

**Grande Ronde Model Watershed
Board of Directors' Meeting
April 23, 2013 – 5:00 p.m.
Elgin Community Center, Elgin, Oregon**

Mike Hayward brought the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Introductions followed.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Norm Cimon moved to approve the February 26, 2013, meeting minutes; Dave Yost seconded and the motion carried. Jeff Oveson added under CC 44 to change the spring submission proposal date. Dave Yost moved to approve the meeting agenda as amended for April 23, 2013; Bruce Eddy seconded, and the motion carried (attachments to file).

Calendar/Announcements: Calendars for April, May and June were provided (attachment to file).

Old Business: None

New Business:

Union County Weed Board Membership: Jeff Oveson informed the members that the Union County Weed Board was seeking the participation of GRMW members and/or staff. Clayton Collins, USFS employee and Weed Board member works in weed management and extended the invitation. Lacey Moore would be able to help with GIS mapping, but they would also like a Board Member from GRMW to sit on the Weed Board. Laura Mahrt offered to sit on the Weed Board as well.

CC 44: Jeff Oveson referenced a prior email and reminded the Board of CC 44 and its high priority ranking, and suggested an expedited protocol that would allow sponsors of CC 44 to start some construction this year. Jeff proposed the Board review this proposal now, then have the GRMW Technical Committee review the proposal during the normal review period, with the GRMW Executive Committee taking final action based on TC and staff recommendations. The Executive Committee would then make the decision to fund the project. Mike Hayward asked for member input:

Bruce Eddy said that Tim Bailey was very supportive of this project.

Allen Childs summarized the project for the Board and answered questions.

Jeff stated that there are multiple partners and landowners involved in this project.

Norm Cimon moved to approve the motion for the Executive Committee to make a decision on phase one project for CC44; Joe McCormack seconded, and the motion carried.

Jeff also referenced this project as an example that suggests the Step Wise spring solicitation should be moved to February 15th to facilitate a more timely review for projects proposed to be under construction in the subsequent summer season.

Spring Proposal Solicitation: Moved from April 15th to February 15th. The April 15th date was set to enable visits to sites that might be in snow-covered terrain earlier, but the April solicitation date has made it challenging to complete permitting and contracting for summer construction.

NPCC: NPCC project proposal review and update. Itinerary is provided in the Board packets, Jeff Oveson summarized the schedule and details (attachments to file).

Atlas Update: Jesse Steele discussed the April Science Technical Advisory Committee meetings.

Staff Report:

Project Updates:

Coby Menton summarized the work on Alpine Meadows and 6-Ranch. Alpine Meadows construction should be completed this fiscal year. 6-Ranch had it 15% design meeting with the restoration review team (NOAA, USFWS, and BPA) and a grazing plan is being developed. Another meeting is scheduled for early May.

Jesse Steele gave a project update on the Baum project. Talked about the planting and Christmas tree placements that occurred early in the spring.

Jeff Oveson gave a staff update (attachment to file). He also told the Board about conference calls with OWEB and legislative issues dealing with budgets and senate bills.

Leigh Collins shared with the Board about the newly finished stream simulation trailer and that it will be ready for use in May. Primary funding for the project came from Oregon DEQ 319 funding while Anderson-Perry and Associations contributed both design and materials for the project.

Public Participation: None

Next Board Meeting: The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on June 25, 2013, at the Wallowa Community Center at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions or comments, please call (541) 663-0570 or write GRMW, 1114 “J” Avenue, La Grande OR 97850. To reach us on our website go to <http://www.grmw.org>. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The mission of the Board of Directors’ of the Grande Ronde Model Watershed is “to develop and oversee the implementation, maintenance and monitoring of coordinated resource management that will enhance the natural resources of the Grande Ronde River Basin.”

Board Meeting Attendance:

Board Members/Alternates: Mike Hayward, Larry Nall, Ted Taylor, Daryl Hawes, Dave Yost, Larry Cribbs, Bill Howell, Jeff Yanke, Allen Childs, Bruce Eddy, Laura Mahrt, Joe McCormack, Jim Lauman, Mark Davidson and Norm Cimon.

Others: Timmie Mandish, BPA; Karen Leiendecker, OWEB

Staff: Jeff Oveson, Coby Menton, Lacey Moore, Leigh Collins, Mason Bailie, and Jesse Steele.