

## Hebo Stewardship Group Meeting Minutes

August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Lincoln City, OR

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Jake Rhyne	USFS	Michele Long	ODFW
Alex Sifford	NNWC	Luke Gzmal	City of Lincoln City
Paul Katen	SDCWC	Catherine Pruet	SDCWC
Lisa Phipps	TEP	Jane Barth	Facilitator

The meeting began soon after 3pm. July meeting notes will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting then posted at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/siuslaw/stewardship-groups>.

### Updates/Old Business

**FS** – Wayne Patterson will now be the District Silviculturist. Chad Atwood will take the position of Operations Manager.

**Outreach Funds** - The group discussed ideas for how to use the 2012 (\$1300 remaining to be allocated) and 2013 outreach funds (anticipated to be \$1500). Jane will circulate a sample outreach fund one-page proposal that was submitted recently to the Alsea Stewardship Group. HSG members can use that simple form to submit outreach ideas to the HSG for approval.

- NNWC would like to repeat the scotch broom work party event that it did a couple years ago. They plan this event for May 2014 and could use \$400-500 of the available outreach funds.
- People support the idea to hold another outreach event like the Feb. 2013 Pelican Brewery event. They suggested allocating \$500 for the event.
- SDCWC is planning activities for the Cascade Head 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Catherine will identify specific activities for outreach funds to support and bring this information back to the group at a future meeting.
- Other outreach ideas to both raise awareness of the HSG and for participants to learn while they are out in nature were mentioned. One idea was to hold an event along the lines of the TV reality show, The Amazing Race. Any HSG member is encouraged to develop outreach ideas and bring them to the group for discussion.

### 2012 Wyden Projects –

- Catherine shared that SDCWC is ready to purchase a culvert for the Schooner Creek project. The contract has been signed, but all expenses are reimbursement only. The preferred vendor, Pacific Corrugated, requires payment on delivery. The WC has had positive experience with this vendor and wants to continue to work with them. Jane will ask Kirk about how Catherine can pay upon delivery, perhaps by submitting a purchase

order to CPRCD. HSG members would like the FS to set up an “advance” process to better facilitate project implementation.

- Alex reported that they will start the Butte Creek project on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Pacific Bridge will complete installation in 5 days.
- Lisa gave information on an OWEB capacity-building RFP. Multiple watershed councils, including NNWC, SDCWC, North Nehalem and Tillamook, as well as TEP are working together on a pre-application due August 18<sup>th</sup>. A final decision will be made in March 2014.
- Michele and Catherine mentioned the East Beaver Creek restoration planning effort.

**Other –**

- Michele reported that the Farmer Creek project is underway.
- Luke explained that he is still working on the final design for the City’s bank stabilization project discussed during the July meeting. The goal is to stabilize a road bed. This agenda topic led to a suggestion that a future field trip look at examples of using large wood for bank stabilization.

**2013 Coast Range Fund Project Proposals**

Jane will contact Kirk Shimeall at CPRCD to verify the absolute deadline for submitting proposals and then inform the project applicants. It will be sometime the week of Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Based on the discussion during the meeting, two projects are in process from the HSG for the new round of Wyden projects.

A new project to treat invasive plants was brought forward for group consideration. The lead organization on the project will be Tillamook SWCD. Alex Sifford, NNWC, will take the lead on pulling the stewardship proposal together with the SWCD. The project would help the stewardship group build new partnerships in Tillamook County One question raised by HSG members is how the project meets Wyden Authority. . Invasive treatments would be done in a variety of locations. Alex will talk with Marty Stein and/or Doug Glavich about specific sites that will meet the criteria of “connectivity to FS lands.” The Trask River watershed is a possibility. The project will request around \$10,000 from the Coast Range Stewardship Fund. Matching funds could come from an OWEB “small grant”. Meeting participants expressed support for this new project and encouraged Alex to proceed with a proposal. They are grateful for this opportunity to have a new organization get involved with stewardship projects.

The group also discussed two projects brought up at the July meeting:

1. Catherine still does not have a firm budget figure for the culvert replacement project on Mink Creek. Jason Kirschner (ODFW) and Dave Skelton (FS) will go out to affirm that 6’ culverts are the necessary size. This information is crucial to the project proposal. Meeting participants voiced continued support for the SDCWC moving forward with this

proposal. They recommend the budget be in the realm of \$50,000 given the total amount of retained receipts available this year.

2. Alex said that the NNWC would like to request around \$50,000 from the Coast Range Fund for the culvert replacement project on Bower Creek on the Little Nestucca. His organization wants to request the funds this year even though construction may not happen until as late as 2015. This will ensure funds are available in time. Meeting participants supported this approach and encouraged Alex to submit a proposal.

Finally, Alex also brought up the idea of applying for \$50,000 from the Coast Range Stewardship Fund to replace 2 culverts on the Little Nestucca River at the same time ODOT is doing road work. ODOT plans to close each of 3 bridges for 4-6 weeks. The closure could make it easier to do the culvert replacement work. Meeting participants were supportive of this project concept. Alex will do some more research and possibly write a proposal.

In sum, the HSG may submit as many as 4 proposals in the current Coast Range Stewardship Fund cycle.

## **Announcements**

The Alsea Stewardship Group is having a beaver-oriented field trip in early September. They will visit a pond leveler in the Newport area and a beaver deceiver. HSG members are welcome to participate. Jane will email details.

Meeting participants decided to cancel the September HSG meeting due to lack of timely agenda items. And, HSG members are busy with OWEB proposals during that month. If a member decides that a topic needs to be discussed by the group during that month, s/he will contact Jane and she will convene a meeting via conference call. The next HSG meeting will be on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> in Pacific City. The main agenda items will be to discuss the Technical Review Team's report and to prioritize the HSG proposals to be ready for the October 16<sup>th</sup> Roundtable meeting.