



Board of Directors Meeting
December 5, 2024, 10:30-12:00pm
815 Cleveland Avenue, Mount Vernon and via Zoom
Notes

Present: John Stein (Chair), Devin Smith (SRSC), Kara Rowe (WWA), Emmett Wild (SCD), Alison Studley (SFEG)

Guests: Keeley Mathis (SWC), Megan Corbiere (SWC), Aundrea McBride (SWC), Holli Watne (SWC)

Materials in [Box](#)

Decisions underlined; attachment (#); ***action items bold**

Beginning Business

- Convened at 10:35am.
- Quorum was achieved.
- The Agenda was approved unanimously.
- Alison made a motion to approve the notes for November, Devon seconded, they were approved unanimously.

Reports

- Approve Budget Revisions (#4) Devon moved to accept the suggested transfer of funds from Seattle City Light to a reserve. Alison seconded. None opposed. The motion was approved.
- Review and Approve financials for July, August, September, October (#3). The board reviewed financials. Kara moved to approve the financials for July-Oct, Devin seconded, none opposed, and they are approved.
- ED Report.
- Committee Reports provided in written form (#5).
- Salmon Recovery Council Report

Old Business

- Review of the Strategic Plan (#6) ***Aundrea will send an email about process. She will propose a new title that does not include the words, “strategic” or “strategy.”**

New Business

- Riparian Resilience Grant Idea
 - The group discussed whether it is feasible to apply for the grant, due Jan 15th. Some entity within the watershed council will receive the grant. We need to have all the right people at the table and have a transparent conversation.
 - There was consensus that Forterra would not be hired to write the grant.
 - VSP has never been fully funded. There is a large shortfall of funding at the state.
 - Applying for the grant is significant and shows the collaboration between our local organizations. There is a strategic component as well as need for the funding.
 - Could there be a bundle of grants submitted together?
- Appoint Megan to TWG, M&AM, PS. Alison moved to officially appoint Megan to the Technical Working Group, the Monitoring & Adaptive Management Committee and The Protection Subcommittee. Emmett seconded, and none opposed. It was approved.
- The board went into Executive Session at 11:50
 - Executive Session (#7, #8). The Board of directors approved a new compensation package for the executive director, effective Nov 1st, in recognition of moving from interim to permanent status.
 - The board adjourned from executive session at 12:00pm.

Adjourned at 12:00pm

Upcoming Events:

January 2nd Board Meeting has been moved to Thursday January 9th.

Riparian Conference January 29th 9:00-3:00, virtual

February 6th Board Meeting