

KWP Board Meeting Minutes October 27, 2022

Members Present: Anne Wenner, Karl Wenner, Ashton Greer, Mark Buettner

Absent: Roger Smith, Shirley Kerns, Matt Walter

Quorum Present: Yes

Staff Present: Bill Lehman, Leigh Ann Vradenburg, Mark Johnson

Minutes: August minutes were approved

Financials/Other: See attached. Grant Funding Form was not updated. Over \$2 million in new funds were requested in the past three months and over \$1.7 million in new funding was secured in the past three months.

Bill presented a more robust format for following payroll rate increases that the board agreed should be implemented once a year except for COL increases to be considered every six months.

On November 17th a new Grant/Project administrator Jeff Kerber will begin work.

The budget was approved by the board.

Project Manager Report-Leigh Ann Vradenburg:

See attached. Leigh Ann updated the board on the following:

1. Bootleg -A new OWEB Bootleg grant was submitted for \$1,521,888 for fencing along private property on Five Mile Creek for about 2.6 miles.

2. Sucker Channel at Lakeside Farms- about \$90,000

3. Greg Harris property on the Sprague- root wads and rocks in the river.
4. There is a new grant request going to USDA Wildlife Defense Fund for capacity building.

The board and staff discussed how to obtain funding for maintenance upkeep above and beyond the scope of a project: sucker spawning channels on Lakeside Farms for example.

Ag Projects Coordinator Report-Mark Johnson:

See attached.

1. North Fork Sprague River Phase 2 BDA work will begin this fall.
2. Sprague River Outreach Events- good venue for discussing various issues.
3. RAC Weed grants- 2023 recently applied for and there is a lot of landowner interest. In 2022 28 properties in Sprague/Keno and 14 in Lost River were done.
4. Whisky Creek- BDAs and erosion control in fall 2023. Cattle crossing is done. Riparian planting and fencing will be finished in the next few weeks.
5. Wocus Planting on Lakeside Farms-plants transplanted from Agency Lake and put in the sucker pond. Will be ongoing for 3-4 years. Good success noted this fall.

Ongoing and Potential Projects

1. Justin Grant- 20-acre wetland
2. Lowland Farm- wetland and KDD irrigation efficiency
3. Lower Lake upland habitat with ODFW

Others-attached

Executive Director Report:

Bill Lehman gave a summary of meetings attended, outreach venues, etc. See attached

1. OWEB gave each Watershed Council an extra \$17,000. Items purchased included a new computer and other electronic equipment for work in the field.
2. 2 wells were drilled
3. Fall planting in riparian areas for USFWS and OWEB projects plus to 6 private landowners was done in October.

Other Discussions:

Mark Buettner updated the board on the tribe's position on BDAs and mentioned a meeting to address their concerns will be announced shortly.

Karl Wenner told the group about the potential for a bee pollinator . project on Lakeside Farms that would track plant species and pesticide loads in pollen. Funding options were discussed.

The group also discussed the complexities of irrigation efficiency and what that translates into for water on the ground.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

Next meeting-TBD

Minutes submitted by: Anne Wenner