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BOARD MEETING NOTES
Thursday, April 13th, 2-4pm
Oregon Community Foundation
818 W 8th St, Medford, OR 97504

Recorded by T. Lombardi

Present:

Kelly Coates, <i>RBP Chair</i>	Robert Coffan, <i>RBP Vice-Chair</i>
Greg Stabach, <i>RBP Secretary</i>	Chrysten Lambert, <i>RBP Board</i>
Jake Crawford, <i>RBP Board</i>	Gail Grogan-Perrotti, <i>RBP Board</i>
Sam Whitridge, <i>RBP Managing Director</i>	Thera Lombardi, <i>RBP Staff</i>
Stacey Detwiler, <i>Rogue Riverkeeper</i>	Stephanie Danyi, <i>City of Ashland</i>
Maia Black, <i>Selberg Institute</i>	
Jack Shipley, <i>Applegate Partnership & Watershed Council</i>	Denise Hoffert*, <i>RBP Barrier Program coordinator</i>

* attendance by phone

Absent: Denis Reich, *RBP Treasurer*; Eugene Weir, *RBP Board*; Paige Prewett, *RBP Board*

RBP member/partner announcements.....2:05-2:20

April 22nd, [Bear Creek Clean-up, RVCOG](#)

April 22nd, [Rogue Valley Earth Day](#)

May 9th, [SOMA event](#)

[Oregon Prescribed Fire Council: White City Fire District](#)

- Tour of Table Rocks

Jack Shipley – [RNPMC](#) – Green leaf industries may be joining soon

- Robert gives a run-down of the history and goals of the collective; Kathryn Prive will be having a conversation with RBP’s Sam Whitridge, Robert Coffan and Eugene Weir about next steps forward, more next month

Consent agenda approval2:20-2:30

March meeting minutes

- *Grand Ronde tribe spelled incorrectly*

March standing committee & staff report

Motion: To approve consent agenda with edit.

Moved: Chrysten Lambert, Seconded: Greg Stabach, unanimous approval by voice vote.

Quarterly financial report.....2:30-2:45

Greg is happy to have all this available

Robert: Question on unrestricted funds

- They are growing – currently 16K

Jake: Question on LNFF matching fundraiser – All or nothing? Does it include selling merchandise?

- Does not include any merchandise sales, EAC is working on the merchandise topic this month

Motion: To approve quarterly financial report.

Moved: Greg Stabach, Seconded: Gail Grogan-Perrotti, unanimous approval by voice vote.

Check signing discussion – need Kelly Coates as a signer

- Maybe want to move the location of the account
- Might want to consider a different bank

RBP RFP review.....2:45-3:10

Robert: Question about RNPMC access to working group capacity funds?

- OWEB funding is specific, Laird-Norton funding is flexible

- Discussion of group potential and how it fits into RBP
- Sam observes, RNPMC may not need immediate funding
- Discussion will not likely be resolved by May when next funding round for working groups occurs

1) Riparian Restoration - \$8,000 request

- Roles & responsibilities discussion needs beefing up
- GIS needs to be integrated with greater RBP efforts

Recusal from vote based on working group involvement: Gail Grogan-Perrotti, Greg Stabach

Motion: To approve IAC recommendation for full funding of \$8,000 in response to proposal.

Moved: Jake Crawford, Seconded: Robert Coffan, unanimous approval by voice vote.

2) Agriculture Management – \$8,000 request

- DWPP match required TFT to get the group started
- Challenging group to get started amongst members/partners;
- Recognize TFT is not the ideal lead, but they hope to be able to pass the group on
- Feedback: need more groups to participate
- Discussion of working group:
 - Robert appreciates charts and letter that IAC put together, is grateful that TFT is stepping up and reiterates APWC has cannabis contacts
 - Jack explains OSGG has broad range and only reps 5% of growers in the area; APWC has vintner and cattleman’s association contacts
 - April 26th – Chrysten is presenting to OSGG
 - Kelly makes clear that she does not represent the Cow Creek Ranch

Motion: To approve IAC recommendation for full funding of \$8,000 in response to proposal.

Moved: Chrysten Lambert, Seconded: Gail Grogan-Perrotti, unanimous approval by voice vote.

