

Rogue River Watershed Board of Directors Meeting

8 June 2022

Attendees:

Board of Directors:

Name	Position	Present
Martha Gabrielse	Board Member	Y
Todd McClelland	Board Member	N
Bill Otten	President	Y
Jessie Schulte	Board Member	Y
Bryce Spencer	Treasurer	Y
Gretchen Zuiderveen	Past President	Y

Other: Dana Strouss (EGLE), Courtney Marek (LGROW), Josh Arnold (LGROW)

The meeting minutes from 11 May 2022 were approved as written.

REPORTS

Jessie Schulte:

Jessie mentioned we received additional information from Kesiree Thiamkeelakul at the DNR regarding the DTE permit application to run a gas pipeline under the RR. This information was provided to RRWP board of directors. Josh Arnold mentioned that inadvertent returns (*The return of boring or drilling mud to the surface through natural channels - fractures or fissures in the ground not directly related to the boring process*) are a concern with such a project.

Jessie suggested that the bylaws be reviewed and ratified. The last version is from 2019. Bryce agreed to repost and notify the Board of Directors. It was agreed to review these and, if appropriate, vote at our next meeting.

Jessie reported that Thadd is close to finalizing the Watershed support grant for signature. He effective date should be 1 June 2022.

Jessie reported that we are getting significant interest in the Communication Specialist Intern job posting.

Dana Strouss:

Data reported that the Land Conservancy of West Michigan received a 319 grant for the Cedar Creek Property (aka Ody Brook Nature Sanctuary / Ranger Steve Property). This has not yet been publicly released.

Bryce Spencer:

The financials were presented by Bryce. The details are stored on the RRWP Google Drive. Discussions on software needed to support the Watershed support grant videos and web page updates were held. Bryce will work this with Jessica Gregory separately.

Martha Gabrielse: Has is finalizing the presentation on the RRWP for the Ball Lake Association. Jessie and Gretchen were looking at whether they could attend.

Josh Arnold:

Reported that LGROW was awarded the MICOR grant for RR stream monitoring. Trout Unlimited is involved. It is a 2-3 year grant running through 2024. RRWP has agreed to support if this grant.

Bill Otten:

Bill noted that there a separate series of meetings are being held on the Watershed Support Grant. The next one is scheduled for 24 June. These meetings currently focus on the work Jessica Gregory is doing for the MiEcoBuzz video series on the Rogue River.