

**August 2019 Meeting Agenda  
Smith River Watershed Council  
Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at The Smith River Grange Hall

**Introductions and Roll Call:**

Paul Dailey called the meeting to order at 7:10. No Quorum, minutes not approved.

**Agency and Organizational Reports:**

**BLM** – New representative will be assigned. David Reynolds has been promoted to a GIS specialist.

**CTCLUSI** - Ashley Russell/ Bryan Gillooly – not present

**ODFW** - Eric Himmelreich – not present

**RRC** - Tim Truax – not present

**USFS** – New staff to be assigned

**Presidents Report** – Paul Dailey – Working with Trout Unlimited to get a power pole installed for use with the DIDSON Sonar unit monitoring station.

**Treasurers Report** - Jeanne Dausel – Not present, deer hunting. Profit/loss sheet and Balance sheet are attached.

**Coordinators Report** - Brian Jenkins

Halfway Creek work has been completed. Our contractor has sent final invoicing. BLM and ODFW have signed off on the sites and road cleanup. There are oversized boulders remaining at the stockpile site. These will need to be moved to a future project area and have the current stockpile site cleaned up to Roseburg standards. Our OWEB advance was greater than our expenditures, so we will need to refund OWEB the balance.

Big Creek Helicopter project: Cutting has been completed for riparian alders. Marsh Cr. directional falling has been cancelled. Downed trees on BLM lands are sufficient. Alder falling and conifer planting is still an option on Roseburg land for amount a third of a mile of stream. We have scheduled a meeting on the 10th with BLM and ODFW to go over logistics and safety

concerns. Erik Stamatz from Columbia Helicopters will tour our sites the following week to confirm our plans before the helicopter arrives. We will be requesting an OWEB advance before the helicopter arrives. We are scheduled to begin flying October 1. We still need to haul Roseburg log donations and schedule around an operation on Slide Cr.

West Fork Smith Telling the story: The technical write up draft has been distributed to partners. Feedback has been received from CTCLUSI, ODFW and Dan Van Slyke (retired BLM). Dan provided a lot of good feedback but was very critical of the conclusion that “10 miles of helicopter treatment could have been completed with ground-based machinery for a lower cost and could have provided a better result.” We will assess the 4 tributaries and the headwaters to which I refer, with an excavator operator to determine if this is an accurate statement. The BLM has requested additional time to review this document. The Video is coming along well. We will have a first draft completed Saturday of this week.

Billing will be completed next week for:  
2017-19 OWEB Council Support  
217-2027 Halfway Creek  
217-2005 Big Cr II Helicopter  
217-2025 Lower Wasson  
USFS RAC Lower Wasson  
218-7000 West Fork Smith Telling the Story

Colin is finishing up DIDSON data files and the website and Brian be focusing on billing next week. After next week we will both be focusing on NEPA for next summer’s work and new OWEB applications for November.

### **Business Items:**

Spencer Cr Falls Discussion.

- The Spencer Creek project application received a do not fund ranking from OWEB. OWEB had serious concerns and wanted us to address passage at the falls before doing instream work. ODFW wants us to place instream structures below the falls to try and remedy the poor passage at the falls. I would like to pursue removing the ladder again. Eric and I have talked about bundling this with other old fish ladder infrastructure, such as the 2 on the West Fork Smith. This problem is really the result of fish ladder no longer functioning as intended.

Other ladders to look at:

Vincent Cr Trib – Denali

North Sisters – 3 Concrete sills

West Fork Smith at Crane – 2 Concrete sills

West Fork Smith at Coon – 3 Concrete sills

The BLM can permit removal of all these and have expressed interest in doing so. We will need ODFW on board though.

### **Public Input:**

Board and public recommended moving forward with downstream placements at Spencer Falls.