

KWP Board Meeting Minutes August 11, 2022

Members Present: Anne Wenner, Karl Wenner, Matt Walter, Shirley Kerns, Ashton Greer, Mark Buettner

Absent: Roger Smith

Quorum Present: Yes

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

Minutes: April minutes were approved

Financials/Other: See attached. Grant Funding Updates for April-August 2022 were presented. Total operational funds are approximately \$397,575. Including contractors, the amount secured is about \$1.5 million beyond the new grants secured since April is \$1,633,802.

Bill presented the KWP Payroll Worksheet, which estimates approximately \$265,000, annually. The board voted after discussion to increase the salary of all three employees by \$1/hour with the understanding that a more robust format for following payroll rate increases be developed. The current increase was precipitated by rising inflation.

Procurement Policy Review

The board reviewed/approved the procurement policy Bill sent out.

Misc.

Bill explained why the Modoc Point project is on hold and said that the property will be fenced to keep cattle out of the lake.

Project Manager Report-Leigh Ann Vradenburg:

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

1. Bootleg-photos of trees cut and placed in streams were shown. A new OWEB Bootleg grant will be available for submission 9/1. Leigh Ann discussed the issues surrounding the FSA program helping landowners to get trees cleared post fire. She proposed getting a grant that would enable her to be the primary liaison between landowners and FSA and ODF, resulting in a more efficient process. She also outlined the pros of doing so: slows water down, cost effective, timely, captures sediment, provides shade, and can control cattle accessing water with logs strategically placed. A new fencing project is upcoming and there will be reforestation and planting of riparian areas that Green Diamond has no incentive to do on their own due to inability to harvest afterwards in those areas.

2. SE Cascades Forest and Fire Project- Remote sensing, mapping contract plus Forest Service ground truthing. This is about 75% done. There are about 40 landowners involved

3. Yamsi Ranch- a new project involving fencing, BDAs and engineering to restore an old channel. More wells will be needed for off stream watering. The OWEB stock water well program is a possibility.

4. Harmony Preserve/Obenchain- forest thinning, juniper removal and prescribed burning.

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Ag Projects Coordinator Report-Mark Johnson:

See attached.

1. North Fork Sprague River Phase 2 BDA work will begin this fall.
2. Ganong Property- same
3. Sprague River Outreach Events- good venue for discussing various issues. Matt Walter attended one and concurred and Bill commented that it is a good activity to keep having on a regular basis.
4. RAC Weed grants- 2023 recently applied for and there is a lot of landowner interest. The board discussed the need for a dedicated weed control entity to manage and oversee landowner needs in the basin. Limitations of CREP enrolled property weed control were discussed ODA Noxious Weed treatment will be on Green Diamond property within the Bootleg fire.
5. Whisky Creek- Fall 2022
6. Wocus Planting on Lakeside Farms- plants transplanted from Agency Lake and put in the sucker pond. Will be ongoing for 3-4 years.

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

Executive Director Report:

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

1. The Federal Indirect Rate is predicted to drop significantly
2. Pollinator Plots will be planted in the fall.
3. Amber is leaving in the fall and staff would like to hire a fulltime admin employee. Job description and posting upcoming.
4. Off-stream watering- lack of well drillers is an issue. There is

concern the funds will expire before the work can be undertaken. Costs are increasing as well. Amber is helping with a grant to pursue additional off-stream wells.

5. No infrastructure grants awarded yet.

Other Discussions:

The group also discussed SWCD/NRCS challenges.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

Next meeting-TBD

Minutes submitted by: Anne Wenner