



PROJECT COMMITTEE

In person and teleconference meeting

December 7, 2017

Attendees:		By Phone:	Staff
Dave Cummings	Pat Richardson	Campbell Kidd	Tim Greseth
Susan Foster	Bill Shake	Holly Michael	Pam Simser
Marcia Hartman	Brad Staples	Meg Townsend	
Gordon King	Lori Steele	Guests:	
Tim Norman	Pat Richardson	Ken McCall/OHA	
Davia Palmeri	Garth Wyatt	Isaac Sanders/ODFW A&H	

Project Committee meeting was called to order at 11:29 am

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the November 2nd, meeting as written. Motion carried.

PROJECT FUNDS - \$222,578 in unrestricted funds is available for grant making purposes.

OLD BUSINESS –

Chemult Wildlife Underpass Project Sponsorship now known as the Gilcrest Wildlife Underpass Project. This is a half-million commitment. Tim is working with ODOT and ODFW to clarify campaign goals.

Oak Savannah Tour- Tim will be coordinating a tour in March or April of 2018

NEW BUSINESS -

Fiscal sponsorship Program

Protecting Animal Migration (PAM), based in Bend, submitted an application to have OWF be their fiscal sponsor. The committee is in full support and Tim will work with Brian Witt to prepare an agreement.

Motion was made and seconded to become a fiscal sponsor for Protecting Animal Migration (PAM). Motion carried.

Partnership opportunities: A&H and Oregon Hunters Association (OHA)

Isaac Sanders from ODFW’s Access and Habitat explained their funding comes from a \$4 fee on each hunting license sold. He then shared the history of the A&H program. The program has 65 active projects with majority being access. They are also a funding source and interested in the Foundation’s ability to provide matching funds. Their intent is to identify habitat projects and bring the Foundation in as a partner.

Ken McCall from Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) described his organization. OHA began in 1983 and has grown to 26 chapters; OHA is known as a rural hunter’s association. Ken is OHA’s Resource Director,

Jim Akenson is the Conservation Director, and Bryan Cook is their Field Director. OHA is interested in working with like-minded groups to raise money for projects that primarily benefit game animals with the recognition that habitat improvement is most often good for multiple species. Their Bend chapter is responsible for ongoing maintenance of the fencing component of the Lava Butte underpass near Sun River and they're very interested in working with us on the Gilcrest Wildlife Underpass project.

NEW PROJECT FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Project 17-29 Forest Creek Fish Passage Restoration

Applegate Watershed & Partnership Council is requesting \$10,000 to remove Forest Creek dam from Forest Creek in Jackson County. The dam is an abandoned diversion structure that impedes passage for adult anadromous fish and blocks passage entirely for juveniles to miles of high quality spawning and rearing habitat upstream Total project cost is \$192,000.

- Meets the Foundation's match requirements and funding guidelines
- Addresses OCS species including Coho salmon, Rogue Steelhead and Rogue cutthroat trout
- Includes letters of support from their OWEB application from Jay Doino (ODFW) and Denise Hoffert (American Rivers)
- They've requested \$10,000 but can and will accept a lesser amount

Motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion carried.

Project 17-30 Nye Creek/Sam Moore Park Water Quality Improvement Project

The City of Newport is requesting \$30,000 in funding support, from the Pacific Seafood Environmental Enhancement Fund, for a project that will address long-standing water quality issues in Nye Creek and on Nye Beach. This project will address water quality through the installation of a biofiltration system and modifications/improvements at Sam Moore Park in Nye Creek. Total project cost for the design phase of this project is \$162,000

- This project fits with 4 of the 6 areas of interest to the Fund: pollution prevention, pollution reduction, public health protection, and environmental restoration and protection.
- Meets the Foundation's match requirements and funding guidelines
- Includes letters of support from Senator Roblan, Audrey Sweet (Lincoln SWCD), and Briana Goodwin (Surfrider Foundation)

Motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion carried.

Project 17-31 Willamette Valley Oregon Vesper Sparrow Study

American Bird Conservancy is requesting \$5,000 in funding support for a study to better understand the population decline of Oregon vesper sparrow and recommend conservation actions. Total cost of the project is \$61,485

- Meets the Foundation's match requirements and funding guidelines
- Addresses an OCS strategy species; Oregon vesper sparrow
- Includes a letter of support from Jennifer Bohannon (ODFW)

Motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion carried.

One member opposed.

