

Minutes of the May 2, 2017 East Cascades Board of Directors

Mtg called to order at 6:00 by Ken.

No discussion, additions or corrections of April minutes. Moved by John, second by Ted.

Judy Clinton representing Upper Deschutes Advisory Group. She lives close to the area where the proposed bridge across the Deschutes. The area where the bridge is proposed is wildlife dense with eagles, deer migration, coyotes, bobcats, waterfowl and such. OR Scenic Waterway rules would have to be amended to allow the bridge to be built. Private property would have to be condemned to build the bridge. She lost me with all the rules on what would have to be done to build the bridge. Judy went into details as to why this bridge should not be built and her agenda was to inform us of here objections and all the other environmental groups that oppose this bridge (ONDA, and others mentioned).

Terri mentioned that as a 501C organization that we are limited to our lobbying. We likely have members that support or do not support this project. Judy was thanked for explaining the issue to the board.

Tom P. LIVES in this area. Where the bridge is proposed the west side of the river has the Entrada Lodge and the wildlife in the area seems to get along fine with the trails (people) present in the area. Development, not just proposed, has greatly impacted wildlife in the area. We wonder if this bridge will be any less of an impact than the large amount of development in the Bend area.

The Board will not take a position on this issue.

Then we all discussed how much we hate Mountain Bikes!

Terri presented the Financials. DHWP income has come in but total expenses are unknown. About \$7250 in DHWP revenue at this time compared to last years \$5800 (ish) amount. Terri is very happy with Paypal in that it is so easy to issue refunds!

Terri brought up an issue with Paypal sending DHWP participants a note that says "Thank you for your Donation" and DHWP is not a donation. Ted will check if this note can be fixed!

Terri did a quick review of the tax return. Terri will file the return on May 3rd (electronically). The tax return needs to be attached to Oregon app for the renewal of our non-profit status.

Terri talked about Grant Committee recommendations:

DLT - In 2017 \$1000 to restore plants at Hindman Springs. The second grant \$1000 is for purchase of plants for this project (2018).

Native Bird Care - for a portable aviary. NBC wants \$2500 for this aviary. We propose \$1000 now and another \$1500 once they get matching funds (18 months to raise funds) The board agreed that there should be a time limit (a year) for NBC to raise the matching funds.

Monuments Soil and Water Conservation District - \$2000 to purchase plants for a wetlands restoration project. Terri's question about can the public access this area? Mary O. Thought there was public access. Terri Thought is should be funded none-the-less.

DLT grant was approved for \$1000. Ted moved, John second.

NBC - \$1000 now, \$1500 match. - Tom L. Moved, Ted seconded.

Monument Soil and Water Conservation District - Ted moved, John seconded.

Monty Greg (USFS - Sister's Office) came in and talked about Bird Banding Challenges cost sharing agreement. USFS is looking for a partnership with an NGO, mutual interest, mutual benefit. The partner must come up with a 20% match. John Goodell is doing bird banding for USFS and needs to be paid for his work.

This is in regards to the Indian Ford restoration project. ECAS will pay John G. Based on invoices from USFS. This agreement will last for 3 years. Invoice will go to ECAS, send to Monty for approval, ECAS is then paid and we pay John. John is being paid as a 1099 employee. We are going to legally launder their money!

10K from USFS and ECAS match is via in-kind services (time, mileage counts toward in-kind).

Terri questioned if we are a government contractor. Monty said no. Terri's points...Since the USFS knows what is going on here she thinks this is fine. Monty explained how this is saving him time and the USFS money to have us do this cost sharing agreement. Monty will email us a copy of the agreement. We need a "SAM" number so wire transfers can be done into ECAS account (Terri will do this). This agreement needs to be completed prior to June 1. This does affect our tax returns what shows the grant received and revenues paid out.

Motion made by Ted...ECAS proceed to enter into a bird banding agreement with USFS per discussion with Monty. Tom P. Second. All were in favor.

Request for Comments - Black Mtn Vegetation Management Area - just a notice from USDA.

We will host the 2018 OAC meeting in Bend.

Partnership with FAN, Crooked River Nat Grasslands nest box trail - Ken read the letter proposing a project to put up Kestrel nest boxes with educational signage in hopes that men with guns will quit shooting everything in sight. Don McCartney might get move involved with this but at the moment the Board felt we did not have volunteer resources to get involved with this project. ECAS has given this group a grant and for the moment that is all we want to do.

\$150 will be allocated for food budget.

DLT Surveys - DLT wants surveys on the new Wychus Canyon property. Tom P. and DLT Will organize a field trip to the area for interested volunteers. Surveys will be done on an irregular basis. More info to come. Purpose is to gauge impact of restoration by doing before, during and after studies.

Ken mentioned DHWF is doing well monetarily. A few slots are open for the Summer Lake overnight trip, Limited Mobility and Plant trip.

Tom P. Mentioned that he receives calls on the ECAS phone line. He says that sometimes the caller's message is slightly truncated and he misses a return phone number. It was suggested that the message be changed to indicate that the phone should be left at the beginning of the message.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:13.

Submitted by Tom Lawler, Vice-president

Approved at the June 6, 2017 Board Meeting