



1. Board Meeting Notes April 2013

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**PUYALLUP River**
Watershed Council

Board Meeting Minutes

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**Puyallup River Watershed Council Board of Directors
Puyallup City Hall
April 25, 2013
3:30 p.m.**

In Attendance:

Lorin Reinelt, Mark Palmer, Teresa Lewis, Linda Burgess, Barbara Skinner, Bill Anderson, Ryan Mello, Mark Lavergne, Jason Jordon, Shelly Schlumpf

Board Members Absent:

Bob Meeks, Cheryl Greengrove, Tom Kantz, Kurt Fremont, Russ Ladley.

I. Call To Order and Review Agenda

No addition to agenda.

II. Review and Accept Minutes of March 28, 2013 Meeting

Minutes approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

Bank account is the same as last report, a little over \$1,800.

IV. Old Business

None noted.

V. New Business

A. Report from Watershed Assessment Committee (Lorin)

Lorin met with Robert Warren with the Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF) who will be active in The Russell Family Foundation's (TRFF) work in the Puyallup Watershed. BEF has been retained to get this effort up and rolling. One of the things they'll be working on in the months ahead is "communities of interest". They are looking to fund 3-5 proposals through this effort. This effort will be discussed at the May 15th TRFF meeting in Puyallup. Looks like this is where TRFF wants to go and we should submit a letter of interest. If our letter of

interest is accepted, we will work closely with Robert and others. The watershed assessment is one step that could benefit from this effort. They are looking for letters of interest/intent in the June/July timeframe. They are looking at the next 10 years. Lorin will invite Robert to come to the May board meeting for 15-20 minutes to explain their process and what they hope to do. They release a request for letters of interest/intent soon.

B. Report from Education and Stewardship Committee (Bill/Teresa)

Salmon Homecoming planning committee met April 8th. Teresa discussed efforts to coordinate with the Foothill Trails and Town of South Prairie to coordinate our Salmon Homecoming with their event. We're planning to have the Salmon Homecoming on September 21st at Inglin's Dairy. Teresa has planning a kids' salmon art contest and the winning artwork will be used to promote the event.

C. Report from Citizen Committee (Linda)

No problems for resolution from last month's meeting.

D. Report from Finance Committee (Mark)

Committee did not meet this month. No news to report.

E. Award Program Nominations (Bill)

Only Linda has turned a nomination form in so far. Teresa will send out the nomination form to the PRWC email list.

F. 2013 Program of Work

Committees identified what they want to focus on for 2013. Brief summary of plans identified in the 2012 Annual Report.

G. Guiding Document Development

We are waiting for the watershed assessment to help guide the update to the Action Agenda/Guiding Document. Board discussed status of watershed assessment and how to complete this project:

The watershed assessment committee has been working on this, but it is taking longer than expected as committee members are volunteering and often have other work/time commitments. Lorin said we may need to limit the scope of the watershed assessment. Ryan said another idea is to consider submitting a letter of intent to TRFF to obtain funding to help us complete this assessment. Next round of letters are due in July. There is a bit more focus for that funding in the Puyallup River watershed. Lorin will look into this option. Jason suggested

we look into other funding sources to get this finished up. Ryan said it would be easier for us to manage a consultant than to take on the work on ourselves. Jason suggested we might reach out to consulting firms who might do some pro bono work or offer a reduced rate if they get some credit for the work. Ryan suggested that TRFF might find this assessment valuable to benchmark the environment/watershed so they know if their efforts are working in ten years. Also need to get cities involved. It is hard for people to visual the product so may be hard to get funding from them. Lorin invited anyone that wants to help work on the assessment is welcome as he hasn't had as much time since he started working for King County. Linda Burgess said she probably has some time to help. Lorin will convene a watershed assessment committee meeting on May 23rd at 1:30 p.m. at Puyallup City Hall. Anyone interested should contact Lorin.

H. Requests for Support

- Matlock Farm/600 acres of Forest Habitat Conservation Futures Application: Bill shared a draft letter of PRWC's support for Forterra's effort for conservation of these farm and forest properties. Board members support this effort. Bill will finalize the letter and submit.

VI. **Other Business and Announcements**

- Upper Carbon River Heritage Corridor Project: Project proponents would like PRWC to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Mainly a show of support for the project. Bill and Linda are recommending that we sign it and participate. MOU allows us to pull out if we want to. Some Board members voiced that it is good to build relationships in that area.
- Shelly Schlumpf needs to step down from the PRWC board due to lack of time to fully participate. Shelly will meet with Bill to work out the website issue. Bill mentioned that they may have a position at CHB that can help manage the website.
- Discussion about the newly formed Puyallup Watershed Coalition. Bill and Ryan will meet with Coalition members and see how the two groups can better work together.
- Discussion about doing a presentation about PRWC and issues in the watershed to city councils, especially the smaller cities and towns.

VII. **Adjourn**

Decisions/Action Items

- Lorin will invite Robert Warren to the May 23rd PRWC Board meeting.
- Teresa will send out the award nomination form to the PRWC contact list.
- Lorin (and others?) will explore funding options to complete the assessment.
- Bill will work with Shelley to transition to the new PRWC website.

