

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD October 27, 2015**  
**Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board**  
**April 28, 2015**  
**OWEB Board Meeting**  
**Salem, Oregon**

**Minutes**

**OWEB Members Present**

Dan Thorndike  
Eric Quaempts  
Debbie Hollen  
Will Neuhauser  
Lisa Phipps  
John Roberts  
Bob Webber  
Alan Henning  
Randy Labbe  
Stephen Brandt  
Kim Kratz  
Doug Krahmer  
Cindy Deacon Williams  
Morgan Rider  
Mike Haske

**OWEB Staff Present**

Meta Loftsgaarden  
Renee Davis  
Juniper Davis  
Brandi Elmer  
Liz Redon  
Courtney Shaff  
John Amoroso  
Sue Greer  
Sharon Clarke  
Mark Grenbemer  
Tom Shafer  
Dana Hicks  
Wendy Hudson  
Eric Hartstein  
Troy Wirth  
Ken Fetcho  
Kathy Leopold  
Katie Duzik  
Karen Leiendecker  
Katy Gunville  
Cameo Hungate  
Miriam Hulst  
Cindy Silbernagel  
Tara Choate

**Others Present**

Liz Vollmer-Buhl  
Ian Tattam  
Ken Lofferte  
Stan Van de Wetering  
Jon Wickersham  
Karl Morgenstern  
Joe Moll  
Eric Riley  
Anna Rankin  
Jerry Nicolescu  
Conrad Gowell  
Amy Stiner  
Laura Brophy  
Diane Lloyd  
Luke Westphal  
Rebecca McCoun  
Cheryl McGinnis  
Brian Barr  
Bob Jones  
Meg Mitchell  
Jon Souder  
Josh Murphy  
Kristen Larson  
John DeVoe  
Denise Hoffert  
Clair Klock  
Rod Crume  
Allen Ehr  
Ryan Gordon  
Manette Simpson  
Rebecca Ley  
Nadia Gardner

**A. Board Member Comments**

Representatives on the OWEB Board commented on recent activities and issues facing their respective agencies and areas.

**B. Review and Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the January 27-28, 2015, Board meeting in Astoria, and March 18, 2015, Board meeting in Salem were presented for approval. Morgan Rider commented that there was a typographical error that should be corrected under OWEB Board Members Present, Morgan Rider should be removed; she did not attend the January Board Meeting.

*Dan Thorndike moved to approve the January 27-28, 2015, and March 18, 2015, Board meeting minutes, seconded by Doug Krahmer. Motion passed unanimously.*

**C. Board Co-Chair Election**

Dan Thorndike provided some history of the Co-Chair process and asked the board if there was a need to revisit the practice of having co-chairs with staggered annual elections. There were no comments.

Dan Thorndike stated that Eric Quaempts's seat was up for consideration of a two-year term. Eric had expressed interest in continuing to serve as co-chair.

*Randy Labbe moved to re-elect Eric Quaempts to serve as OWEB co-chair for a two-year term, seconded by Morgan Rider. Motion passed unanimously.*

**D. Sage Grouse Policy**

Richard Whitman, Governor's Natural Resources Director, spoke to the board about the importance of Sage Grouse Conservation, and the need for the board's investment of \$10 million over the next ten years. He spoke about a commitment by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for \$9 million for sage grouse conservation in Oregon, and about the work being done with ranchers to get agreements in place for grazing on their lands to help improve habitats. He also spoke about the need for post-wildfire recovery projects. He talked about the time being critical for commitments to sage grouse conservation in Oregon and throughout the west. He spoke about the Governor's SageCon effort over the last several years to put together a state plan that should be finalized in June of this year.

There was discussion from board members about how the funding would be used specifically through OWEB's grant programs.

*Dan Thorndike moved to make available at least \$10 million through OWEB's granting programs over the next ten years in support of projects located in Oregon's sage steppe ecosystem directed to improve greater sage-grouse habitat, along with co-benefits to other species native to this ecosystem. This can include on-the-ground restoration and management projects as well as the technical assistance, capacity, landowner outreach and monitoring necessary to ensure successful habitat improvements. OWEB will track and report investments meeting this criteria. Seconded by Will Neuhauser. Motion passed unanimously.*

**E. Special Investment Partnership (SIP) Bridge Funding**

Executive Director Meta Loftsgaarden provided background on the need for bridge funding to continue investments in the Deschutes, Willamette, and Upper Klamath partnership programs which have been in place since 2008 and 2012. Bridge funding is necessary since a Focused Investment funding decision by the board will not occur until January of 2016. She explained that bridge funding provides no guarantee of future Focused Investment Funding, but would eliminate a gap in funding in the first six months of the 2015-2017 biennium.

