



Approved November 17, 2020

Clackamas SWCD Board Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2020

This meeting was held via the "Zoom" app.

PRESENT	Directors:	Jeff Becker (Chair), Roger Fantz (Treasurer), Don Guttridge (Secretary) Jan Lee, Jesse Nelson (Vice-Chair), Joan Zuber
	Associate Directors:	John Keith
	Directors Emeritus:	Mike Weinberg
	Staff:	Nicole Ahr, Jason Faucera, Tami Guttridge, Lisa Kilders, Clair Klock, Sam Leininger, Eann Rains, Jenne Reische, Nathan Tucker
	Partners:	
	Guest:	
NOT PRESENT:		Jim Johnson, Director

1 – CALL TO ORDER and ACCEPT AGENDA / PUBLIC COMMENT / DIRECTOR REPORTS / MANAGER’S REPORT ON COMMITTEES

- A. Call to order** – Chair Becker called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 4:00 p.m., October 22, 2020, via the "Zoom" app origination from the Clackamas SWCD office at 22055 S Beaver creek Rd, Beaver creek, Oregon.
- B. Public Comment** – No public comment was given.
- C. Director reports** –
 - Director Fantz reported that things are well at his place. The fires are out, and they are harvesting apples. He is glad that the air is clear.
 - Director Guttridge reported he is also glad that the smoke is gone. The rain that the area has received has the grass in the pasture coming back.
 - Director Lee reminded the Board that the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting will be held via "Zoom" on November 10, 2020. The meeting will be all day, with sessions that attendees may attend or not as they prefer.

- Director Zuber reported that she is glad to be home after the fires. Her property is okay, but five houses in her area have burned. The fires left the area looking very ugly.
- Director Nelson reported he is waiting to dig trees.

D. **Partner reports** – No partners were in attendance.

E. **Manager's report on committees** – Acting General Manager (AGM) Kilders reported that the Finance Committee had met via e-mail to discuss back up needed for the Board regarding credit card and automatic clearing house billings.

2 – MINUTES

A. **September 22, 2020, Regular Board Meeting minutes** – Chair Becker presented the minutes of the September 22, 2020 Board meeting for the Board's approval. The minutes have been reviewed by the Board Secretary.

Directors Guttridge/Nelson moved/seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3 – FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. **Review and accept financial reports** – Staff Tucker presented the District financial reports for September 30, 2020. The District's total assets stood at 9.8 million at the end of September and total liabilities were 7.1 million. The District will be making its first payment against the Department of Environmental Quality loan R22405 this fiscal year, as well as interest payments on the Conservation Resource Center and the Eagle Creek Community Forest.

Directors Fantz/Nelson moved/seconded to approve the financial reports as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

B. **Disbursements** – Staff Tucker presented the disbursements to the Board. Tucker reviewed the Automatic Clearing House (ACH) payment list and the regular disbursements. Check numbers in the disbursement list were 100378 to 100411, with no breaks in the sequence. Total disbursements for October 20, 2020 were \$116,548.17 with \$36,509.77 from the Conservation funds. Tucker noted that the final payment has been made to 4Sight Consulting LLC.

Directors Fantz/Lee moved/seconded to approve the disbursements as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4 – OTHER FINANCIALS

A. **National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) Personal Services Contract Expenditure Authority Increase** – Staff Faucera reported to the Board that the District had received a grant of \$147,220 to conduct the NWQI assessment. Cascade Environment Group (CEG) was awarded a contract in a not-to-exceed (NTE) amount of \$131,500. To date CEG has billed the District for \$115,836 for their work on this project, leaving \$15,664 in the NTE. In addition to this NTE, Portland State University was awarded \$12,009 to analyze the data collected. This left a balance of \$3,711 in grant funds for the project.

CEG has anticipated an overage of \$2,000-\$3,000 above the original \$131,500 if they are to complete several GIS analyses around key issues in the watershed and make assessments of the impact that the wildfires will have on the area.

Staff Faucera asked the board to consider authorizing the General Manager to amend the not-to-exceed expenditure authorization for the Districts contract with Cascade Environmental Group by the remaining amount in the NWQI grant to \$135,211.

Directors Fantz/Guttridge moved/seconded to approve amending the not-to-exceed contract with Cascade Environmental Group to \$135,211 and approve Acting General Manager Kilders to sign the amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. National Association of Conservation District (NACD) Dues** – AGM Kilders asked the Board to approve dues to NACD for \$775. This amount fits in the district budget for this year and is less than paid in the previous two years.

