



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

Persons Attending: Quorum Confirmed, 13 of 23 present

Dave Albrecht	YES	Dave Kleinke		Kelly Warren
Todd Bartlett		Bill Lenon	YES	
Ron Blake	YES	Nick Loos	YES	
John Borden		Earlean Marsh		
Bryon Boyce		Bill Monroe	YES	
Ris Bradshaw		Jim Rice		
Aaron Caldwell	YES	Guy Rodrigue		Liaisons: Jack Williamson
Doug DeHart	YES	Gail Shaloum	YES	Bruce Zoellick Gwen Collier YES
Gary Guttridge	YES	Tim Shibahara	YES	
Lowell Hanna	YES	Ivars Steinblums	YES	Guests: Patti Caswell with ODOT; Dave Stewart
Michael Karnosh		Jackie Tommas	YES	Staff: Suzi Cloutier, Christine Johnson, Cheryl McGinnis, Jennifer Sampson, Charlie Ylijoki

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

AGENDA

1. Roll Call, Announcements, Public Introductions, & Recommendations for Future Business
2. Presentation from Patti Caswell with Oregon Department of Transportation on ODOT Winter Maintenance Practices
3. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes
4. Financial Report
5. Staff Reports
6. Governance Issues – Bylaws Amendment, FIP TAC Meeting Report from Board, Safety Plan, Nominations for 2018 Executive Committee
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

C.McGinnis introduced the new Communications and Program Specialist, Christine Johnson, to the Council. C.McGinnis shared an article on WES as a follow up to the presentation from Greg Geist and Ron Wierenga in September. R.Blake shared some positive comments CRBC has received from Jack Williamson with USFS and Mike Wilson with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

3. Presentation – Patti Caswell, ODOT Maintenance Environmental Program Manager on ODOT Winter Maintenance Practices

- ODOT currently employs several basic winter strategies:
 - i. Plows, Sanders and Blowers
 - ii. Chains and Traction Tires
 - iii. Sanding rock and liquid de-icer (magnesium chloride)
 - iv. Public Outreach: keep safe, be prepared for delays, use Trip Check to see current road conditions
 - v. Variable speed limits on I84 towards Boardman
- In 2012, ODOT started the Salt Pilot Project (Phase I) which applied salt (sodium chloride) to the Siskiyou pass and to sections of Hwy 95.
 - i. The goals are to minimize salt use, track closures and crashes, monitor damage to road infrastructure, and impacts to the environment.
 - ii. Through 2015-16, there has been no impact to vegetation or elevated chloride levels in streams. And while studies show sodium chloride can have impacts on concrete, there have been no observed impacts to roads and bridges.
 - iii. There have been 27% fewer crashes on I5, 23% fewer crashes on Hwy 95, 75% fewer holds and/or closures on I5, and 78% fewer chain restrictions on I5.
 - iv. Most of the environmental contamination that was tracked came from salt storage facilities rather than the roads that were salted.
 - v. ODOT has been monitoring streams in the application area during the summer months, and DEQ has been monitoring the same streams during the winter months.
- In 2017, House Bill passed stating that ODOT will develop a winter maintenance strategy that includes the use of rock salt (sodium chloride).
- Phase II will begin this winter, 2017-18 and will include sections of I5 from the Siskiyou pass up to Canyonville, and sections of I84 from Boardman to Ontario.
 - i. The first priority areas for salt are interstates and freeways
 - ii. The second priority areas are where there is heavy freight traffic
 - iii. With the exception of the Siskiyou pass, salt will not be used on mountain passes or on coastal roads.
- ODOT intends to use salt minimally with maximum benefit, and will target salt application for storms followed by days of subfreezing temperatures with an application rate of approximately 200lbs per lane-mile.
- The biggest challenge to salt application, is salt storage.
 - i. ODOT is exploring the use of large totes to store salt, rather than a large shelter.