*Eric Quaempts moved to award up to \$1,950,000 from the 2013-15 Spending Plan to provide transition funding for the Deschutes, Willamette, and Upper Klamath Special Investment Partnerships and delegate authority to the Executive Director to distribute the funds through appropriate grants and agreements, with an award date of July 1, 2015, to be used for any grant agreements. Seconded by Cindy Deacon Williams. Motion passed unanimously.*

**F. Coastal Wetlands Grants**

Juniper Davis, Partnerships Coordinator spoke to the board regarding the need to apply to the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program for funding in 2016. (see staff report)

*Dan Thorndike moved to approve receipt of funding in the amount of \$2,630,577 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the 2015 National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program and delegate authority to the Executive Director to distribute funds through the appropriate grants and agreement in support of the following projects, contingent on the successful award of OWEB state match:*

- a. Scholfield Creek Tidal Wetlands Conservation Project, \$630,577;*
- b. Kilchis Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Project, \$1,000,000; and*
- c. China Camp Creek Project, \$1,000,000*

*Seconded by Cindy Deacon Williams. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Dan Thorndike moved to delegate authority to the Executive Director to distribute up to \$600,000 from the 2011 National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program, Award #FP11AP00490, in support of tidal restoration activities for the Tillamook Bay Wetlands Acquisition and Restoration Project. Seconded by Cindy Deacon Williams. Randy Labbe and Lisa Phipps, recused; motion passed unanimously.*

*Dan Thorndike moved to approve the submission of an application for the Ecola Creek Wetlands Protection and Restoration project to the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service's 2016 National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program. This application for federal funds is contingent on approval by the Legislature. Seconded by Cindy Deacon Williams. Motion passed unanimously.*

**G. Pending Regular Grant Applications**

Courtney Shaff, Grant Program Coordinator, provided background information on the October 20-21, 2014, grant cycle. (see staff report)

**Public Comment**

- Rod Crume, Property Owner, commented in opposition of 215-2043, Fiedler Dam removal. Provided handout.

- Allen Ehr, Environmental Specialist, commented in opposition of 215-2043, Fiedler Dam removal. Provided handout.
- Brian Barr, Rogue River Watershed Council, commented in support of 215-2043 Fiedler/Wimer Dam removal.
- Ken Lafrink, ODFW, spoke in support of 215-204, Fiedler/Wimer Dam removal.
- Denise Hoffert, American Rivers, commented in support of 215-2043, Fiedler/Wimer Dam.
- John DeVoe, Executive Director, WaterWatch of Oregon, commented in support of 215-2043 and 215-2040
- Josh Murphy, Salmon Drift Creek Watershed Council, spoke in favor of 215-1030
- Laura Brophy, Estuary Technical Group, Institute for Applied Ecology, spoke in support of 215-1033
- Jon Souder, Coos Watershed Association, spoke in support of 215-2037

### **G-1. 2015-17 Grant Cycles and Board Meeting Schedule**

Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director and Dana Hicks, Interim Grant Program Manager, discussed the proposed regular grant cycles and the board meeting schedule for the 2015-17 biennium. (see staff report)

There were comments from the Board about the potential to shift meeting dates and/or grant cycle deadlines. Staff will provide feedback at the July Board meeting.

*Will Neuhauser moved to adopt the 2015 – October 2016 schedule of grant application deadlines and Board meeting dates, as shown in Attachment A to the staff report. This schedule may change based on pending and future PCSRF awards, and add Monitoring and Outreach to the second grant cycle. Seconded by Morgan Rider. Motion passed unanimously.*

Staff then presented an overview/summary of their region's grant submissions, either in total or highlighting a specific project.

Tom Shafer, Interim Regional Program Representative for Region 1, along with Katie Duzik, Regional Program Representative for Region 1 provided an informational report to the board on 215-1031, Mill Creek Siletz Watershed Effectiveness Monitoring.

Mark Grenbemer, Regional Program Representative for Region 2 provided an informational update to the board on 215-2043, which includes Fiedler and Wimer Dam.

