

PRWC Board Meeting

Thursday, August 27, 2020

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

On ZOOM!



Meeting Summary

Board Members present: Carrie Hernandez, Laurie Larson-Pugh, Allan Warren, Tom Kantz, Linda Burgess, Jenn Stebbings, Russ Ladley, Robby Wright, Mark Heckert, Cindy Callahan, Kurt Fremont

Welcome & Introductions – Krystal Kyer/Carrie Hernandez

Small Grants Presentations

Sue Pittman, Director - Puyallup Historical Hatchery Foundation (\$532)

The PHHF assists the Puyallup School District's 4th Grade STEM program out of their education center. Pre-COVID they decided to dedicate a room to Orca education. The PHHF used the grant money to buy a big smart TV recessed into a closet with mounting brackets that will run a video of Orcas and Orca sounds. Currently the project is on hold due to distancing restrictions, but they are also moving forward with contracting artwork to decorate the room in Orca motif. Currently looking for sources of Orca video w/thumb-drive for the smart TV.

Patty Ross - Director of Puyallup Public Library - Demonstration Garden Project (\$2,500)

Library staff wanted to put a garden next to their building as part of a Goal Setting initiative. They met with the Pierce Conservation District and decided to install a native garden to help educate the public, assist with the City of Puyallup's bee initiative and include a stormwater cistern to educate about water conservation. They partnered with Master Gardeners, PCD and City staff to design and install the demonstration garden.

Jake and Mark Heckert - South Sound Beaver Recovery

SSBR is currently registering for 501 (c) nonprofit status. The SSBR team participated in the first local beaver relocation pilot program training. Goals of the SSBR are to;

- Promote education and tolerance
- Landowner interaction and problem solving
- Technical expertise for onsite management
- Relocation when necessary

Currently working with PCC Farmland Trust and 4 Elements Farm at Ball Creek to create a beaver-friendly reclamation plan to benefit the beavers and stream.

Cooperators have been Washington Wildlife Federation, Puyallup Tribe, Forterra and Metro Parks.

Needs: Funding partners, volunteers (for all aspects), continued support for others, and relationships with public land management organizations.

Thank you to PRWC for this seed money to get this project started!

Melissa Meyer - Food Security for People of Color (Just and Healthy Food Systems) (\$2,500)

Teaching Canning Skills for Black and Indigenous People of Color – 2020.

Melissa Meyer wanted to share canning expertise for people at risk of lower access to food supplies.

Due to COVID-19 they started teaching canning classes online. First "Canning Skill Share" was with HUG youth.

Second class was a collaboration with JHFS and a POC farm in Puyallup. They delivered supplies to homes and held the trainings in Zoom. Collaborated with Native Sharing Farm and worked to preserve (can) 70 pounds of salmon with 5 Indigenous People to teach how to make shelf-stable food (salmon) that doesn't need electricity for storage.

September 24th we'll meet with the remaining presenters that received grants.

Approve July 23, 2020 meeting minutes (vote)

Meeting minutes approved.

Committee Updates

- Executive Committee – Carrie Hernandez
 - Account balance – No report.
 - The Board officially approved the revised Procurement Policy by email vote 8/11/20.
 - Dan confirmed PSP officially approved the Procurement Policy.
 - New insurance policy is expected to be in place September 1st.
- Communications Committee – Robby Wright, Chair
 - Clarks Creek Salmon Homecoming event;
 - Will be developing a Story Map with Carrie crafting an introductory video.
 - Watershed Symposium;
 - Will be a 3 hour Zoom event on December 3rd. With Pierce County staff support we can record the meeting to make it accessible to those who can't make it.
 - Abstract requests will go out later next week.
- Swan Creek Implementation Committee
 - No update.
- Puyallup White River Local Integrating Organization – Allan Warren
 - Met with PSP and got an informal verbal approval of contract budget. Contracts should be prepared soon and once official we can put out the RFP for the Coordinator position.
 - Coordinator should be in place October 1st.
 - Draft Ecosystem Recovery plan will be sent out to LIO participants next week for review. Draft is due to the PSP 9/30. The Board would like the consultant to come to the next meeting to talk about progress on the ERP.
 - Department of Ecology funding for Phase II will take the plan to the final stage.

Partner updates and roundtable

- Allan – Orca Recovery Day. Working with Eco Challenge which will allow partners to create their own teams to augment the 10/17 events to select actions in different categories in-lieu of having people gather in large groups. Encourage PRWC to develop their own Eco Challenge team which will encourage more people to act with us. Will send out more information.
- Upcoming PRWC meetings:
 - PWR-LIO quarterly meeting – 9/10
 - Equity Focus Area meeting – 9/11
 - Salmon Homecoming planning meeting – 9/16
 - PRWC Board meeting – 9/24
 - Communications Committee meeting – 9/24
 - Climate Change Focus Area meeting – 9/25
- Carrie – Mark your calendars for the Wild and Scenic Film Festival for end of October.??
- Shauna Hansen - Tacoma Watershed Planning Group. Starting a City-wide stormwater management plan in Tacoma. Looking for partners to help with watershed Planning. Kurt and Tom offered to communicate with Tacoma regarding opportunities to collaborate on information gathering.
- Lisa Spurrier – final ranked list for Salmon Funding Recovery Lead Entity is out. 7 projects ranked and hope to get funded or partially funded.

Board Meeting Schedule: next meeting is September 24th from 3-5pm on Zoom.

Adjourned at 4:30pm

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