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4. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes

J. Tommas moved to accept the minutes as amended for October; B. Lenon seconded. Motion carried by consensus.

5. Financial Statements

L. Hanna moved to accept the financial statements for September; G. Guttridge seconded. Motion carried by consensus.

- 6. Staff Reports** – C. McGinnis gave an update on grant activities including that CRBC staff submitted two applications on November 6th to OWEB (a restoration project at Bonnie Lure State Park and a Stakeholder Engagement project for future projects). Feedback was shared from landowner David Bugni about the project on Suter Creek. He reported seeing two coho in the project area and included

a video clip of the salmon. C.McGinnis reported that “Giving Tuesday” will be November 28th, and feedback from the public, such as D.Bugni’s, can be great tools when promoting CRBC to the public.

S.Cloutier reported on outreach activities, including that CRISP knotweed treatments have been completed, and there are two other CRISP sites left to go for this round of treatment. Discover Rock Creek was at Windswept Waters on November 4th. Approximately 65 people attended the event and roughly 100 potted plants were planted. The last PSP sampling event took place on October 23rd, and it has been proposed that CRBC add Tickle Creek as a sampling site to gather more data on the chlorine spills. The Shade Our Streams celebration took place on October 14th. Shade fall fact sheets and the first monitoring reports will be going out to participants next week. S.Cloutier is seeking volunteers to help clean, paint, and repair Stash the Trash stands this winter. B.Monroe and B.Lenon mentioned they were available to help with this. The Clackamas Water Education Team meeting is coming up to discuss activities at the Children’s Clean Water Festival on March 20th. A volunteer planting event at Naas Elementary School will be this Saturday to plant approximately 65 native plants in their atrium. CRBC, DigIn, and CSWCD are considering partnering with St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Damascus for a possible OWEB Small Grant for restoration on Noyer Creek behind the church.

C.Ylijoki reported on field activities including that fall maintenance for Shade Our Streams has been completed and the third round of site prep will be finished tomorrow. C.Ylijoki has also finished the quantitative monitoring reports for Shade sites. WES Riverhealth sites are finished with fall maintenance. The second round of site prep at North Fork Reservoir will be finished in the next few weeks. Three rounds of maintenance have been completed on Metro sites, including North Logan, Lower Clear Creek, River Island North and South, and North Clear Creek. Planting in disturbed areas for Fishers Bend Phase II will occur this winter. CRISP knotweed sites have been treated, and there are two sites with English Ivy remaining to treat.

C.Johnson reported that the new CRBC website has been updated with council meeting minutes and agendas, as well as updating staff profiles. And more photos and project summaries will be added at a later date.

7. Governance Issues

Bylaws Amendment: D.Albrecht presented the proposed amendments to the CRBC Bylaws. There was some discussion clarifying that the amendments would reduce the minimum number of Directors to 20, and a quorum could be established with at least one-third of the number of Directors in office before the meeting begins, instead of one-half as it is currently. *B.Lenon moved to accept the proposed Bylaw amendments; T.Shibahara seconded. Motion carried by consensus.*

FIP TAC Meeting Report from Board: C.McGinnis reported that the vetting committee for FIP will be evaluating 64 projects so far against the designated criteria. 27 of those projects have been proposed by CRBC.

Safety Plan: J.Sampson presented the proposed Safety Plan that has been amended with council member input. A.Caldwell, D.Albrecht, and L.Hanna mentioned they had more revisions to make to the policy before it could be approved.

Nominations for 2018 Executive Committee: L.Hanna announced that elections for the 2018 Executive Committee will take place at the December Council meeting. We currently have G.Shaloum running for Chair-Elect, D.Albrecht running for Treasurer, J.Tommas running for Secretary, and J.Borden, B.Boyce, B.Lenon, and N.Loos running for Members-At-Large. I.Steinblums withdrew his name as a candidate for Member-At-Large due to other time commitments. Nominations for any position will still be accepted before voting occurs.

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D.Albrecht announced that the 2016 990 taxes have been filed and will be presented at the December Council meeting. T.Shibahara reported that PGE had a large pile of spawning gravel get washed downstream in a big flood event. I.Steinblums commented that the October council meeting with Alexis Millett, of NAO, was well done. L.Hanna wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.