Liz Redon, Regional Program Representative for Region 3 provided an informational update to the board on the Upper Sandy River Habitat Restoration Project, 215-3046.

John Amoroso, Regional Program Representative for Region 4, provided an update on Upper Thomas Creek Restoration Phase III, 215-4032 and 215-4026.

Karen Leiendecker, Regional Program Representative for Region 5, highlighted the High Desert Youth Range Camp, 215-5047.

Sue Greer, Regional Program Representative for Region 6, provided the board with an update on the Mid-Columbia Region, 215-6050, Badger Creek, she noted, this is the number 1 ranked project in her region.

*Cindy Deacon Williams moved to approve the staff funding recommendation as shown in the gray-shaded section of Attachment A to Region 3 for project 215-3048, seconded by Doug Krahmer. Will Neuhauser recused, motion passed unanimously.*

*Cindy Deacon Williams moved to approve the staff funding recommendation as shown in the gray-shaded section of Attachment A to Region 1 for project 215-1036 as recommended \$582,358, seconded by Eric Quaempts. Lisa Phipps and Randy Labbe recused, motion passed unanimously.*

*Cindy Deacon Williams moved to approve the staff funding recommendation as shown in the gray-shaded section of Attachment A to Region 1 for project 215-1038 for \$109,715, seconded by Eric Quaempts. Lisa Phipps recused, motion passed unanimously.*

*Cindy Deacon Williams moved to approve 215-1030 for \$34,000, seconded by Morgan Rider, motion passed unanimously.*

*Cindy Deacon Williams moved to approve the staff funding recommendation as shown in the gray-shaded sections of Attachment A to the Region 1, 2 3, 4, 5 and 6, staff reports not previously covered by separate motions, seconded by John Roberts. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### **H. Public Comment – General**

- Liz Vollmer-Buhl, Siuslaw Watershed Council commented on updates to past projects.
- Joe Moll, McKenzie River Trust, provided an update with aerial footage on a project previously funded by OWEB (CARP Restoration Project).
- Anna Rankin, Pudding River Watershed Council, provided an informational update to the board.
- Allen Ehr commented to the board on the toxin issue near Fiedler/Wimer Dam.

#### **I. Voluntary Incentives Program Funding Request**

Dana Hicks, Interim Grant Program Manager, requested board action on the transition of the McKenzie River Voluntary Incentives Program (VIP) from the pilot phase to full program implementation. (see staff report) Karl Morgenstern, Eugene Water and Electric Board spoke to the board about how this program will be utilized and the need for it.

*Dan Thorndike moved to award \$146,195 for the purposes outlined in Section IV and Attachment B of the staff report and delegate authority to the Executive Director to enter into appropriate agreements to distribute the funds. Of the awarded funds, \$76,575 is to come from the Ecosystem Services line item and \$69,620 from the Effectiveness Monitoring line item in the Board's 2013-15 Spending Plan. Seconded by Morgan Rider. Will Neuhauser recused, motion passed unanimously.*

## **J. Land and Water Acquisition Grant Awards**

Renee Davis, Deputy Director, provided a brief introduction of the program. (see staff report)

### Public Comment

- Nadia Gardner, Columbia Land Trust, spoke in support of the project.

Renee Davis, Deputy Director, and Miriam Hulst, Acquisitions Specialist, provided recommendations to the board for grant funding for the October 2014 land acquisition grant cycle.

*Cindy Deacon Williams moved to award funding for land acquisition grants as specified in Attachment A of the staff report, with the project-specific conditions detailed in Attachment C, and delegate authority to the Executive Director to enter into agreements to distribute the funds. Funding in the amount of \$262,119 for Application No. 215-9901 is provided entirely through the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program. Funding for Application No. 215-9904 is a combination of \$547,500 in Measure 76 Lottery funds and \$505,635 in funding from the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program, contingent on approval by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of a budget change amendment. Seconded by Doug Krahmer, motion passed unanimously.*

*Cindy Deacon Williams moved to award funding for land acquisition grants specified in Attachment A of the staff report, with the project-specific conditions detailed in Attachment C, and delegate authority to the Executive Director to enter into agreements to distribute the funds for 215-990 in the amount of \$262,119 for Region 1, Kilchis Wetlands, seconded by Doug Krahmer. Randy Labbe recused, motion passed unanimously.*