Directors Guttridge/Lee moved/seconded to pay dues to the National Association of Conservation Districts for \$775.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Audit update** – Staff Tucker reported to the Board that he had received the request list for documentation from the auditor. There is nothing out of the ordinary that the auditor is requesting. All the documents have been located at this time, and Tucker thanked Staff Leininger and Rains for locating needed contracts on the computer for him. Tucker hopes to have the information to Richard Winkel, CPA by the first of November.

Presentation on the Clackanomah Oak Habitat Conservation Implementation Strategy (CIS)

Staff Nicole Ahr provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the CIS work being done in the Clackamas and Multnomah areas for the preservation and restoration of oak habitat. From 1850 to 2004 nearly 90 percent of the native white oak habitat and grasslands in the Willamette Valley have been lost. Working with partners in the area, Clackamas and West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation Districts applied for funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service to work on conservation practices to preserve oak habitats. These include oak release via the removal of conifers that shade out oak, weed control, planting new oak seedlings, seeding native grass, planting shrubs, and installing wildlife habitat. Ahr noted the need to get tax-deferral programs in place and forest practices to recognize oak habitat as a valuable public resource that is mostly on private lands.

5 – PROJECTS, PROGRAMS

- A. Resolution 2020-005 Adopting updated and revised public contracting rules and procedures** - AGM Kilders reported to the Board that to clear out surplus items in the barn the District needs to set a surplus policy. Although the District can purchase items through the Oregon State surplus system, the District is unable to use the system to sell items. Policy set through the local contracting board can be used to surplus items owned by the District. In 2005 the District Board passed Resolution # 12205A naming the Board as the Local Contracting Board. This resolution was reviewed by legal counsel in 2012, but the changes had not been brought to the Board. Kilders presented an updated Resolution 2020-005. Directors reviewed and discussed

the changes made by legal counsel.

Directors Fantz/Guttridge moved/seconded to approve Resolution 2020-005 as presented to update the Local Contractors Board and Surplus Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Temporary closures of affected national forests to minimize wildfires** – AGM Kilders presented a letter from David Bugni, a forest landowner near the Eagle Creek Community Forest, to the Board. Mr. Bugni was asking for the Board's support in a request to the US Forest Service to set up a task force to study how to effectively implement more aggressive but temporary closures of national forests that may be at a greater risk of wildfire due to climatic changes and recreational usage. The management team has reviewed the letter and recommends that the District not sign it. The management team and staff feel that a more partnered support of the US Forest Service is needed. Cuts in funding that have happened over the past many years to Forest Service programs would be further eroded by having to put together a task force. The District has a good relationship with the US Forest Service and would prefer to work cooperatively with them to help educate the public about wildfires and how to prevent and/or survive them. Board directors supported the staff's recommendations noting that the District is non-regulatory, that the District partnered with the Forest Service for the Fire Wise education, and that the enforceable closure of the forests would be difficult.

The item did not move forward due to a lack of a motion.

6 – PERSONNEL

- A. General Manager search update** – AGM Kilders reported to the Board that interviews for the general managers position have been scheduled for Friday, October 23, 2020, via the "Zoom" app for the first three candidates. Interviews for two more candidates are scheduled for Friday, October 30, 2020. These interviews will take place in an executive session. Kilders will send out the format for the meeting and the list of questions for the interviews. Chair Becker asked if there would be one person to moderate the questions or round table questioning. It was decided to use a moderator to cut down on confusion. Kilders reminded the Board and staff who would be on the interview teams that they will need to stick to the published questions in fairness to all candidates. There will be opportunities to ask other questions in further interviews.
- B. Comp time policy review** – AGM Kilders reported that she had a note on her calendar to review the change made to the comp time policy last year in October. The policy change stated that employees could bank 15 hours of comp time rather than the 80 hours previously allowed. There have been no problems with the change and the policy will stand.

7 – BOARD AND MANAGER REPORTS

A. Management reports –

- Staff Reische spoke to the Board regarding the work that the planning staff is currently involved in. Reische noted that staff has been working on weed control and site prep for Oak Conservation Implementation Strategies projects. The planning department has been working with Natural Resources Conservation Service, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture, and Oregon State University Extension on wildfire recovery.

