

**WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 20, 2011**

Present

Matt Fehrenbacher, Chair
Jacque Schreck, Vice Chair
Charlie Bruce
Creed Eckert
Sheryl Stuart

Staff

Amber Reese, Public Works
Tom Penpraze, Public Works
Mike Hinton, Public Works
Jon Boyd, Public Works
Mark Miller, Trout Mountain Forestry

Absent

David Zahler, excused
Michael Campana, excused
Richard Hervey, City Council Liaison, excused

Visitors

None

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Information Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations
I. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions	X		
II. Review of Agenda	X		
III. Review of March 16, 2011 Minutes			Approved
IV. Staff reports	X		
V. Visitor Propositions	X		
VI. Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fish Habitat & Stream Structure; Water Quality; and Wildlife Habitat Policy 			Approved
VII. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads; Public Access; Fire; Neighbors Policy • Planning and Monitoring (including inventory procedures); Public Outreach • FY 11/12 Harvest Plan 	X X		Approved: with modifications Action item at next month's meeting.
VIII. Commission Requests and Reports	n/a		
IX. Adjourn			

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

I. Call Meeting to Order/ Introductions

Chair Fehrenbacher called the meeting to order and all present introduced themselves.

II. Review of Agenda

No changes.

III. Review of Minutes

Commissioner Bruce moved to approve the March 16 minutes; Commissioner Stuart seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. Staff Reports

Mr. Penpraze reported on the “National Take-Back Initiative,” the safe disposal of old medicines. Public Works is interested in removing these products from our watersheds to protect our drinking water supply. A collection event will take place on April 30th at Allied Waste and the Benton County Fairgrounds.

Mr. Penpraze presented the WMAC members with a gift (a reusable tote bag) from Mayor Manning in appreciation of their volunteer service to the Corvallis community.

Ms. Reese reported that she and Barb Ellis-Sugai from USFS Siuslaw gave a presentation to the Marys River Watershed Council (MRWC) at their quarterly meeting on April 19th. The MRWC meeting agenda topic was, “Temperature Monitoring in the Marys River Watershed with an emphasis on Rock Creek.” The event was well attended and generated good discussion among the panelists and audience. The City and USFS Siuslaw will be placing monitoring devices in Rock Creek again this year to further data collection and analysis of stream temperature.

Ms. Reese reported that planning for the June 8th Forest Tour is underway. Staff will be working with Chintimini Wildlife Center to have an owl on hand at one of the stations.

Ms. Reese reported that she is working on the Peacock Larkspur restoration project. A survey will need to be completed this spring/summer of existing plant populations and of native nectar species that the Fender’s Blue Butterfly utilizes as required by the federal natural resources agencies.

Mr. Miller reported that the tree-topping contractor has finished work in the vicinity of the Old Peak Road system. Money was saved on this project, allowing additional trees in other areas to be topped.

V. Visitor Propositions

Attached is a written testimony submitted by Jim Fairchild to the WMAC. Comments include 2011 Harvest Plan; Neighbors Policy – Standards and Guidelines; Fire Policy – Standards and Guidelines; Wildlife Policy – Standards and Guidelines; and Water Policy – Standards and Guidelines. This document will be included in next month’s packet.

VI. Old Business

Fish Habitat & Stream Structure; Water Quality; and Wildlife Habitat Policy

Mr. Miller presented the revised document, showing the changes the Commission requested at the March meeting. Mr. Miller also presented a map of fish passages on City property in the watershed, which the Commission approved. **Commissioner Shreck moved to adopt the document as written; Commissioner Fehrenbacher seconded the motion, and the document was adopted as presented with minor changes.**

VII. New Business

Roads; Public Access; Fire; Neighbors (new) Policy

Mr. Miller presented these policies and the Commission discussed them. **Commissioner Shreck moved to adopt the documents as written; Commissioner Stuart seconded the motion, and the documents were adopted as presented with minor changes.**

Planning and Monitoring (including inventory procedures); Public Outreach

Mr. Miller presented a briefing paper and stated that the subcommittee will be working on these sections prior to the next meeting.

FY 11/12 Harvest Plan

Mr. Miller presented a draft plan for this year's harvest. It will be different from prior years' harvests, as it will be done by cable yarding during the winter.

Commissioner Shreck asked for Mr. Miller to come back to next month's meeting with a response to Jim Fairchild's comments.

VIII. Commission Requests and Reports

None.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 18, 2011, 5:30 p.m., TBA