*Cindy Deacon Williams moved to award funding for land acquisition grants specified in Attachment A of the staff report, with the project-specific conditions detailed in Attachment C, and delegate authority to the Executive Director to enter into agreements to distribute the funds for 215-9902 for Region 1, Tillamook Head-Boneyard in the amount of \$508,400. Seconded by John Roberts. Lisa Phipps recused, motion passed unanimously.*

*Cindy Deacon Williams moved to award funding for land acquisition grants specified in Attachment A of the staff report, with the project-specific conditions detailed in Attachment C, and delegate authority to the Executive Director to enter into agreements to distribute the funds for 215-9903, Region 1, Lower Fivemile Creek in the amount of \$104,375; 215-9904, Region 2, Scholfield Creek in the amount of 519,845; and 215-9907, Region 4, Mill Creek Ridge-Paintbrush Meadows in the amount of \$400,500. Funding for application 215-9904 is a combination of \$547,500 in Measure 76 Lottery funds and \$505,635 in funding from the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program, contingent on approval by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of a budget change amendment. Seconded by Will Neuhauser, motion passed unanimously.*

*Will Neuhauser moved to award funding for land acquisition grants specified in Attachment A of the staff report, with the project-specific conditions to be developed by staff and delegate authority to the Executive Director to enter into agreements to distribute the funds, for 215-9906, Region 1 Westport Slough project. Seconded by Bob Webber. Motion failed 4 no votes vs. 5 yes votes. Cindy Deacon Williams abstained.*

There was board discussion around the highly altered state of the project and maintenance of this property in that state. There was also discussion about the project returning from a subsequent grant cycle.

## **K. Spending Plan Presentations and Discussion**

See presentations for each spending plan line item.

- Courtney Shaff, Grant Program Coordinator, provided information on Council Capacity in relation to the OWEB Strategic Plan and Long Term Investment Strategy Programs.
- John Byers, Oregon Department of Agriculture, provided information on District Capacity.
- Juniper Davis, Partnerships Coordinator, provided some history of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.
- Tim Butler and Tristen Berg from the Oregon Department of Agriculture provided some background and information on the Noxious Weed Program.
- Kathy Leopold, Small Grant Program Coordinator, provided an overview of the Small Grant Program.
- Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director, provided an overview of the Transfers to Other Agencies. She explained that the distributions are made at the direction of:
  - Legislature
  - GovernorShe provided examples of the type and history of these types of transfers:
  - Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funds (PCSRF)
  - Measure 76 Grant Funds

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Wendy Hudson  
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**Others Present**

Jen Bayer  
Brian Barr  
Brian Jenkins  
Luke Westphal  
Bruce Taylor  
Kelly Coates  
Kristen Larson  
Mark Stern  
Matt Ruwaldt  
Paul Robertson  
Stephen Wille  
Sarah Dyrdaahl  
Lance Wyss  
Crystal Durbecq  
Heath Keirsted  
Karl Morgenstern  
Tom Wolf  
Clair Klock  
Ken Bierly  
Jon Souder  
John Hogerworst  
Ryan Gordon  
Jerry Nicolescu

**K. Spending Plan Presentations and Discussion (continued)**

- Dana Hicks, Interim Grant Program Manager, provided background and historical information on the Open Solicitation and Restoration process. This included informational reports on the Open Solicitation and Restoration process and the Open Solicitation and Outreach programs.
- Renee Davis, Deputy Director, provided an update on the Land and Water Acquisitions process and history.
- Renee Davis, Deputy Director, provided a summary of past partnership investments and history of the Focused Investment program, including implementation and capacity.
- Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director, provided a summary of the Oregon Plan, Governor's Priorities. She provided the history of the program, which included: Salmon Strongholds; Coastal Coho Business Plan; Sage Grouse Action Plan; Klamath Basin Comprehensive Agreement and Working Farms and Forests Conservation Easements.

- Ken Fetcho, Effectiveness Monitoring Coordinator, discussed Open Solicitation Monitoring Grants and provided a summary and history of the program. He went on to discuss and provide information to the board on the Long Term Investment Strategy and how that ties in with Effectiveness Monitoring.

Spending Plan Discussion:

Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director, discussed the options that the Board has to decide upon regarding adopting a Spending Plan for 2015-17. This was an informative item, the board will be asked to adopt a spending plan at the July Board Meeting.