- Reische reported on the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) work that CREP technician Drew Donahue is doing. Reische is working closely with her and is impressed with her work so far. Please see Reische's written brief that is included as part of these minutes.
- Staff Leininger spoke with the Board regarding the work of the WeedWise Program. Himalayan blackberry is the weed of the month, now is the time to treat it. There was quite a bit of wind-damage caused by the weather before and during the wildfires. The Forest Service is working to clear many of the areas that the WeedWise crews are working in. Safety is important working in the burn areas, falling trees and rocks are a major concern. Leininger also reported on the work that Staff Cooley has done to maintain the roads at the Eagle Creek Community Forest. Both Cooley and Staff Gattuso have also conducted weed control on Suter Creek that crosses our Eagle Creek Community Forest. Please see Leininger's written brief that is included as part of these minutes.
- AGM Kilders reported on the education and outreach activities. The District has an informational display at the Molalla Fire Resource Center. The display contains helpful contact information for people affected by the wildfires. Staff McQueeney has attended a virtual Diversity, Equity, and Inclusive (DEI) workshop and will report to the District DEI committee. There is a Virtual Adaptive Ag Water Symposium to take place on November 6, 2020. If staff or Board members are interested, they need to register soon as the symposium has a limit of 300 attendees. Please see the Outreach brief that is included as part of these minutes.
- AGM Kilders reported that the erosion control video is due to be shot on November 2 and 3, 2020. Staff Eden is working with landowners that will be participating. Vice-Chair Nelson will have a cameo. Kilders has been working on the Oregon Department of Agriculture quarterly report, on a surplus process for items in the RV barn, and moving forward on the interviews for the General Managers position.
- Staff Faucera reported on the work he is doing. Faucera attended a virtual Land Trust Alliance Rally and brought back information for the Working Lands Committee regarding easements and trail building. The seminar will be available thru 2021.
- The National Water Quality Initiative analysis of the burn severity is going well. The US Geological Service has information regarding sedimentation in the water for emergency management mapping. This will help in planning for future years, but not this year. There will be a Technical Advisory Committee meeting soon followed by outreach to landowners to generate future projects.
- Faucera continues to work with the Oregon Department of Forestry on its tax deferral programs. There will be significant challenges in the State Budget due to the covid-19. There needs to be work on funding to help private individuals with deferrals for riparian and wildlife programs. Faucera is working with other SWCDs on this issue.
- Faucera also reported that if there were no objections from the Board, he would be placing his name in the ring for a position on the Oregon Association of Conservation District Board.

8 – PROPERTY, PLANNING

- A. Building and NRCS Lease process** – Director Guttridge reported that there was a negotiation call with the United States Department of Agriculture regarding the District's lease proposal for the west wing office. Guttridge thanked Staff Faucera for handling the call as he was not available to attend and asked Faucera to report on the call.

Faucera reported that he is working on a second submittal for the lease and that the District was told that the current submittal is close to the USDA's price range. Faucera hopes to have the second submittal ready to go by Thursday, October 22, 2020. If the submittal is approved it is hoped that construction can begin by December 1, 2020.

Faucera also reported to the Board that the District has been in the building for nearly one year, and the warranty walkthrough will be taking place sometime in November. There are several issues the District is still trying to get resolved. These include doors that have significant gaps at the bottom, some wood trim, and a few other items.

9 – OTHER REPORTS

- Director Fantz thanked the management staff for their written reports, he appreciates all their hard work and communication.

ADJOURN AND NEXT MEETING

- The next regular meeting will be on November 17, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.
- There being no further business, Chair Becker adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tami L. Guttridge
Office Administrator



October 20, 2020

BRIEFING NOTE FOR THE CLACKAMAS SWCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RE: Conservation Planning Program Update

Native Grassland Project

One project being implemented via the EQIP Oak CIS is a seven-acre white oak/native grassland in Canby. Planning staff, and Weedwise staff, has been helping the landowner with various conservation projects on their 24-acre parcel since 2010. The property sits along a stretch of the Molalla River and was purchased over ten years ago with the intent of restoring the degraded land to a diverse mix of wildlife habitat. In recent years, restoration work is concentrated in the uplands and involves converting what was previously a fallow and weedy field to a native oak upland meadow. After several years of preparing the field with several weed treatments annually, early this month the native “conservation cover” was installed among the previously planted oak trees. The conservation cover seed consisted of several native



grass species and flowering forbs that will provide pollinator habitat. In addition to the seeding activities, staff Jenne Reische recently met with Oregon Department Fish and Wildlife staff to elicit feedback on ways to further improve habitat at the site. Planning staff are currently working on two native grassland projects in the county, this one funded via the EQIP Oak CIS and other in Mulino funded by the US Fish and Wildlife Service Partners program. Although grassland restoration projects on private land are not common, when feasible they are very beneficial since this habitat type is critical for many native species and becoming increasingly rare.

