



1. Meeting Notes

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## Board Meeting Minutes

**Puyallup River Watershed Council Board of Directors  
Puyallup City Hall  
September 26, 2013  
3:30 p.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Lorin Reinelt, Teresa Lewis, Linda Burgess, Bill Anderson, Kurt Fremont, Mark Palmer, Barbara Skinner, Ryan Mello, Mark Heckert, Tom Kantz, Russ Ladley,

**Board Members Absent:** Mark Lavergne, Jason Jordon, Cheryl Greengrove, Patty Denny  
**Guest:** Jennifer Arnold, Chuck Morrison

I. Call To Order and Review Agenda

Welcome Mark Heckert and Patty Denney (absent) to the Board.

II. Review and Accept Minutes of the August 22nd Meeting

Correct WOST to WOSS

III. Treasurer's Report – Barbara Skinner

No change, same as last time

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Report on Salmon Homecoming Event – Teresa Lewis

Good exhibits, great food, great stories. Goal was to make this a little more family friendly. Great location but pretty far out there to get people to attend. Puyallup Tribe donated 60lbs of smoked salmon and food was donated by the Pierce County Lead Entity. People were very engaged. Thank you to Theresa for all the hard work planning the event.

B. Update on PRWC Role in The Russell Family Foundation Puyallup River Watershed Initiative

Just before the August 15 deadline of submitting statement of interest (SOI), the Board submitted a SOI to TRFF. The Board received a letter from Robert Warren and Jennifer Arnold stating that the TRFF agrees the proposal is an important idea, but not necessarily a Community of Interest. However, will offer the financial support to hire a professional facilitator to help clarify the role the PRWC can play in the watershed. Also offered staff time to support ongoing planning and organization to complete the process described in the SOI. A Request for Proposal will be drafted and sent out to dynamic, experienced consultants that can help the Board forward its role as a watershed facilitator.

The idea of Communities of Interest is to motivate people to strategically plan and encourage groups to come together. TRFF is trying to get away from the “granting model” of a group submitting a proposal for a project and asking for funding. The Council could play a role in helping groups work together to gain efficiencies from collaborative efforts. Core value of the initiative is inclusiveness. The TRFF would discourage funding multiple, similar, SOIs. Note that the PRWC is open to the idea of working with the Puyallup Watershed Coalition as suggested by TRFF.

Jennifer Arnold noted some examples of Community of Interest concepts: recreation, food sovereignty, community gardens, industrial stormwater, clean water, salmon, education, social equity, environmental justice.

### C. Committee Updates

Budget & Finance: No recent meeting. Note that this organization needs to get out there for funding.

Watershed Assessment Committee: Working to finish last 3 chapters; Resource Lands (Ch. 10) is coming together. Socio Economic Cultural and Land Use (Ch. 4) in quasi outline and looking for indicators to use such as number of jobs that pay a livable wage, how many farmers markets there are, what are trends in residential density and population. Hydrology and Water Use (Ch ?) working with Dave Seabrook. Key Watershed Features and Focus Areas (Ch. 11) also coming together. Will need some scrubbing to ensure usability and reader friendliness. Hope to be done by end of year.

Education and Stewardship Committee: Great job salmon homecoming.

Citizens Committee: will be working with the Puyallup Watershed Coalition to help develop two new subgroup categories for Boise Creek and South Prairie.

### VI. Other Business and Announcements

December 6<sup>th</sup> 9am to 3pm booked for the Annual Retreat at Center for Urban Waters. Mark Heckert, Tom Kantz, Theresa Lewis and Bill Anderson will collaborate to share planning.

CHB Puyallup River Patrol, taking students out to learn about testing and environmental studies. Note that Buckley Middle School will be joining in the effort.

Pierce County hired a Watershed Modeler for their unit. Position will help model watersheds to understand how materials and energy move through the watersheds. Will be some new work done in the Puyallup watershed.

Conservation District will be doing a planting October 5<sup>th</sup>, 9 to noon, to fill in some of the habitat corridor. Looking for volunteers.

Stream team is also doing a planting along Swan Creek the following weekend and looking for Volunteers.

Pierce County Water Quality Report Card for all of Pierce County is out and available. Next month, the Forum will host Carla Vincent to talk about results from this monitoring program.

EPA selected 10 jurisdictions as green infrastructure leaders and the Clark's Creek/Pierce County project was one of them. Mark Palmer will attend a conference of the 10 and return with information of their work.

VII. Adjourn