

Notes from Coordinating Committee Meeting, January 8, 2019

In attendance from the Coordinating Committee for this conference call were Alan Fujishin, Adam Denlinger, Jackie Mikalonis, Kim Ogden, and Lee Ann Prchal.

Planning Coordinator Position description and Next Steps

Adam said with the help of Ann Mooney, he has a revised description based on Mid-Coast Watershed Council and Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District no longer being interested in sharing the position. He has a meeting scheduled with Ann Mooney and David Hanson on Friday to discuss potential partnership for this position with OSU Sea Grant. He will send out information after their meeting.

Jackie said it might be a good idea to look into contracting with Council of Governments to find us someone.

Adam agreed that we need to explore this and asked Jackie to resend contact information to do this before Friday. Jackie said she would and pointed out that it would be a lot less messy to get a person through COG.

Alan said that OSU Sea Grant and COG are good options and we will wait to hear about the meetings at Monday's Convener's meeting.

Adam said we will need to answer the salary question at that meeting.

Jackie said that if we go through COG, we won't have to figure out the salary. COG would work that out based on our needs and resources.

Alan asked if this changes our plan for holding the next partnership meeting in February since we had hoped that the new person would help plan that meeting, and it doesn't look like that's going to happen.

Adam said he needs to connect with Stephanie from Lincoln City. He knows that people have been working on it. He said there is a Municipal Working Group meeting next week, so he can talk to them then.

Jackie asked what would be the harm in putting the meeting off. Would we lose momentum?

Adam said that the February date has been shared with the Working Groups, so they have been gearing up for that. He doesn't think that pushing the date would have a significant impact, but people have been planning.

Jackie said that if pushing it out would result in a better meeting, we should do it later.

Alan said that if it isn't feasible to have the meeting in February and it serves Adam and his Working Group to push it back, we should defer the meeting. He pointed out that a lot of work for a Partnership

meeting starts a month out. He said he is wondering about the finances and the possibility of contracting out like we did for the October meeting.

Jackie said there are lots of unknowns and thinks that deferring the meeting would be a good option.

Kim asked who makes this decision.

Alan said that in the past, we had more resources so the Coordinating Committee could decide. But now, either the Coordinating Committee or the Conveners can decide. It would be too late to wait until the next Coordinating Committee meeting and we don't have enough information today, so he is good with the Conveners deciding on Monday.

Kim asked what information we need to decide.

Alan said we need to know what resources we have from the Municipal Working Group in terms of facilitation, and do we have the resources to contract out for that.

Kim asked Adam to find out at the next Municipal Working Group meeting. We also need to find out what funding we have. She said that a new person will not be in place to help for a February meeting.

Adam said that he knows Stephanie has been working on this, and he will connect with her before the Convener's meeting on Monday.

Working Group Updates and Needs

Alan said that the Municipal group will meet next week. Self-supplied will meet tomorrow to work on their learning in action plan. Notes will be posted the website. No one is here for Instream/Ecology or Communication & Outreach. He said he will be talking to Caroline this afternoon.

General Updates

Alan asked if we have updates for the Partnership that we could put in an email blast this month.

Jackie said that the proposed Governor's Budget for this biennium will be going out very soon in regards to the pilot project place-based water planning and what that means to the mid-coast.

Kim said that sounds good and they already have some language drafted that could be modified to send out an email blast.

Alan said the he and Lee Ann can work on this to send out. He said we could also announce the next partnership meeting in the email blast, and also the upcoming Learning Partnership meeting in John Day, along with any other news and information.

Kim said she heard they are pushing the John Day meeting to May. She will check on this and get back to us.

Alan mentioned that gives us more time to identify people to send to the Learning Partnership meeting in May and suggested people be thinking about who would be good to send.

Legislative Coordination

Alan is preparing a note for Senator Roblan's office that will probably also get forwarded to Representative Gomberg's office about support for the Governor's budget. He said he'll make sure to circulate that before it gets sent off. He's been waiting to hear from the Harney County group if the Governor's budget is going to be sufficient or whether more money was going to be requested. He said that time is running short with the session starting on the 14th. In order to be timely, Alan said he would like to get that correspondence out to Senator Roblan's office before session.

Jackie said that it is important to find out what is in the budget because the Senator's office needs to hear about how important this is.

Adam concurs with that and asked if we would also want to send that letter to the chairs of the Energy and Environment Committee, Natural Resources, and perhaps the Agriculture and Natural Resources as well. Adam said he is thinking that he and Tim presented testimony in December to these Committees on behalf of place-based planning in support of OWRD's continued funding for the existing pilot programs, so he asked if we want to send a letter to those committee chairs as well.

Alan said he would like to send it to everyone we've been engaged with. He said what he has in mind for this letter to say is we support Policy Option package 101, and maybe that's all it needs to say. We had been waiting to hear from Harney County if they wanted to request more money and whether it would be more effective to do that together as a partnership.

Jackie said to focus on the coastal caucus and see who will do that. She said to ask Arnie to get on board and ask the coastal caucus for support. She said that's the better way to go.

Adam agreed and asked Jackie if we should be communicating with Chair Helms or Chair Clems as well.

Jackie said to take the lead from Arnie and find out who the decision-makers are and who we/they need to talk to.

Adam thinks there will probably be an expectation from Director Byler to present testimony in support of this in January as well.

Alan said that he knows Jim Tooke would want to also send a letter to Cliff Bentz. Alan wants to make sure that he has all the important caucus members and committees in that circulation before we send anything. He will send that around to Jackie and the conveners and go from there.

Our next Coordinating Committee meeting is February 5th at HMSC in the Barry Fisher Room, Guin Library, 9:00 am – noon.

Meeting was adjourned.