

PRWC Board Meeting

Monday, March 16, 2020

9:30am-11:00am

Zoom/Call in



Attendance:

Russ Ladley, Carrie Hernandez, Linda Burgess, Kurt Fremont, Cindy Callahan, Erik McDonald, Allan Warren, Jenn Stebbings, Laurie Larson-Pugh, Mark Heckert, Robby Wright

Excused: Tom Kantz, Mark Palmer

Meeting Notes

Welcome & Introductions – Carrie Hernandez, President

Approve January 2020 meeting minutes (postponed)

Board Member & Officer Elections (vote)

Board Members: call for nominations and vote. Board members serve three-year terms.

- Carrie Hernandez
- Laurie Larson-Pugh

There was a motion and second and vote to re-elect Carrie and Laurie. Unanimous.

Officers must be board members. Officers serve one-year terms.

- Carrie Hernandez, President
- Laurie Larson-Pugh, Vice President
- Mark Palmer, Treasurer
- Kurt Fremont, Secretary

There was discussion about Mark's continued role as Treasurer and ability to participate and capacity to perform new duties with possible LIO contract in mind. Carrie will reach out to Mark to discuss it with him.

For all other positions, there was a motion and second, followed by a vote to re-elect Carrie, Laurie and Kurt to their respective officer positions. Unanimous.

The Communications Officer position came later in the year and is not currently up for re-election yet.

LIO Capacity Funding – discussion and decision (see handout)

Discussion around the LIO role and opportunity for \$125k in capacity funding from NEP this year. The first question at hand was whether the PRWC wants to take on these funds and the contracts, reporting, and obligations that come with them. The second question was if the answer is yes, then how should the PRWC go about doing so? After robust discussion, there was agreement to pursue the capacity funding.

Tasks:

- Allan will talk to Elizabeth about contacts and cash flow issues

- Carrie will talk to Mark P. about fiscal work required and capacity
- Krystal will talk to Dan C. about contracts and requirements

Pierce Conservation District is willing to take on a fiscal sponsorship role, if needed, in the first year. This could provide a soft transition over time. PRWC could also take on the role directly, and this would be a bigger lift in the short term, but lead to future growth and stability for the organization moving forward. After much discussion, the board decided to start with pursuing PRWC taking on the role first, and if that doesn't work out for some reason, we will ask the PCD if they can be the fiscal sponsor.

- Executive Committee will meet this Wednesday and report back to board thereafter.

Roundtable & Partner Updates – all

- Allan: PCD is postponing their annual conservation celebration to June 3rd; board of supervisors elections will still take place on March 25 from 4-8pm at their office.
- Puyallup watershed small grants round is open until April 7th. Any decision to extend the deadline will be reviewed prior to that date and dependent on number of applications received at that time. Any delay in the grant cycle will make it difficult for summertime projects that need funding before they can be executed.
- Rescheduling board retreat? Board agreed to wait and see what happens in the coming weeks before trying to reschedule.

Adjourn

Upcoming PRWC events:

Next board meeting – 4/23/20 (Zoom option)

PWR-LIO meeting – 6/11/20

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