

Notes from Coordinating Committee Meeting, April 2, 2019

In attendance from the Coordinating Committee were Alan Fujishin, Tim Gross, and Kim Ogden. Joining by conference call were Patrick Wingard, Ann Mooney, Matt Thomas, and Jim Tooke. Lee Ann Prchal also attended.

Update on Project Coordinator Position

Alan asked for everyone's thoughts about the job description. Kim suggested adding a sentence about Barrett Business Services and having a link to their website.

Tim said that Barrett will advertise this position, the City of Newport can put it on their website, and we can include it in an email blast asking everyone to post it and spread the word. Ann said she can put it on OSU's social pages and post around campus. Alan will finalize the description and send it out.

Kim suggested having the closing date be the last Friday in May and also say it will fill as soon as possible. She said that people typically wait until the last minute and encouraged not extending the closing date too long.

Upcoming April 23rd Partnership Meeting

Alan reported that the committee in charge of preparation for the April 23rd Partnership Meeting has been working on making sure everything is ready and are doing well. Each Working Group will give a presentation at the meeting.

Tim said there needs to be a push for funding and we need to ask for contributions. It was discussed that the new person will help pick up momentum of the Mid-Coast Partnership. Alan pointed out that Tim has time scheduled on the agenda for the April 23rd meeting.

Alan said it was decided it would be more appropriate for Steve Greenwood to do a 15-minute presentation to the Coordinating Committee rather than at the Partnership Meeting. After some discussion, it was decided Steve could do this at the next Coordinating Committee meeting in May.

Field Tour tentatively scheduled for June

Alan said that a Field Tour in June is in the works. He will talk to Emily-Bell about it this afternoon.

He asked what everyone thought about another Partnership meeting in June or July. Tim said yes, he would like to see another Partnership Meeting before the one in September.

Alan said the Self-Supplied group is ready and expecting to put it on but will need a host. Kim said that Harmony had looked into the Siletz Tribe hosting it. They will need a follow-up and request. Alan will talk to the Self-Supplied group about planning a Partnership Meeting in the last part of June. He said

that the Instream Working Group will put on the Partnership Meeting in September.

Updates and Requests from Working Groups

Self-supplied postponed their last meeting until this week. They are tying the bow up on the first two action plans for water quality and conservation and will move forward to finalize the learning in action plans on the two issues so that by April 23rd, they can report they have drafts on all of those. By the end of summer, they will have gathered all that is needed to write a report for Step 3.

Tim said at the next Partnership meeting, all the Working Groups should talk about what is being prepared and planned. Alan explained more in-depth how the Instream Working Group is adjusting and moving forward after Wayne's departure. Alan is attending both the Instream and Self-Supplied Working Group meetings.

Legislative and Funding Update

Kim reported that the requested funding of \$750,000 for all four groups is receiving lots of support and is going through the process. They are targeting \$200,000 for the Mid-Coast.

Tim said that he is pursuing funds from the Bureau of Reclamation.

Kim said that the Harney group is pursuing NRCS for funds. Kim is following up on this. Tim pointed out that Adam has good contacts with the USDA.

Kim asked for an update on the current budget. Tim said there is money in the budget, but we cannot spend it on consultants. He is wondering if we can use Meyer funds for the new coordinator and needs to find out. He will follow up with Rianne and see how she is funded, and we can follow that model.

Coordinating Committee Vacancies

Alan said that he has reached out to Walter Chuck to be on the Coordinating Committee. Tim said he sees him and will also talk to him.

Alan said he is in the process of narrowing down a large list for a person to represent business and industries. He wants to see who is interested and bring that list back to the Coordinating Committee.

Other Updates

Alan gave kudos to Jim Tooke for testifying in Salem for support for Place-Based Planning for the Mid-Coast on short notice.

Blurbs for email blasts are to be sent to Lee Ann. This is a good way to distribute relevant information. They can be sent to contact@midcoastwaterpartners.com. Lee Ann will be sending out another email blast next Tuesday, April 9th.

Kim mentioned the upcoming Learning Partnership coming up in May in Condon. Lodging, food, and travel will be paid for up to four people. Alan will send out an email to the Coordinating Committee asking for volunteers. Jim Tooke sent Lee Ann an email saying he wants to go.

The meeting was adjourned. The next Coordinating Committee Meeting will be a conference call on May 7th, from 10:00 a.m. – noon.