Some comments and questions from board members included:

- Why the increase in Open Solicitation?
- Timetable for Rogue Merger – do we have more information on this?
- Percentage increases in specific categories – why?
- How to determine how much we want to spend – when looking at Options in A and B
- Why the decrease in outreach?
- How to determine what to prioritize and how to allocate – since there is nothing obvious to cut out.
- How will this affect the Focused Investment process?
- Strategic Plans and applications should be developed so that this is a built-in feature
- What does Open Solicitation Effectiveness Monitoring mean?
- Effectiveness Monitoring should be linked back into all of OWEB’s processes and how it is being used to intersect back into the process.
- We should be looking at lessons learned through the Grant Process.
- Effectiveness Monitoring throughout all of the programs are very important. It helps to build better projects.
- Water quality projects and their results should be tracked.
- Differences in options – adjustments to make include: Reduce Small Grants to \$1.3 million; put \$1 million into restoration and \$300,000 into SWCD’s.
- We should take a more cautious approach.
- Option A is favorable.
- Option A and B are both cautious – one is a little more cautious than the other.
- How much is allocated now in Open Solicitation for Focused Investments.
- Support of Option B – will help OWEB to move forward.
- We could be stuck with Focused Investments that we decide to make .
- Amounts are subject to change.
- Need a spreadsheet/table of how many projects can be funded with dollar amounts before the next board meeting.
- Next meeting – summary of staff capacity for Focused Investment Partnerships.

Executive Director Loftsgaarden reminded the board that they would have one additional revenue forecast in May and asked the board if the two options that staff will bring in July should look different from the options that were provided here.

Meta Loftsgaarden – Mid-June – July 1, 2015 staff will provide the information requested above.

**L. Public Comment -- General**

- Jen Bayer, USGS/Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership commented on the need for specific support for monitoring, it is very important to OWEB's work.
- Ryan Gordon and Jerry Nicolescu commented on considerations to be made regarding the Spending Plan and Small Grants and added that Outreach should be considered.
- Kristen Larson, Luckiamute Watershed Council, spoke in support of Outreach in the Spending Plan, and asked the board consider keeping it whole.
- Kelley Beamer, Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts, commented on the importance of the Land Acquisition Program, and stated that it is a good investment of state dollars.
- Bruce Taylor, Oregon Habitat Joint Venture, commented on Westport land acquisition issues.
- Crystal Durbecq, Benton County Soil and Water Conservation District, commented in support of the Weed Board Program and projects supported through OWEB dollars.

**M. Focused Investments – Approval of Final Priorities and Revised Solicitation Process for Focused Investments**

Renee Davis, Deputy Director, briefed the board on the priority-setting process and work that has recently taken place within the focused investment program. She walked through some of the differences that the board would see from the discussion in March at the board meeting.

**Public Comment**

- Ken Bierly, High Desert Partnership, commented on support for inclusion of closed basins as a priority and in general the focused investment process.
- Jon Souder, Coos Watershed Association, commented in support for Coastal Coho and Estuary focus and concerns about implementation.
- Bruce Taylor, Oregon Habitat Joint Venture commented in support of sage brush habitat and in support of estuaries as they relate to the focused investment process.
- Johan Hogerworst, USFS, commented on support for the McKenzie Focused Investment Partnership.
- Karl Morgenstern, Eugene Water and Electric Board, commented in support of the McKenzie Focused Investment Partnership.
- Kelly Coates, Cow Creek Tribe, commented on the Focused Investment Partnership and asked to include the Rogue.

Renee Davis, Deputy Director, went through each of the categories with the board and asked if there were any clarifying questions.

- 1) Sagebrush/Sage-Steppe Habitat
- 2) Oregon Closed Lake Basin Wetland Habitat
- 3) Dry-type Forest Habitat
- 4) Oak Woodland and Prairie Habitat
- 5) Coastal Coho Habitat and Populations

Note: Change name to: Coho Habitat and Populations along the Oregon Coast

- 6) Inland Aquatic Habitat for Native Fish Species  
Note: Drop Inland in title
- 7) Coastal Estuaries

Additional Comments and Suggestions from the Board:

- Make maps full size
- Make sure PAC core is clear (legend)
- Add Tribal Plans in the future
- Add to legend what “cream” color is on Oak Woodlands
- Aquatic fish – questions about map and how it was drafted
- Could incorporate lamprey into aquatic – include Chub?
- Only Dry-Type, Oak Woodland and Sage-Grouse ensure evaluation to ensure no detrimental impact to aquatic

