

Notes from Coordinating Committee Meeting, February 5, 2019

In attendance from the Coordinating Committee for this meeting were Alan Fujishin, Kaety Jacobson, and Ann Mooney. Kim Ogden and Stan van de Wetering attended by conference phone. Emily-Bell Dinan from Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District (LSWCD), Evan Hayduk from Midcoast Watersheds Council(MCWC), Dave Hansen from Sea Grant, and Lee Ann Prchal also attended. Patrick Wingard called in for Jackie Mikalonis.

Coordinating Committee Members

Alan talked about the changes in the Coordinating Committee (CC). Jackie Mikalonis is now gone. Patrick is able to fill in for her in the interim. Caroline Bauman has left the Committee. She has been giving suggestions for her replacement to Alan.

Alan talked about wanting representation from various fields on the Committee. He said that suggestions to represent the hospitality group have often come up. Kaety suggested approaching the new Hallmark manager. Emily suggested Chris Chandler at Central Lincoln PUD.

Alan said he is writing a letter to send to possible candidates. He wants to consider geographic location as well. Below is a list of areas we want Committee members to represent.

- Muni/special district water suppliers
- Industrial water users
- Local businesses
- Coastal Residents (rural)
- Conservation & Environmental Organizations
- Timber industries
- Agriculture Groups
- Fishing Groups
- Recreation Groups
- Academic & Scientific
- City & County Government
- State & Federal Agencies
- Tribes
- Elected Officials
- Student

Emily suggested Travel Oregon to cover Recreation, Business, and State.

Alan talked about the need for local student representation, and Emily said that Stan has been working with students. She also thought of reaching out to an AP science teacher she knows who would be a good resource for suggesting a student or to act as a youth advocate.

Emily mentioned not seeing family representation. She will send Alan her ideas.

Evan said he will be going to the Instream Working Group meeting this afternoon. Emily said she will also be going, but Evan is the active person for that group. Evan said that Ari Blatt will also be helping.

Alan mentioned that Audrey Sweet had also attended the Self-Supplied Working Group meetings as a representative of LSWCD, and that dividing Wayne's roles and responsibilities between the LSWCD and MCWC seemed like a good strategy.

Alan said he will be following up on filling remaining Committee vacancies.

Planning Coordinator Position description and Next Steps

Alan gave some history about the Planning Coordinator Position to the new people.

Ann said she has a person in mind who is currently part-time at Sea Grant, and she thinks this person would be a good fit.

Adam was not at the meeting, so the Committee was not able to hear an update about the position description.

Dave Hansen is here to tell us what Sea Grant is, and he needs to learn about us to decide if sharing the Coordinator position makes sense for Sea Grant. He needs to know more about MCWPP and would like to attend a Partnership meeting. Alan will also send him information.

Dave explained that there are three major parts to Sea Grant. There is the competitive funding they provide which comes from NOAA. Funding areas include habitat protection and community viability and resiliency. The other two are extension work done in communities and education done in schools and counties. They are currently replacing Kaety's Sea Grant Extension position in Newport.

Kaety suggested reaching out to Tammy at Lincoln County Extension because they are currently in the process of hiring a half-time coordinator. She said maybe we could join with them to create a full-time position.

Emily said she could connect with students at University of Oregon's Environmental Program.

Alan said this person needs to develop both facilitator and coordinator skills.

Kaety said that the Extension service wants to train people to facilitate so the community can benefit from people with these skills. Ann said that NOAA has a facilitations forum, and she knows a facilitation group from Portland.

OKT Survey Findings/Update

Alan said that we are waiting for a presentation from OKT until the next partnership meeting. He mentioned April 12th as a possible date for the next Partnership meeting. Alan and OKT are available on this date. Emily said there is a conference that weekend that many people involved with water will

be attending. Ann said that date is a maybe for her.

Evan said that the Midcoast Watersheds Council received many phone calls while the survey was happening, and he personally delivered about 30 surveys.

Working Group Updates and Needs

Muni/Water District - No one was in attendance from the Municipal/Water District Group. This group will be putting on the Partnership meeting, which is still not scheduled.

Emily said she is happy to help organize the Partnership meeting or do anything else that is needed. Alan said the Self-Supplied group could use consistent help.

Self-Supplied – Alan said they met last month and worked on their second focus issue which is conservation. In developing a learning-in-action plan around it, they have a draft of an action plan. Their meeting this month is on February 13th. They will be revisiting this plan and getting an update from Lincoln County Community Health on a grant proposal that is out for doing domestic well testing. Emily said she wrote the grant and it was submitted by the County itself. She said the decision process has been stalled due to the government shutdown. Alan said they did get a very encouraging response, but no funds or decisions have been released yet. Alan said they still have two more priorities in Step 3. All of this is in support to characterize current and future needs for the County. They have great participation from Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon DEQ, Oregon Water Resources Dept., Lincoln County Community Health, Soil & Water Conservation District, and also some private residents.

Instream – have been on hiatus since October. They will meet this afternoon. Evan and Emily will be a great help.

Communications & Outreach – Nothing has been happening. Alan will ask Joyce this afternoon when he sees her.

Upcoming Activities

Partnership meeting – we need to set a date. Alan said that funds are very limited and he is not clear how much money is available. He pointed out there is a lot of work to do to make a Partnership meeting happen.

The next Ford Place-Based Planning Learning Partnership meeting will be in Condon May 22-24. Four people can go to this. Stipends are available to pay all expenses. Alan will send an email to the Coordinating Committee to see who is interested in going.

Alan said we need to decide on dates for the Learning Partnership meeting that will be here at the coast. The choices are September 18-20 or September 25-27. There is a preference by the other groups for Sept 18-20. Lee Ann will send out an email to the Coordinating Committee members asking which they prefer.

Emily was officially approved to be on the Coordinating Committee!

Meeting was adjourned. The next Coordinating Committee meeting is a conference call on March 5th, 10:00 am – noon.