

PRWC Board Meeting 1/23/20

## Meeting Notes

Board Members Present: Carrie Hernandez, Laurie Larson-Pugh, Kurt Fremont, Allan Warren, Robby Wright, Jenn Stebbings, Linda Burgess, Mark Heckert

Excused: Tom Kantz, Russ Ladley, Julie Masura, Mark Palmer

No guests.

**Welcome** – led by Laurie Larson-Pugh, Vice President

Review of draft **Oct 24, 2019 meeting minutes**: moved and seconded to adopt, **approved**

### **Communications Committee:**

1. Puyallup Watershed Symposium recap – see handout. Need to decide before June what this year's event(s) will look at, but also need to wait for the Lead Entity group to discuss it. We will bring the matter back to the table at the March board meeting.

### **Executive Committee:**

1. Board Member elections
  - a. Board member elections are coming up in February. Julie, Laurie and Carrie's terms are up this year. Laurie and Carrie agreed to serve another term on the board. Julie will be going off the board, but she has recruited her replacement, another professor at UW Tacoma, Erik McDonald, who has been coming to the meetings. There was agreement to ask Erik McDonald to apply and send resume - *Robby and Carrie will reach out to him. Kurt already reached out to Cindy Callahan* from TPCHD and he will follow up with her. Cindy participates in the LIO meetings. Krystal will send the position description.
  - b. Question: Do we need to be recruiting an equity focused board position to assist the board? Who is doing environmental justice work locally? The LIO is including equity in the ERP, and there are about 25 people interested in participating in conversations about equity in developing the plan. This work may help PRWC advance equity and figure out how to incorporate it into our plans, events, and board governance.
  - c. There is an issue with access to PayPal account and funds. Talk to Mark about PayPal, is the money going into the bank account? Cancel the PayPal account info, if possible. Allan may be able to set up a square account instead, and the board was supportive.

### **Swan Creek Implementation Committee:**

1. No meeting since October, no meetings scheduled. Mark provided an update on beaver restoration. They still need to find an appropriate holding facility. Puyallup tribe has said they could relocate beavers to their property near Lake Kapowsin.

### **Puyallup White River Local Integrating Organization updates:**

1. Pierce Conservation District has contract \$15K from NEP to write ERP. Draft plan due in September 2020. Now Allan needs to make professional services contract with Ross Strategic.

2. No meeting since November. Quarterly meetings for 2020 are now scheduled. Focus Area meetings are yet to be scheduled.
3. Board approved Focus Areas via email in November.
4. Allan asked Kurt and Laurie to think about coordinating with Stormwater 2 permittees meetings.
5. EPA letter drafted by Allan as Chair of the LIO, submitted to the board for permission to send to the EPA. Discussion. Board Members present are okay with submitting the letter. Ask other board members not present to approve having their name on the letter. There was lengthy discussion on this topic and more context was provided.

Annual Retreat discussion:

1. Do we need to have a retreat? Voted to have a retreat. Krystal will do a doodle poll for dates in February 9-4 timeframe, different location preferred. Sumner suggested. *Cancel Feb.27 regular board meeting.*
2. Main retreat topic: How do we fund the LIO work? Options. Do we even want to accept a contract with PSP for LIO coordination and be obligated to that work?

Krystal passed out materials for the annual work plan, calendar and options, and will send them out electronically with the draft meeting notes.

Resources:

PRWC page [www.piercecountywa.org/prwc](http://www.piercecountywa.org/prwc) - includes link to LIO page