

**Inland Northwest Land Conservancy
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2018**

Board members present: Michelle Anderson, Todd Beyreuther, Carl Griffin, Rod Price, Rob Lindsay, Jake Williamson, and Tom Bradley (by phone)

Board members absent: Michael Currin, Yvonne Smith

Guest present: Casey Brazil

Staff present: Dave Schaub, Vicki Egesdal

Casey Brazil introduced himself before the meeting began.

Quorum having been achieved, Carl Griffin called the meeting to order 3:41 PM.

July board meeting minutes

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, the Board approved as written the previously distributed minutes of the July 31, 2018 board meeting.

August Financials

The board discussed the reports that Vicki Egesdal had prepared. Treasurer Jake Williamson hasn't had a chance to review the financials so the board will hold off on accepting the financials. Jake will send out his report as soon as he has it done.

New conflict of interest policy

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, the Board approved the revised Conflict of Interest Policy as presented.

All board members will need to sign the updated conflict of interest form. Vicki will send out the form as soon as possible. Board members are asked to sign and return it – faxed, scanned or mailed.

Appetite for Conservation

Carl was extremely pleased and thanked the team. Unfortunately the caterer ran out of food – several tables didn't get food – mostly the sponsor tables!!! Dave is working with caterer on compensation. Todd wants it to be clear that the serving staff was fine.

Metrics

Dave presented metrics and asked what the board would like to see going forward. Todd asked if we could show acres protected by project type. Vicki will work with Todd on how best to present that information. Todd would like us to show the value of the work we do, rather than just acres protected.

Conservation Connection

Dave reported that the Conservation Connection program is successful. Dave wants to engage the board more fully and asked each board member sponsor (fill) one Conservation Connection event per year. The event can be at the INLC office, at the board member's home or office, or other venue. Board members are to work with Jolene to schedule. Goal: next year's Appetite for Conservation to be filled with people who have attended Conservation Connections during the year. This year about 50 Appetite guests had been to Conservation Connections. Dave has a signup sheet and asked board members to each sign up for a month.

Rob Lindsay arrived at 4:24

Proposal for capital accounts

Dave noted that the purpose of the various accounts is unclear to him. Dave presented his proposal for the funds (attached). The board is interested in keeping board-designated dollars out of the conservation opportunity fund to maintain flexibility. This is just the beginning of the discussion. Tom Bradley suggests a committee make a proposal. It was agreed that was the role of the executive committee.

Corder easement

The board packet included a proposal authorizing deeding the Corder conservation easement over to Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge, as per the original arrangement with landowner. Michelle Anderson asked about partnership signage. MSP resolution as presented.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, the Board approved as presented the resolution to deed the Corder conservation easement to Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge

REPI

The board discussed the Navy's proposed multi-year encroachment protection agreement. The 5 year proposal provides \$1 million of initial funding to reduce future development on Lake Pend Oreille. Attorney Craig Trueblood reviewed the agreement. Michelle Anderson and Tom Bradley will review the agreement prior to September 27 to make sure we are not responsible for NEPA and 106.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, the Board conditionally approved as presented the resolution to enter into the multi-year agreement with the Navy, subject to Michelle Anderson's and Tom Bradley's review of the agreement prior to September 27.

Executive Committee report

Jake Williamson reported that the Executive Committee reviewed the Rimrock to Riverside (R2R) acquisition strategy and recommends that INLC go full steam ahead with due diligence on the R2R properties. Inherent risks include possible fee acquisition of up to 9 properties. Dave Schaub is looking at various funding strategies, including a capital campaign.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, the Board authorized staff to move forward on due diligence and spend money on appraisals.

Land Protection Committee report

The board reviewed the next 12 months of conservation activity – including Avista projects, 4 CDA Basin projects, Von Lintel, Sprow, and Clausen. Finishing the conservation plan will help with future fundraising.

Dave started a discussion of where we want to be in the future and how we make it sustainable. Ideally INLC would have 3 conservation staff. The EPA's 319 grants are a good opportunity – but we need more staff to take that on.

Rod Price left the meeting at 5:09.

A4C and general fundraisers

Dave distributed profit & loss statements for Appetite for Conservation (A4C) and the 2018 Walla Walla Wine Invitational (WWWI) with comparison to the prior year. There was a 50% return on A4C and only a 10% return on WWWI. Dave wants to stop doing WWWI – it doesn't bring in enough money, it's time consuming, it's expensive, and there's no mission connection. After discussion the consensus was that WWWI was not something we should do again.

New board member

Carl Griffin asked Casey Brazil to leave the meeting. He recommended that the board vote to add Casey Brazil as a new board member.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, the Board voted Casey Brazil onto the board.

Casey Brazil returned to the meeting.

Dave noted that we need an October board meeting to discuss the Coeur d'Alene Basin Trustee agreement. He proposed Monday, October 22. Rob Lindsay would have to call in. The date was OK with Michelle Anderson and Tom Bradley. Dave will send calendar event to the board as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned 5:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Egesdal

Recording Secretary