

7. Governance Issues

Future Office Building: R.Blake reported that Clackamas County said that the parcel near the boat ramp at Riverside Park was zoned recreational use only so it would not be available for office space construction. Also, the other parcel of land at Riverside, near the old caretaker residence, would be possible to build on but it would have to be above the high water mark. Neither site is a good option so he is continuing to look for other properties. D.Kleinke reported that Pacific Mobile doesn’t currently have any extra office trailers to give us at this time but he will continue to follow up with them.

Bylaws Review Committee: G.Shaloum report that the review committee has had their second meeting and has made it through articles 1-3 out of 7, and their next meeting will be March 29th.

FIP TAC Meeting Report form Board: J.Borden reported that results of the limiting factors study are not yet ready to report. TAC members plan to meet with Todd Alsbury to continue summarizing and condensing the information. The next TAC meeting will be March 28th at the Mt. Scott Fire Station. More details were provided in the handout presented at the council meeting.

2017 Watershed Celebration: A.Danielsen reported that the Abernethy Center has been reserved for the 2017 Watershed Celebration and can hold up to 600 people. The presentation will hopefully involve some of CRBC’s partners including Metro, students, program participants, etc; and may also include a special appeal for donations with a match donor. Possible ticket prices were discussed. *B.Monroe moved to set individual tickets at \$25 with an option to donate more at the door, or table (8 tickets) for \$300; J.Borden seconded. Motion carried by consensus.*

Award Committee Volunteers: C.McGinnis will schedule a meeting to discuss award nominees. The following people volunteered for the committee: Z.Bergen, R.Blake, L.Hanna, B.Lenon, E.Marsh, and B. Monroe.

ONESTop Farmgate & Zoo Education Center Affiliate Opportunity: A.Danielsen proposed that CRBC support both ONESTop Farmgate and the Zoo Education Center as they are good opportunities to get our name out there. The ONESTop Farmgate website could be promoted on our website; and CRBC could have a presence occasionally at the Zoo Education Center to share information and gather interest in

volunteering. *B.Monroe moved to sign letters of support for both the ONEStop Farmgate website and the Zoo Education Center; B.Lenon seconded. Motion carried by consensus.*

8. Good of the Order

G.Shaloum reported that the WES Riverhealth Stewardship grants are now open for applications.

B.Monroe reported that in the last three weeks he has seen between three and nine sea lions in the Clackamas River, up to Eagle Creek.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.