***Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership***

***Coordinating Committee Meeting Notes***

June 11th, 2020

9:00 am – 10:15 am

\*Yellow Highlight = Action Item

1. **Welcome & Partner Updates**

**Attendance:**

**Adam Denlinger** – Seal Rock Water District

**Mak Estill** – Grad Student at University of Oregon

**Harmony Burright** - Oregon Water Resources Dept.

**Matt Thomas** – Oregon Department of Forestry

**Alan Fujishin –** Gibson Farms

**Alexandria Scott** - Local Planning Coordinator

**Penelope Kaczmarek** - Resident at Large

**Tim Gross** - City of Newport

**Partner Updates:**

* Adam: Beaver Creek Project is under way and the dam will be built the first week of July
* Tim: City of Newport will be doing furlough days on Fridays and he is busier than ever having to work less hours due to budget cuts.
* Alan & Matt: Update on weather is we are looking at lower than normal precipitation and above average temperatures.
* Mak: Has not been able to start her internship with OWRD yet due to Covid-19 conditions in Lane County but wants to catch up on some Partnership materials to get up to speed.

1. **Update from RFP for Process Design, Facilitation & Plan Writing Review Panel**

* June 1st was the deadline for proposals in response to the RFP for Process Design, Facilitation & Plan Writing and we are excited to announce that we received 7 proposals!
* The Planning coordinator sent a google folder link to the CC for anyone interested in looking over the proposals and submitting feedback by June 8th. Thank you to Penelope for submitting feedback your perspective is always appreciated.
* Yesterday the RFP Review Panel met to evaluate the 7 submitted proposals and they were able to narrow it down to 3 proposals that stood out. They are still in the evaluation process but are on track to make their notification of award next Friday June 19th.
* The top running proposal at this point was submitted by Creative Resource Strategies LLC, Institute for Natural Resources, OSU extension Services and Oregon Sea Grant. **If any CC members would like to look proposal over and submit feedback for the RFP review panel to consider by Tuesday, we would appreciate your perspective.**

1. **Proposal for the Consensus Decision to Bring Kaety Jacobson on as a Co-Convener of the Partnership**

* At our last CC meeting the committee asked the Planning Coordinator to come to the next meeting with a proposal forthe consensus-based decision to bring Kaety Jacobson on as a Co-Convener of the Partnership.
* On June 15th the MC-WPP Planning Coordinator will be sending out an email to our 78 Charter signatories for them to determine by consensus whether Lincoln County, represented by Commissioner Kaety Jacobson, should serve as a Co-Convener of the Partnership.
* For this consensus decision we will be using the “**Red, Yellow, Green Card System**” to try to reach consensus.
* Ask those who are holding yellow or red cards to explain their hesitation or disagreement and propose an alternative if they present a red card.
* Members invited to participate in this decision will have 1-week to submit their decision (from June 15 – June 22). The Project Team is hoping to reach consensus on this decision by June 26th so voting will close by 5pm on June 22nd in case we have to convene the Coordinating Committee to discuss a path forward if consensus is not reached.
* **If consensus is not reached:** Provide opportunity for dissenting members to provide feedback about their decision and propose an alternative if they present a red card. Feedback would be brought back to the Coordinating Committee for deliberation and then the Coordinating Committee would report a recommendation back to the Partnership and a further attempt would be made to reach consensus.
* Planning Coordinator was looking for the support of the CC to move forward with this proposal and she received it so she will be sending the email out June 15th for the decision.
* Tim was concerned about not accounting for folk’s participation in the Partnership for the last year since it is in the Charter.
* Alan agreed that we want to reward people for their participation, but for this one decision it is better to air on the side of inclusivity when we are talking about a broad representation for a decision like this. Opening it up to our 78 Charter signatories versus 22 Partners who have attended 2 of the last 4 Partnership meeting in the last year and signed the Charter, seems like a broader representation of our 197 planning partners and will have a little bit more legitimacy behind it. Alan think the “Red, Yellow, Green Card System” can easily be adapted to an online platform and is in support so long as the distinction is made that this is a **one-time variance** from the rules of the Charter that is being made for this decision.

1. **Coordinating Committee Composition and Ideas for Open Chairs**

* Over time the composition of the CC has changed, and we want to be sure that we have a diverse representative subset of our Partnership. Ann Mooney has stepped down from the CC which means we have four open chairs on the committee. The Planning Coordinator sent a copy of the CC roles, responsibilities and composition document to the CC after our last meeting and asked for committee members to come to this meeting with nominations for open chairs.
* Penelope has a couple ideas of people who might be a good fit for the “Conservation” chair but wants to speak with them before putting anyone up for nomination.
* Harmony asked permission from the group to talk David Rupp from OSU who was recommended by Ann Mooney for the “Academic/ Education” chair to see if he is interested in it. She also said to look through rosters of local angling groups for the “Recreation/ Fishing” chair.
* Alan suggested Walter Chuck with the Port of Newport as an option for the “Recreation/Fishing” chair. Alan doesn’t have time to reach out to him but if anyone knows Walter would they be willing to him? If not, Planning Coordinator can try to reach out via email or phone call. Anna Housbeck with Sweet Homes Vacation Rentals has been suggested before for the “Industry/Economic Development” chair but it wasn’t followed up on.
* Planning Coordinator will reach out to Kaety Jacobson to see if she has any ideas in the “Industry/Economic Development” and “Recreation/Fishing” sectors as well.