3) Conservation Policy - \$8,000 request

- Group has included additional partner – Native Fish Society
- Group will continue outreach to potential partners and document their efforts for sharing
- Scenic waterways – [recent news that Illinois Valley section no longer a candidate for potential designation](#) may affect the WG moving forward with this piece; contract will reflect any change in allocation of those funds (\$2,000) to other work identified by the group
- RFI process improved communication and clarification of proposal objectives for more thorough review

Recusal from vote based on working group involvement: Jake Crawford

Other recusal from vote: Kelly Coates

Motion: To approve IAC recommendation for full funding of \$8,000 in response to proposal.

Moved: Chrysten Lambert, Seconded: Robert Coffan, unanimous approval by voice vote.

4) Stormwater Management - \$5,014 request

- Convening through Stormwater Advisory Team (SWAT)
- RFI process documented identified outreach need through collaborative means
- Group will document what they learn from outreach events for sharing

Recusal from vote based on working group involvement: Greg Stabach

Motion: To approve IAC recommendation for full funding of \$8,000 in response to proposal.

Moved: Gail Grogan-Perrotti, Seconded: Jake Crawford, unanimous approval by voice vote.

Barrier Program update; Pomeroy Dam OWEB TA proposal3:10-3:40

Sam shared an update from Jim

- WW expanded attorney power towards work in the Rogue, did visits in March
- Pomeroy is highest priority in the basin – Denise was working with landowner, USFWS, IVWC, etc. since 2015

- Needing Technical Assistance (TA) for alternative irrigation exploration and will officially enter a landowner agreement, so asking RBP to sponsor the OWEB grant

Greg: Question of who will be implementing work?

- Contracting provided by RBP and will receive administrative funds

- Denise would be working with the contractor with her RBP funds
 - Irrigation efficiency engineer will implement: Dan Scalas with TU
- Kelly: Question of who is providing match funds?
- American Rivers and USFWS has match funding
- Robert: Question if USFWS Cal Lee is supportive?
- Yes, has been looking forward to this project
- Kelly: Question if USFWS support is through partners funding?
- Yes.
- Robert: Question on amount of ask?
- \$35000 for this phase may be available without OWEB, but the ask may be smaller \$15000
- Robert: Does the family have time to review the grant?
- Super responsive, yes they can review, but landowner agreement will need review by attorney, so that may take time.
- Robert: Have you met Tracey at IVSWCD?
- Not yet.
- Jake: Do all involved parties support RBP as the signatory?
- Chrysten confirms support.
 - Denise confirms that Kevin supports RBP as the signatory.
- Kelly: Suggests landowner agreement should also be reviewed by an attorney on RBP's behalf.
- Denise is happy to provide a draft, but not going to construction yet. If we can't find a suitable irrigation alternative then the agreement is void and the dam will not be removed.
- Robert: WW's attorney to review?
- General agreement is No.
- Jake: Will this meet RBP deliverables for RLF grant?
- Yes, it would.
- Kelly: May perform cultural resources review on behalf of tribe in future, so would like to recuse herself from vote.

Recusals based on current and potential project involvement: Chrysten Lambert, Kelly Coates.
Motion: Move forward with RBP as lead entity for OWEB TA grant & project sponsor role for landowner agreement, pending legal review.
Moved: Robert Coffan, Seconded: Gail Grogan-Perrotti, unanimous approval by voice vote.

Additional Updates:

- Meeting with RLF next week with Sam and Brian Barr
- APWC looking to survey Evans Creek dams
- Beeson-Robeson conversation with Alexis Brickner and applying to Blue Sky Fund
- Landowner outreach for Murphy Dam with Julie APWC
- Robert: Question on working with Kelly Sparks from LRWC?
 - Yes, they are working on estuary projects, she'll keep checking in with her

OWEB grant proposals3:40-3:50

- Sam explains RBP needs to be more strategic in our asks, need to have this on the agenda monthly to share.
- Coho business planning came out...
- Kelly explains Cow Creek is not applying for spring OWEB, but in fall for bridge on Elk Creek in Umpqua (floodplain reconnection project)
- Gail wonders if there a better mechanism? Who is this for? What's in it for you? Uncomfortable with having this conversation at a board meeting and wonders if there is a better way.
- Thera explains she has been exploring ways to move towards sharing information and packaging projects; welcomes ideas, suggestions, concerns for moving the program forward
- Jake explains Native Fish Society has a grant into Meyer Memorial Trust

Leftovers update3:50-4:00

Things we are still working on:

- Lobbying vs. advocacy
- Letters of support/sponsoring/sign-ons
- Process for disseminating info

- Bylaws update
- Quarterly staff plan update

Managing Director review questions going out tomorrow, Kelly is hoping to have responses in a week