

Monday, December 11, 2023
6:00-7:30 PM Board Meeting
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance

Board Members Present: Nate Johnson, David Barron, Greg Jones, Eliza Mason, Aubrey Cloud, Marcella Henkels

Board Members Absent: Kerry Hastings, Bob Morris (Emeritus), Henry Storch (Emeritus)

Associate Directors Present: Rana Foster, Indira Kulkarni, NAYPW Student Associate Director

Staff Present: Holly Crosson, Michael Ahr, Teresa Matteson, Donna Schmitz, Candace Mackey (minutes) Sara Roberts, Jake Mead, SkillBridge Intern;

Guests: Joe Scott, Curriculum Director, Traditional Ecology Inquiry Program

Call to Order - Johnson (6:01pm)

Introductions, Public Comments, Announcements, Additions/Changes to Agenda

Introductions: Nate Johnson has everyone attending introduce themselves.

Public Comment: None

Announcement: Aubrey Cloud mentions the great event held by Michal and Donna last Friday- Kudos!

Addition to agenda: None

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approve draft Minutes from November 13th Regular Board Meeting**
- **Approve Financials (10/31/23)**
- **Adopt Budget Resolution 2023-2024-05 Private Donations**
- **Approve FY25 Budget Calendar**

Discussion: None

MOTION: To Approve Consent Agenda: Nate Johnson Second: Eliza Mason

Results: Pass 6/0

- **Conversation with Joe Scott about Traditional Ecology Inquiry Program**

Joe shared a slide presentation with photos of project sites, interns, classrooms, project rubrics, and knowledge keepers from TEIP, with details on the program itself. Questions raised regarding visible results of funding for soil and water in Benton County specifically. Question raised as to specific cost of an intern for one season as presentation showed \$1,000 stipend but BSWCD understood it was \$6,000 per intern. Budget includes not only the stipend for intern compensation, but other aspects of the support: the events, the honorariums for knowledge keepers, materials, lodging and familial support. Question raised on who was to receive the actual payment, what role language plays for interns, who

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administers the program, and anything else Joe Scott wants BSWCD to know that can be the most help. Long Tom Watershed Council is the fiscal sponsor for TEIP, language development is dependent on what role the intern would like it to play, and the most helpful thing for TEIP is to have a Zoom check in, rather than large reporting requirements. Question regarding how many interns are currently in the program? 12 currently. Is there a waiting list? Looking to expand the program, because there is interest, but it is experiencing a need to plan for that growth.

- **Approve FY23 Audit**

Discussion: None

MOTION: Greg Jones moves to approve the FY23 Audit as presented: Second: Marcella Henkels

Results: Pass 5/0 David Barron abstained (no response)

- **Review Legislative Changes to Public Meeting Law**

Presented, clarification on what constitutes a “public meeting” given by Holly Crosson. Since we have a budget of over \$1M, there is a new requirement for Board Members to attend a training session once a term on Public Meeting law. No such training has been released as of this date.

- **Discuss Recruitment for Budget Committee**

Two members of the public have finished serving their term. New members need to be appointed to have a full committee. Holly Crosson asks Indira Kulkarni, our student associate director if she’s interested in filling the student slot. Marcy Henkels suggested Joyce Loper of the USDA & OSU has expressed interest. Holly Crosson will send information to Indira, and Marcella will refer Joyce to the website to fill out the form there.

- **2024 Annual Meeting Overview**

Sara presented the flyer for the annual meeting and will email it out to everyone. The speaker is Andony Melathopoulos, talking about the Oregon Bee Atlas program and will be January 16th 2024 from 5:30 (food and mingle) 6:00-8:00pm will be the formal presentations.

- **Discuss Potential Traditional Ecology Inquiry Program Internship Funding**

Any discussion? There will be a vote at the January 8th, 2024, meeting.

- **Questions from Board on BSWCD and NRCS Activities-None**

- **Other Board Business-None**

- **Next regular board meeting will be, January 8th, 2024**

Meeting Adjourned - Johnson (7:28pm)