



Subwatershed Committee

Thursday, January 13, 2022 | 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Virtual

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Ben Jordan, OCD, Chair
- b. Andrea Lubberts, Plaster Creek Stewards
- c. Bill Otten, Rogue River Partners
- d. Sarena Prince, Barry County Conservation District
- e. Amber Snow, Montcomb County Conservation District
- f. Courtney Marek, GVMC/LGROW
- g. Josh Arnold, GVMC/LGROW
- h. Senci Pace, GVMC/LGROW

2. Watershed Resilience

- a. Continuing Social Pinpoint
 - i. LGROW continues there work with using social pinpoint to highlight local watershed problem as areas that are doing well or have been improved in recent years.
 - ii. LGROW is looking to continue spread the word about this tool. Please check this out and leave some comments!
 - iii. <https://gvmc.mysocialpinpoint.com/resilience-plan>
- b. How can LGROW help the subshed groups?
 - i. Committee expressed interest in possibly having a grant writing workshop to help subshed apply and win grants to improve their watersheds.
 - ii. Committee would like field trips to highlight work that other subshed groups as well as generate new ideas for potential projects.
 - iii. Please let LGROW know about upcoming events so LGROW can add events to their calendar

1. February 12th – Rogue River Park Invasive Species Removal



- c. Upcoming Grants
 - i. Upcoming Grant Applications/Partnerships – grant writing season!
 - 1. Great Lakes Fisheries Trust
 - a. Several different types of funding available with different grant schedules
 - b. <https://www.gift.org/>
 - 2. Five Star Urban Waters Grant
 - a. Due Jan 25th 2022
 - b. <https://www.nfwf.org/programs/five-star-and-urban-waters-restoration-grant-program/five-star-and-urban-waters-restoration-grant-program-2022-request-proposals>
 - d. Trainings
 - i. Izaak Walton Salt Watch
 - 1. Ongoing project to sample local water for salts in the wintertime. Data collected will be added to a national data base.
 - 2. <https://www.iwla.org/water/stream-monitoring/winter-salt-watch>
 - 3. Testing kits shortly available from LGROW
 - ii. National Green Infrastructure Classes
 - 1. Classes to begin in March 2022
 - 2. Learn more at: <https://ngicp.org/>
 - e. Conferences
 - i. 2/15/22, 6pm-8pm - Green Cleaning 101 @ Meijer Garden
 - 1. meijergardens.org/calendar/green-cleaning-101/
 - ii. March Virtual - Quiet Adventures Symposium
 - 1. <https://quietwatersociety.org/>
 - iii. 5/14 – 5/20/22 - Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting
 - 1. <https://jasm2022.aquaticsocieties.org/>
 - iv. 5/19- 5/22/22, - LGROW Spring Forum
 - v. 7/17/22 – Watershed Jamboree – Rush Creek / The Refuge Church
- 3. Other Discussion
 - a. Subwatershed Updates



- i. Ben – Planted over 6400 Acres of cover crops over 30 different farmers property
- ii. Rogue River – Hosted an Annual Meeting in November. Continuing to host monthly meetings and they have an upcoming invasive species removal on February 12th.
- iii. Plaster Creek – Getting ready for the upcoming spring and summer season. They are working on getting their college staff worked out for the next season.
- iv. LGROW – Finished site assessments and needed soil borings for the installation of 26 green infrastructure sites in the next few years.
- v. Montcomb County- Working on a large meeting this spring or summer to present their watershed work.

4. Adjourn

- a. Next Meetings: April 14 2022, July 14, 2022, and October 13th 2022