



Board Minutes – February 15, 2022

Attendees

1. Jessie Olson
2. Chris Smith
3. Kathy Peterson
4. Roger loving
5. Sue Schaufler
6. Lauren Duncan
7. Chiara Forrester
8. Joe Ryan
9. Sean Cronin
10. Barbara Luneau
11. Eric Smith
12. Monica Bortolini
13. Erica Crosby
14. Ken Lenarcic
15. Yana Sorokin
16. Julie Trumpler

Welcome and Introductions

- Chris S called the meeting to order at 2:04 and went through introductions.
- Jessie noted that since we have nine voting board member, quorum is five voting board members.

Ex-Officio Member Renewal

- Kathy moved, Sue seconded, to re-appoint Erica Crosby, Joe Ryan, and Lauren Duncan as Ex-Officio Board Members to the Left Hand Watershed Center Board of Directors. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- Kathy moved, Barbara seconded, to approve the minutes from the January 18 meeting; the motion carried unanimously.

Strategic Planning Process

- Jessie shared general outline and strategy and asked for feedback. Asked who would like to be on the committee.
 - Roger noted that including Captain Jack Mine as a topic to discuss.
 - Committee can include both ex-officio and voting members.
 - Generally all agreed plan looked good.
 - Sue, Kathy, Chris all noted they wanted interest in being involved. Jessie will follow up with others to form the committee in March.

Grant/Fundraising/SVP Update

- Jessie noted updates about a new data management system, upcoming events, fundraising theme, upcoming proposal, and considerations related to the financial policy.
- Chiara provided an update on environmental literacy grant (see slide).
 - Sue asked about status of proposal and expressed interest in the proposal. Chiara described pre-application and partner meetings.
 - Jessie noted that we will decide later this week if we should proceed based on partner responses on task 3. In responses to questions, Chiara described challenges associated with establishing partnerships for task 3.
 - Ken asked how we would spend the total grant amount. Chiara explained sub awards approach.
 - Kathy noted potential partnership through City of Longmont. Monica will identify the contact.
 - Chris asked for clarification about deliverables. Chiara described development, implementation, and analysis of curriculum.

Q4 2021 Financial Report

- Jessie reviewed current final financial report for end of 2021 (see budget and memo).
 - Noted recommendations related to transferring board reserved funds to meet match obligations.
 - Noted new category related to operating reserves.
- Sean moved, Sue seconded, to approve the Fourth Quarter 2021 which includes transfers of net equity from the board designated reserve funds as shown on the second page of the 4th quarter report summary. The motion carried unanimously.

Project/Program Update

- Yana and Joe provided update on continuing Captain Jack TAG beyond June and expanding assessments to the whole watershed. Plan is to have a board visioning session at the next meeting. Lauren and Sean added ideas related to voluntary cleanup program.

- Chiara provided update on Jamestown fire mitigation project. Sean explained how this connects to SVLHWCD's 5-Point Plan. Chris noted that SVLHWCD had concerns about private property match contributions, ongoing maintenance, and NEPA/local dollars balance. Chris also suggested developing a stewardship handbook for forest property considering greater forest area (e.g. how does 24 acres connect to the other million acres and how do we measure the impact). Jessie added the USFS plan is to do contiguous work which contribute up to the bigger landscape area. This is also a focus area that connects Left Hand Burn Footprint to other treatments. Chris and Sean discussed the importance of explaining the impact of work in a small area on the greater watershed to get community (board members, tax payers, etc.) buy-in and Chiara discussed SVFHP approaches to messaging, connecting forest to downstream users, and considerations for long-term maintenance. Eric and others added that social media and videos should be considered as a part of the messaging strategy and all agreed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.