

**Grande Ronde Model Watershed  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
October 28, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.  
Elgin Community Center – Elgin OR**

Mike Hayward brought the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Dave Yost moved to approve the August 26, 2014, meeting minutes; Larry Cribbs seconded, and the motion carried. The October 28, 2014, meeting agenda was approved by consensus (attachments to file).

**Calendar/Announcements:** Provided in the Board packets were the calendars for October, November and December (attachment to file).

**CC44 Phase II Funding Adjustment:** Jeff Oveson stated that additional funds were added to CC44 including the pipeline and the roughened channel. He indicated that the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) underestimated the pipeline costs. The Union Soil and Water Conservation District (USWCD) received two bids and Mike Becker Construction had the lower bid which was over \$200,000.00 above the engineer's estimate. Becker is working through value engineering to reduce costs but is still \$140,000.00 short. Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) sees the need for this project and has decided to take the \$140,000.00 out of remaining FY 2014 Fish & Wildlife funds to cover the cost. Katie Frenyea mentioned that there will be a meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup> on lessons learned. Norm Cimon moved to approve the additional funds from BPA, Dave Yost seconded. Discussion, Katie stated that BOR did re-evaluate the costs and there wasn't much difference. She felt there would have been more bidders if it was held in the spring. The pipeline will be built in November 2014. If all the funds are not used for this phase, they can use it for the next phase. The motion carried with one no vote from Larry Cribbs.

**Proposed GRMW By-Laws Changes:**

**By-laws:** Provided in the Board packets was a draft redlined version of the proposed changes to the by-laws (attachment to file). Jeff reported that we are amending the by-laws so GRMW can be eligible for Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) funds. Board and staff went over the redlined information on the document and made a few changes. Norm Cimon moved to take out the last sentence in Article II Section 3, Nick Myatt seconded, and the motion carried. In Article II Section 1, Nick Myatt moved to take out the word tribes and to add the Nez Perce Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Larry Cribbs seconded, and the motion carried. Nick Myatt stated that in Article II Section 2 in the last sentence the word "residing" needs to be changed to "representing an interest," Dave Yost seconded, and the motion carried. Allen Childs pointed out some redundancies in Article 1 Section 1 & 2, which were subsequently removed and reworded. By agreement from the Board, it was approved.

**By-laws addendum/policy & procedure:** The supplementary to the by-laws was provided in the Board packets (attachment to file). The Board made some changes to show the following: 1) Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife instead of Fish and Wildlife Interest

**and 2) Conservation Interests instead of Conservation Groups.** Ted Taylor moved to approve the changes to the supplementary to the by-laws, Nick Myatt seconded, and the motion carried with one no vote from Larry Cribbs.

**Allen Childs moved to approve the by-laws with all the mentioned changes, Larry Cribbs seconded, and the motion carried.**

**Existing Action Plan, Policies Affirmation:** The Board of Directors' needed to reaffirm that GRMW has in place their action plan, contracting policy, and the fiscal policy (attachments to file). Larry Cribbs moved to affirm the adoption of the action plan, contracting policy, and the fiscal policy, Joe McCormack seconded, and the motion carried.

**BPA/NPCC Discussion:** Ted Taylor provided the Board with a summary of a meeting that Jeff Oveson and him had with three BPA employees and three Northwest Power Conservation Council (NPCC) employees on October 8<sup>th</sup> in Pendleton (attachment to file). Ted went over the summary with the Board. He was not very happy with the way the meeting went. Board and staff had a lengthy discussion. It was suggested to have an MOU written up between BPA and GRMW on the roles and responsibilities. The Board would like Jeff to meet with John Skidmore, BPA, to get clarity on what BPA's concerns and wants are before the planning session.

**Discussion on EOU & FFA Board Member Positions:** Jeff asked the Board if they wanted to continue to have the EOU and FFA positions filled. Dave Yost will work with the FFA and see if there is any student willing to serve on the Board. Laura Mahrt stated that she has three EOU students that might be willing to serve. Both Dave and Laura will get back with Jeff.

**Stepwise: Fall 2014 Proposals:** Lyle Kuchenbecker reported that there are five project proposals to review at the Planning Session: 1) Catherine Creek Restoration Corridor (USWCD), 2) Fly Creek-Smith Property Riparian Fencing Project (ODFW), 3) Rock Creek Restoration and Enhancement Project (CTUIR), 4) Five Points Creek Large Woody Debris and Planting Project (FS), and 5) Meadow Creek Upland Water Source Project Phase IIIA (FS).

**Staff Report:** Provided in the Board packets was a staff report (attachment to file). Coby Menton gave an update on the Wallowa River/6-Ranch Habitat Restoration Phase II Project 2. They are advertising for a contractor and the onsite pre bid visit will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup> and the bid openings will be on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Construction could start as early as January 15<sup>th</sup> or as late as mid-March. Stakeholder group is USFWS, NOAA, BPA and the Nez Perce Tribe. The landowner, Liza Jane McAlister, wants to be involved with the fencing and the off-site watering system. The stakeholder group met today on the Sheep Ridge Diversion Structure Project. There was a general approval of the project. This project will be under HIP III for consultation. Implementation of this project could take place in 2015 or 2016 depending on the funding.

Lacey Moore reported that she is headed to the Network of Oregon Watershed Council Fall Conference here on November 12, 2014. She is anxious to learn more about OWEB's FIP Program and to meet other watershed councils. She is working with Mason Bailie on gathering

meeting materials for the Upper Grande Ronde Atlas meeting that will be held in December. Lacey will be sending the Fall Issue of the Ripples Newsletter to the editor soon.

Jesse Steele mentioned that the Catherine Creek Wilson Project is moving slow due to the landowner's health. There still is plenty of time to work on this project. He is working on the Catherine Creek Hall Ranch Project as well. Jesse and Jeff had a conference call with OSU River Design class and the class will come out here and prepare the preliminary design report and the 30% design work during their spring term. Besides this class, GRMW will be working with Tim Del Curto's group, Winston Morton, and Colleen Fagen on this. Jesse is also working on the Upper Grande Ronde Atlas. He is preparing for a tour of the Upper Grande Ronde in November and he is working with ODFW's research group on the first drafts of fish charts.

**Public Participation:** No public attendance.

**Next Scheduled Board Meeting:** The next meeting will be the planning session on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Ascension School in Cove Oregon.

**Executive Session:** The Board Members and Jeff Oveson went into Executive Session ORS 192.660 (1)(i) at approximately 7:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened the meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m. Board meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The mission of the Board of Directors' of the Grande Ronde Model Watershed Program 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."

**Meeting Attendance:**

**Board Members/Alternates:** Mike Hayward, Allen Childs, Joe McCormack, Ted Taylor, Larry Cribbs, Dave Yost, Norm Cimon, Nick Myatt, Laura Mahrt, Daryl Hawes, and Katie Frenyea

**Other:** Lyle Kuchenbecker

**Staff:** Jeff Oveson, Coby Menton, Jesse Steele, Mason Bailie, Lacey Moore, and Mary Estes