*Dan Thorndike moved to approve SAGEBRUSH/SAGE-STEPPE HABITAT as a Focused Investment Priority for 2015-17, seconded by Lisa Phipps. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Dan Thorndike moved to approve OREGON CLOSED LAKES BASIN WETLAND HABITATS as a Focused Investment Priority for 2015-17, seconded by Lisa Phipps. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Dan Thorndike moved to approve DRY-TYPE FOREST HABITAT as a Focused Investment Priority for 2015-17, seconded by Will Neuhauser. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Dan Thorndike moved to approve OAK WOODLAND AND PRAIRIE HABITAT as a Focused Investment Priority for 2015-17, seconded by Cindy Deacon Williams. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Dan Thorndike moved to approve COHO HABITAT AND POPULATIONS ALONG THE COAST as a Focused Investment Priority for 2015-17, seconded by Lisa Phipps. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Cindy Deacon Williams moved to approve AQUATIC HABITAT FOR NATIVE FISH FOCAL AREA as displayed in Attachment C-6 with modifications that the Rogue Basin in Southwest Oregon reflected in the Oregon Coho map and covered by the Coho and Lamprey Plans be included in this map with color determination as determined by staff, as a Focused Investment Priority for 2015-17, seconded by Dan Thorndike. Motion Passed with Doug Kraemer voting against.*

*Dan Thorndike moved to approve COASTAL ESTUARIES as a Focused Investment Priority for 2015-17, seconded by Lisa Phipps. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Dan Thorndike moved to approve the revised solicitation timeline for the Focused Investment Partnership program as described in Attachment D of the staff report, seconded by Cindy Deacon Williams. Motion passed unanimously.*

**N-1. Oregon Plan/Governor’s Priorities Funding Request – Working Land Easement Support**

Executive Director Meta Loftsgaarden provided information on a \$25,000 request from the Oregon Plan/Governor’s Priorities Line Item to support a coordinated effort for working land easements in Oregon.

## **Public Comment**

- Clair Klock provided comment to the board on Conservation Easements and also commented on Land Easements purchased by Department of State Lands.

*Eric Quaempts moved to approve to provide up to \$25,000 from the Oregon Plan/Governor's Priorities spending plan line item to support working land conservation easement infrastructure, and delegate authority to the Executive Director to distribute the funds through appropriate grants and agreements, with an award date of April 29, 2015, to be used for any grant agreement(s). Seconded by Randy Labbe. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **N-2 Oregon Plan/Governor's Priorities Funding Request -- Clean Water Partnership and Clean Water Fund**

Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director, provided information on the Clean Water Partnership. Staff requested the Board invest \$100,000 to support implementation of the Clean Water Partnership.

*Will Neuhauser moved to approve up to \$100,000 from the Oregon Plan/Governor's Priorities spending plan line item to support implementation of the framework outlined in Section IV of the staff report, and delegate authority to the Executive Director to distribute the funds through appropriate grants and agreements, with an award date of April 29, 2015 to be used for any grant agreement(s). Seconded by Lisa Phipps. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **O. Relocation Policy**

Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director, provided some background on the relocation policy, and what the existing relocation policy involves. The request from DOJ and OWEB's due diligence contractor is to rescind the current policy, due to some recent information that has surfaced which could result in applicants attempting to address legal requirements that are best addressed by, and most directly applicable to OWEB. Staff recommend the board rescind the current policy and allow staff to develop a process for OWEB to address relocation for land acquisition grants. (see staff report for more information)

*Dan Thorndike moved to rescind the current relocation policy, which was adopted by the Board in July 2014, seconded by Lisa Phipps. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **P. Executive Director Update**

See staff reports for additional information.

- Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director, and Eric Hartstein, Senior Policy Coordinator, provided updates on the budget and legislative process.
- Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director, updated the board on the KPM revision process and said that there will be work done with the Executive Committee and Board to develop OWEB's KPM's.
- She updated the board on the Salmon Plate Policy that would change the way that those funds are used into the future. Staff are proposing two options to bring to the board for consideration at the July board meeting.

- She updated the board on the Long-Term Investment Strategy and the status of the work items within the strategy. She highlighted the great deal of work done by staff in the Continuous Improvement area.
- Ken Fetcho, Effectiveness Monitoring Coordinator, discussed the Deschutes Special Investment Partnership template and how staff are working to integrate the subcommittee and board's suggestions for reporting.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.