

# Willamette Mainstem Cooperative Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 16 2013

2:00 - 3:30 pm

Benton SWCD, 456 Northwest Monroe Avenue #110, Corvallis

## Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Crystal Durbecq, Holly Crosson, Debra Paul, Bud Baumgartner, Brad Withrow-Robinson, Peter Kenagy, and Jeff Baker

### Updates

- **Permissions**
  - As of now we have about 2,400 acres of land permissions total, and 700 acres of which have not yet been surveyed. This number is growing as we continually accumulate permissions.
  - The largest acreage area that still requires permission is the International Paper property in Albany, N. of Simpson Park
    - Tara and I have been working with Vaughn Pieschl of IP to obtain this permission, but they are in the middle of selling off the property and do not want to grant permission at this time. I will continue to work on this.
  - Peter – Will talk to a contact of Thad Looney's and see if he can talk to him about our project.
  - Peter- Call City of Millersburg and they will probably grant permission
    - Debra – Ed Hodney of City of Albany will probably have a contact for C of M and may even call for us
  - Bud – He will show Kyle Smith the new Outreach Coordinator at the Calapooia WC the list of landowners in Albany to see if he is familiar with any of them
  - Jeff – Can get Stellmacher's permission, and will let me know about the others around Horseshoe Lake
- **Landowner workshop with Linn SWCD**
  - This will most likely take place the first week of June on Tuesday, Wed. or Thurs.
  - Debra is checking on availability at the Armory and Public Libraries in Albany
  - We have a draft agenda, and I will let everyone know as soon as the date is confirmed
  - Jeff – Handouts with control methods and contacts would be useful to include
  - Holly – include a list of informational sources for hotlines, websites, etc. in workshop handouts

- Peter – Don't focus on blackberries and reed canarygrass for management practices; it is important to have a plan before treatment
- **Contract for Half Moon Bend**
  - The short list of potential contractors for Half Moon Bend is:
    - Habitat Contracting LLC – Jeff Jones
    - RTF Consulting LLC; OR Wetlands LLC – Ray Fiori
    - Luckiamute WC – Peter Guillozet (Ray and Peter sometimes work together)
    - Integrated Resource Management – Matt Mellenthin
    - R Franco Restoration Inc. – Diego and Rosario Franco -Phone: (503) 580-3988
    - Habitat Restoration – Jason Garland (541) 949-7282
    - George Crawl (not local)
  - Peter – It may be a good idea to have people bid based on a per hour estimate
  - Jeff – Peter G. would take care of project management, and could mean less work for the SWCD
  - Peter – Ivy at Half Moon Bend could be treated in a day, which would leave more time to focus on Clematis
  - Jeff & Bud – We could learn quite a bit about the site and price estimates for work by doing a site visit with the Franco's
  - Bud – The Franco's have done excellent work for the Calapooia WC
  - Crystal – We have permission to treat the adjacent Knife River property, but I have to re-submit the permission form with ODA requirements for:
    - ODA or OWEB staff to inspect property, and
    - All data related to grant work is considered public record
- **Field Season Planning**
  - **Methodology**
    - The following changes were made to the Assessment Methodology to try to streamline surveys
      - We will no longer delineate habitat types using GIS polygons, and
      - We will no longer establish plot points in high quality habitats, but instead take more detailed notes in high quality habitats.
- **Draft Steering Committee Bylaws**
  - Brad – Most of the language in the bylaws works and is a good starting point
    - A section that states that the WMC is housed with the Benton SWCD, but is a separate entity should be included.
    - The broader network of partners can help set management priorities.
    - We need to define the following:

- roles of project partners
- process of creating a larger partnership network
- process for delegation of work among partners
- Bud – It is important to include a statement on how decisions are made within the steering committee.
  - As of now it seems that we use consensus, should we make this official?
- Peter and Brad – It is important that if we use consensus, that we have a way to vote if consensus is not reached.
- Crystal – I like the idea of using a simple majority vote. I will include a section on decision making in the bylaws.
- Brad – We should all look over this document, and meet again as a group to discuss the bylaws before they are completed.
- Crystal – should we consider an MOU for this group and the broader partnership?
  - All agree that we should avoid this in most cases, and only use when necessary