

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HOOD RIVER WATERSHED GROUP

The Board of Directors met on September 26, 2023.

The meeting was held at the OSU Extension Center Conference Room, 2990 Experiment Station Drive, Hood River, OR.

The meeting was called by the Board of Directors.

The notice for the meeting was given more than seven days in advance in writing via email.

The directors present for the meeting were Sam Doak, Greg Short, Les Perkins, Chuti Fiedler, Hilary Doulos, and Chuck Gehling. Alexis Vaivoda, Lillian Dick, and Felipe Mendez were absent.

The other people present at the meeting were Cindy Thieman, Executive Director, and Alix Danielsen, Restoration and Outreach Project Manager of the Hood River Watershed Group.

A quorum was present because six directors on the Board were present for the entire meeting.

Chuck Gehling, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:22pm.

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Agenda & Minutes
 - a. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda – none
 - b. Review and Adopt July Meeting Minutes and August 22nd decision via email – Greg moved, Les seconded, and the board resolved to approve the July minutes and August decision via email.
- III. Financials
 - a. July and August Expenses
 - i. Chuck asked about the Hays Road project; Alix explained it is an OWEB small grant riparian restoration project.
 - ii. The board reviewed the expenses and there were no questions.
 - b. Treasurer report on bank/credit card reconciliation (July - August) – Les reviewed and confirmed the reconciliation.
- IV. Contracts & Project Updates
 - a. Neal Creek Phase 3 Design, East Fork Hood River Design, Baldwin Creek Design Project, Tony Creek Project Implementation – Alix gave a presentation including updates on all the current design and implementation projects.
 - b. A board tour of the project will be scheduled for the second half of October.
- V. Community Engagement – Annual Celebration
 - a. Thursday, November 9th at the Ruins
 - b. Food tentatively by Felipe's mom, rentals for tableware
 - c. Raffle items:

- i. Fishing trip with Greg (potentially Hilary and her husband too)
- ii. Greg suggested pie raffle; Cindy, Hilary, and Greg would make a pie
- iii. Chuti and Chuck can make sourdough bread

VI. Board Candidates for 2024

- a. Chuti, Chuck, and Les conclude their terms at the end of 2023.
- b. Chuti will term off, Les is considering, and Chuck will stay on for another term.
- c. The board discussed potential candidates. Cindy noted that she will convene the board development committee to review and recommend candidates, which will be shared with HRWG members at the October 24th meeting.

VII. Staff Reports & Director Updates

- a. July-August staff reports will be sent to the board following the meeting.
- b. Hilary shared that Hood River County NRCS now has a forest health program (thinning, brush management, wildfire protection, plantings), with funding beginning in 2024. Applications are due in November and will run for five years. Hilary will share the link.
- c. Chuti has been helping with the Camp Creek Fire.
- d. Greg shared that the Columbia River salmon run is much better than forecasted and fishing has been very good.
- e. Les shared that FID is getting ready for shutdown and saw a bunch of spawning Chinook on the West Fork above their Dee diversion.

Next Board Meeting: October 17th, 4:30 to 6:00 pm. The HRWG presentation will be on October 24th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.

Signature of Secretary: _____ Date: _____
Sam Doak