



**TRWC Steering Committee Meeting**  
**October 12, 2016; 4-6 pm**  
**New Location: Steelhead Room**  
**Clean Water Services**  
 2550 SW Hillsboro Hwy, Hillsboro, OR  
 Cell phone: 503-830-9852 (April)

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting commenced at 4:10 PM.

**Committee Members Present:**

X	Rich VanBuskirk, TRWC Chair	X	Roving Member: Eric Chambers
X	Kristel Fesler, TRWC Vice Chair	X	TRWC Members: Ross Van Loo
X	Jan Miller, TRWC Treasurer		Jon Pampush
	Bob Baumgartner, TRWC Co-Secretary		
X	Stephen Cruise, TRWC Co-Secretary		
X	TRWC Coordinator, April Olbrich		

1. November meeting agenda:
  - i) ice-breaker – The agreed upon icebreaker was “Favorite Fact or Fiction about lamprey”;
  - ii) TRWC officer elections – The recommendation was made to list the nominees on the November 2 Meeting agenda. The current nominees are: Chair – Rich VanBuskirk; Vice-Chair – Kristel Fesler; Treasurer – Jan Miller; Co-Secretaries – Bob Baumgartner and Stephen Cruise
  - iii) /presentation on Pacific and brook lamprey --what we know about lamprey, their habitats, threats, & recommendations to help lamprey thrive: Jeff Jolley with USFW will give the presentation.
  
2. Potential December – Spring 2017 meeting presentations/topics:
  - a) suggested December meeting – results from November 2 tax ballot measures – what passed and ramifications? How could this effect conservation in our watershed?
  - b) Steps on FEMA rules, timeline, etc.;
  - c) Pilot project on Summer Creek, sedimentation capture – Matt Brennan, CWS --- would be available for future meetings – **We can check his availability for a spring/summer presentation.**
  - d) Tigard stormwater update process (plan hasn’t been updated for 30 yrs) – Lori Faha. –could present in January (would be good to get on her calendar soon)
  - e) Other future presentations that would need some additional lead time could include i) update on Fernhill Wetlands; ii) mycore mediation pilot project – **April stay in contact with Jared Kinnear to see when he might be available.**; iii) update from the three cities who gave presentations about how they were addressing natural resources issues in the annexation of rural properties to their cities; iv) Fanno Creek projects using DEQ revolving fund projects & possible roles for TRWC; v) presentation from USGS regarding report on pesticides in adjacent Clackamas River watershed and results.
  - f) Your ideas? Suggestion made at last SC meeting that our meeting topics be focused on what topics can show TRWC to be a convener and/or submit grant applications;

current focus includes education on various topics and what is occurring in the Tualatin Basin presentations. **Additional presentation ideas for 2017 are: TRWC – A year in review; USFW Environmental Assessment for Wapato Lake, USGS report on pesticides; and Crayfish as indicator species.**

3. Any changes to Council support policy (discussion from September TRWC meeting)?

**The Council support policy was discussed and there were no strong feelings regarding the policy. The Steering Committee agreed that it is okay as it stands.**

4. Update on response to CWS following listening session (Dave Waffle's proposal)

**There was no update on this topic.**

5. Review of i) 2015-16 TRWC 990 filing (need TRWC officer review prior to submission); ii) TRWC federal indirect cost negotiation submittal.(Jan Miller)

**The completed 990 and Federal indirect cost negotiation were reviewed and approved by the Steering Committee.**

6. Steps in preparing for 2017-19 TRWC application for OWEB council capacity funding application. (April)

**Watershed councils apply for operating funds every two years. The first deadline for submittal is November 14 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline is in March/April with approval hopefully by May. The approximate \$ amount is \$110,000/2 years, which covers April's salary and operating expenses.**

7. Handout of new OWEB watershed council self-evaluation form - to be completed by TRWC officers and staff prior to November 16 SC meeting and discussed at the November 16 SC meeting.

**The self-evaluation forms were discussed. These are only done by the Board and Council Coordinator. The form needs to be filled out prior to the November Steering Committee. It was discussed to put the form on Google docs and send it out.**

8. Capacity Committee update.

9. Project Updates.

**The Gales Creek Landowner update meeting will be October 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will be a joint meeting with the Tualatin SWCD, meeting at the church. The Spawning Survey Training will be October 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a planting project at Murray Hill on October 29<sup>th</sup>.**

10. Other items.

**The Oregon Heritage Agricultural Center will have a program for conservation easements for working lands at Jackson Bottom on October 24.**

11. Informational -- October 5 2016 TRWC meeting minutes to be sent out later.