

**WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
April 27, 2016
DRAFT**

Present

Jessica McDonald, Chair
Charlie Bruce
Sheryl Stuart
Steve Rogers
Joel Hirsch, City Council Liaison

Staff

Jennifer Ward, Public Works
Tom Hubbard, Public Works
Mark Miller, Trout Mountain Forestry

Visitors

Barb Ellis-Sugai

Absent

David Hibbs, Vice-Chair, Excused
Richard Heggen, Excused
Jacque Schreck, Excused

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 23, 2016 Minutes			Approved
IV. Community Comments	X		
V. City Council Report	X		
VI. New Business			
• 2016/17 Harvest Planning	X		
VII. Old Business			
• Annual Tour Finalization	X		
VIII. Staff Reports	X		
IX. Board Member Requests and Reports	X		
X. Adjourn			

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

I. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions

Chair McDonald called the meeting to order and those present introduced themselves.

II. Review of Agenda

Chair McDonald noted that Board Member Hibbs' absence was excused.

III. Review of Minutes

Board Member Rogers moved to approve the March minutes; the motion was seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. Community Comments

Visitor Barb Ellis-Sugai discussed her stream monitoring report with the Board, answering questions from the Board Members. Ms. Ellis-Sugai noted that stream temperatures for 2015 reflect a particularly hot and dry year, with higher stream temperatures and lower flows. She noted that yearly monitoring is valuable and that the Forest Service is now looking at stream temperature as an indicator of climate change.

V. City Council Report

Councilor Hirsch reported that the Budget Commission is currently in session and that Department Directors have given their reports to the Commission. He also noted that the Imagine Corvallis 2040 survey is still available online.

VI. New Business

2016/17 Harvest Planning

Mr. Miller shared some maps showing the areas being looked at for the harvest, which will actually be two different harvests. He noted that there was a 2010 stimulus grant for wildlife thinning, so some work has been done in this area to create some diversity, which will be expanded on with this harvest. He stated that he will begin working on the first bid process soon and the second in the fall. The Board agreed that Trout Mountain should go ahead with the first harvest's bidding process without further discussion, but would like to see more information on the second harvest.

VII. Old Business

Annual Tour Finalization

Ms. Ward presented the plan for this year's tour and Board Members volunteered for various assignments.

VIII. Staff Reports

Mr. Hubbard reported that he and Ms. Ward have a meeting with the Fire Department about the emergency response plan.

Mr. Miller reported the following:

- With the drier weather, the road maintenance from the last harvest has been completed and all that is left is the final sign-off from the Forest Service.
- The US Fish and Wildlife service approved the Marbled Murrelet plan.
- He met with Dave Hibbs to go over maps showing uncommon vegetation types.

Ms. Ward reported that, following up on the last harvest, there are a couple of large slash piles close to the road that might provide good habitat for reptiles, amphibians, and small rodents. She asked the Board for opinions on how to handle the piles. The Board agreed that the piles could be burned since there is considerable woody debris remaining within the harvest stands.

Ms. Ward reported that she visited the watershed with a couple of herpetologists from Oregon State University. She also reported that the restoration work at Old Peak Meadow is going well. The area has been planted with shrubs, which survived the winter well, but will need to be watered every two weeks starting in June. Councilor Hirsch and Board Members Rogers and Bruce volunteered to help water the plants.

Ms. Ward reported that a group of fellows from the International Association of City Managers are coming to the Corvallis area with an interest in forestry and how it interfaces with governments and communities and will visit the watershed on May 9.

Mr. Hubbard reported that Mark Dulan from Oregon State University's Environmental Engineering Division is interested in filling the vacant space on the Board after Board Member Stuart steps down.

IX. Board Member Requests and Reports
Finance and Habitat Working Group Reports

Chair McDonald reported that the finance group discussed the idea of creating a reserve fund, especially in the current competitive budget climate. She stated that they have delivered the issue to staff to explore the possibilities.

X. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 6:43p.m.

NEXT MEETING: June, 22, 5:15 p.m., Madison Avenue Meeting Room