Project 17-32 Sandy River Delta Turtle and Amphibian Survey

Sandy River Basin Watershed Council is requesting \$3,900 in funding for a survey of painted turtles and red-legged frogs on the Sandy River delta. Funds will be used to train volunteer surveyors, provide boat

transportation, and publish ODFW Native Turtle Identification Cards for distribution to Sandy River delta visitors and school groups.

- Meets the Foundation's match requirements and funding guidelines
- Addresses an OCS strategy species: northern red-legged frogs
- Includes a letter of support from Susan Barnes, ODFW Conservation Biologist
- With no other funder, this would be an OWF sponsored project

Motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion carried.

Add to the acceptance letter that the Foundation would like signage on the US Forest Center Kiosk.

Project 17-33 Maxfield Creek Phase I

Luckiamute Watershed Council is requested \$7,500 in funding to restore degraded riparian corridors across 26.5 acres along 1.95 miles of Maxfield Creek; a tributary to the Luckiamute River near Philomath. Project components include removal/control of invasive species, native plant installation and establishment. Total project cost is \$291,266.

- Meets the Foundation's match requirements and funding guidelines
- Addresses a OCS strategy habitat and species: flowing water and riparian habitats, Pacific and Western brook lamprey, steelhead, coho salmon, and cutthroat trout
- Includes letters of support from Alex Farrand (ODFW) and Paul Tigan (BLM)

Motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion carried.

Project 17-34 Adopt-a-Lek Program

ODFW is requesting \$10,000 in funding support for the Adopt-a-Lek program. Adopt-a-Lek has been instrumental in completing greater sage-grouse lek attendance surveys in SE Oregon for 13 years running. The program receives funding assistance from OWF, BLM, USFWS, and ODFW as well as in-kind contributions from volunteers and ODFW.

- Meets the Foundation's match requirements and funding guidelines
- Addresses a OCS strategy species: Greater sage grouse
- Includes a letter of support from Paul Henson (USFWS)

Motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion carried.

One member abstained due to employer conflict.

Project 17-35 Effects of Salinity on Coastal Breeding Amphibians

Amanda Goddard, a Masters student at Oregon State University is requesting \$2,397 in funding support for a study of how salinity affects the abundance and presence of Pacific treefrog, Northern red-legged frog, and roughskin newt at 12 select sites along the Oregon coast. The data collected is part of a graduate project and will be shared with the property owners, published in a thesis (to be available online), and presented at conference in the spring and summer of 2018. Total cost of this study is \$5,877

- Meets the Foundation's match requirements and funding guidelines
- Addresses a OCS strategy habitat and species: Wetlands/Estuaries and Northern red-legged frog
- Includes a letter of support from Steve Niemela (ODFW) and Paul Adamus (OSU)

The Committee tabled this application until more information is available. 1) How would the data be used, 2) The study's duration was felt to be too short to be of value and 3) What management change would result? How would this information be used? Tim will research and reply back to the Committee for an electronic decision.

Project 17-36 Denman Wildlife Area/Jackson County Coverboard Surveys

ODFW is requesting \$4,380 in funding support for a project that will monitor key species in oak woodland and riparian strategy habitats on the Denman Wildlife Area and then at select locations throughout the Rogue River valley. Funds will be used to purchase temperature recording devices and materials for the construction of cover boards. Cover boards are artificial structures that are placed on the ground as a surrogate for downed wood or other cover that is then periodically flipped over and searched. Total cost of the project is \$11,420.

- Meets the Foundation’s match requirements and funding guidelines
- Addresses a OCS strategy habitat and species: oak woodlands and riparian habitats, California mountain kingsnake
- Includes a letter of support from Steve Niemela (ODFW)

Motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion carried.

Project 17-37 Western Gray Squirrel Survey Project

Gorge Ecology Institute is requesting \$3,000 in funding support for a project to survey select areas in Wasco County for western gray squirrels. Formal surveys have never been conducted in this area despite the relative abundance of Oregon white oak woodlands; preferred squirrel habitat. OWF funds will be used for project coordination, supplies/materials, volunteer mileage reimbursement, and student bus transportation. Total cost of the project is \$20,000

- Meets the Foundation’s match requirements and funding guidelines
- Addresses a OCS strategy habitat and species: oak woodlands and western gray squirrel
- Includes a letter of support from Andrew Rosenberg (ODFW)

Motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion carried.

Meeting concluded at 1:05 pm.



2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

ALL THURSDAYS, 11:30-1PM, MOSS ADAMS (12 FLOOR AT THE FOX TOWER)

You’re welcome to bring your own lunch

- 2/15/2018
- 5/17/2018
- 9/6/2018
- 11/29/2018