



**MONTHLY
STEERING COMMITTEE
June 22, 2016
MINUTES**

X	Rich VanBuskirk, TRWC Chair	X	Roving Member: Joel Cary
X	Kristel Fesler, TRWC Vice Chair		TRWC Members
X	Jan Miller, TRWC Treasurer	X	Ross Van Loo
	Bob Baumgartner, TRWC Co-Secretary		
X	Jennifer Nelson Sneed, TRWC Co-Secretary		
X	TRWC Coordinator, April Olbrich		

1) Discuss July 6 meeting (5 minutes)

a) Ice breaker; favorite water based recreation activity

b) Meeting focus: Jake Constans presentation on water rights
Water rights law, types of allocations, ‘shutting people off’, potential for new sources.

Increasing demands, dwindling supply in face of climate change.

How the system works. Do we have any streams that go dry in summer due to allocation as opposed to ephemeral streams?

How are users thinking about water brought in from outside the basin?

Different irrigation systems?

c) TRWC meeting agenda – revamp to list what “limiting factors” and/or reason we are having the presentation

2) August 3, 2016 potluck site. Previous suggestion was that we would invite partners, those we wanted to develop relationships with to potluck. April extended invitations last August to a number of agency partners to join us. Possible suggestions for location of potluck.

Previous locations were Cooper Mtn, Rood Bridge, Fernhill.

Suggestions: Look into Cook Park with Riverkeepers to provide canoes. Backup idea: Dirksen Nature Park.

Other thoughts: Maybe have a band? April will check on any park conditions relative to a band. Consider an earlier start time to accommodate commutes, boating, various work days. Fun dessert? Big anniversary cake for a photo op.

3) Suggestions for September/October meetings

September election preview: TSWCD, Metro, cities, Outdoor School for All (if it makes the ballot)

October: Water supply project / Hagg Lake (CWS/Mark Jockers)

Other: FEMA floodplain; Council self-evaluation: steering committee (officers) conduct it and present results to council members for agreement. Due June 2017.

November/December: Refuge Wapato Lake – draft environmental assessment may be out for comment.

Potential for drone/lidar presentation, follow up with Kristel for more info.

4) TRWC member groups, which have expressed interested in Listening Sessions with TRWC officers: i) THPRD; ii) others? Groups previously suggested: i) Cities – Beaverton; ii) Small Woodlands; iii) industrial forestry. When do we want to schedule these sessions?

THPRD: April and Rich to cover.

TRK: April and Kristel to cover. Invite both Jeff and Brian.

Industrial forestry: Stimson, Weyerhaeuser

Large business: Intel, Nike, Columbia Sportswear, Genentech – later may be better to be more polished. Recruiting participation on Council. Setting foundation for future partnering.

Now that the process is refined a little, could divide and conquer for the listening sessions to groups of two.

5) Any need for revision/wordsmith of capacity for TRWC work plan update of capacity activities: Draft a multi-year plan to build capacity to meet expanded goals in restoration, impactful forums, and outreach and service to underserved communities. Goals to be accomplished through the addition of one full-time staff member paid through a variety of funding strategies.

Received two emails back to coordinator, sounds good to her. Jan has some suggestions for adjusting the meeting minutes, but this fits in just fine to the work plan.

6) Letter of support for fresh water crustacean research (attached)

Steering committee agreed letter of support is good idea. Stress that the project is useful and the approach has a lot of potential, ‘cutting edge’, how it supports TRWC mission.

7) Discussion of Citizen at Large application from Ali Pennell (attached)

Challenge is that Ali does not live or work in the watershed. She works for Oregon Association of Nurseries (OAN) in Wilsonville, which is on main stem Willamette. Our operating procedures state that Stakeholder Representatives must live or work in the basin. Perhaps she could be a nursery industry rep as an employee of OAN. Would she be comfortable representing nurseries? Would the existing alternate be comfortable with an out-of-basin representative / let him know as a courtesy? Also, as we go through capacity building, might be nice to have citizen at large positions open for skills needs. She would need to have clearance from OAN to represent the organization if she becomes a nursery industry rep. West Oregon City Watershed Council may also be a better fit for her in terms of distance.

April will ask Ali to check with OAN to be the primary nursery industry rep. If not, she can participate without a position.

8) TRWC June meeting minutes (Jen)

Motion corrected.

9) Capacity Committee update (attached)

Bob did a great job of laying out some of the highlights and goals as follows:

- Bigger projects
- Broader audience
- Bigger issues

Really want to hire an executive director to do some of the larger visioning, branding and program expansion tasks. Taking some of the things the issues committee highlights and getting ahead of the upcoming challenges by working with partners. Challenge is creation of a funding source and honing in on specific job description would be.

Reaching out to consulting firm for help finding funding for place based planning grant. Could be a resource for identifying source of money to get a position off the ground.

Strategy is to combine reserves and grant to give 2 years of startup funding for that position.

Discussion of current and future funding needs. For CWS, it is going to be key to specify actions we can do for them; probably similarly useful for groups like Intel.

Need to incorporate location costs into the position costs. There may also be other reasons for considering a move, opportunities for low or no cost accommodations.

Two key things:

- Where are we at thinking about funding resources available and need
- Writing up a job description for a position like this

Capacity committee will come back to steering committee before reaching out to anyone about potential grants.

Capacity committee needs a sense of reserves available. Jan will get that for them in July after the end of the Council fiscal year (June 2016).

Capacity committee minutes will be on website after being presented to the steering committee.

10) Other committee reports

Issues Committee:

Funding for the place based planning pilot may be limited, program may not continue. Shawn gave us a contact at OCF that will check for strategic water planning funds, if any.

Want to have meetings with underserved communities about future funding opportunities with Meyer Memorial.

11) Project Updates (attached)

Working on OWEB Council Support Work Plan submission for June 30, meeting tomorrow with the review team in field on our OWEB restoration grant request for Gales Creek and Clear Creek Confluence Project. Spend some time in July getting ready for our culvert replacement in August – thanks to JWC for funding. Thank you City of Hillsboro Pix on Plaza water festival. Jen's Soil Health Workshop for school and community gardens was a success, more planned for the future.

12) Other topics.

None

Meeting adjourned at 6 P.M.