Contractor seeding at the Canby grassland site.

Wildfire Response

Recently technical assistance requests from landowners affected by the wildfires have started rolling in. In preparation for this, the planners have attended trainings and webinars by hosted by OSU Extension, with input from professionals at NRCS, ODA, and others with wildfire expertise in order to assist landowners with post fire assessments and recommendations. Information has included what federal emergency resources and programs are available to folks affected by disastrous fires. Planners can recommend starting places for program signups such as FEMA, FSA and NRCS and provide contact and application information to those interested. As capacity allows, planning staff are also helping to provide limited general technical assistance and



Wildfire damage to trees & hay land at a Springwater farm.

recommendations for any immediate needs relating to erosion control, soil stabilization or hazardous trees. In addition to working with landowners, planning staff are also coordinating with partner groups, such as watershed councils within the burned areas to facilitate getting assistance to those that might need it.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Update

Our new CREP Technician is happy to report that all CREP re-enrollments were submitted before the deadline at the end of September. A total of 8 landowners have been re-enrolled in the program, which equates to approximately 72 bird houses and 2 raptor pole perches being placed in CREP buffers.



A recent CREP site visit on Butte Creek in Clackamas County.

Since the beginning of October, Drew has been in contact with many new landowners that are interested in the program, six of which are in Clackamas County. She is also working with landowners currently enrolled in the program and signing off their installed CREP activities (practices).

Drew reports that none of landowners with CREP contracts in our county have been affected by the fire. However, she recently began collaborating with NRCS and FSA on ways the CREP program could be utilized to help people that may need restoration work in riparian areas due to fire damage.

Updates from Virtual Small Farm School

Matt VanWey reports that the new format for Small Farm School has been a success, with 7 sessions completed and 12 more to go. On average, each session has 150 registrants although live attendance is averaging around 70 as many folks will view the recordings. Each session is recorded and available to anyone who registers. Sessions that have been completed and recorded so far include poultry for beginners, food safety, growing winter veggies, equitable food access, pasture management, starting a farm business, marketing and branding, and dry farming. Of the 7 sessions completed, the average rating has been 4.7 out of 5.0. Coming up are sessions on sustainable hemp production, running a CSA, flower production, weed management, bookkeeping, soil ecology, bookkeeping, and more.





Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District

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BRIEFING NOTE FOR THE CLACKAMAS SWCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Re: Education and Outreach Program Update

Working with Partners to Provide Fire Resources

Outreach staff set up a display at the Molalla Fire Resource Center which included general information about the District's services as well as informational handouts from our NRCS partners and Clackamas County. This center is the hub for all services, including FEMA, for residents in Clackamas County who were impacted by the recent wildfires.

Additionally, ongoing and updated information and resources have been shared on the District website and via social media.



Virtual Adaptive Ag Water Symposium



In collaboration with the [Dry Farming Institute](#) and OSU, District outreach staff helped to develop a webinar series on water, drought, and wildfire impacts on agriculture. This symposium will be held on November 6, 2020 and is limited to 300 participants. There are three sessions:

- Landscape Rehydration with Water Harvesting Structures
- Oregon's Ag Water Future – Water Law
- Drought, Wildfire Risk, and Climate Change

REGISTER HERE or contact Teagan Moran with any questions at 541-713-5011 – Teagan.moran@oregonstate.edu. This event will be recorded and archived.

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DEI Action Team

Education and Outreach staff participated in a multi-part work session entitled “Make Yourself Obsolete: Shifting Power from Non-Profit Leadership to Community Leadership.” This is one of several diversity, equity, and inclusion offerings provided by the [Wallace Center’s Food Systems Leadership Network](#). Resources gathered from this educational series will be shared with District staff at the next DEI Action Team Meeting.



Small Farm School Enjoys Record Participation!



Small Farm School 2020 is going strong. Participants are still invited to enroll. Sessions are provided as webinars twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.) through mid-November. The \$35 registration fee enables participants to join any and all of the sessions in which they are interested and also allows them access to the recorded webinars to view on their own schedule. Sessions include topics include:

- New Farmers: Poultry, How to Start a Farm Business
- Land Care: Dry Farming, Pasture Management, Hemp Production, Soil Ecology
- Marketing: Food Safety, Brand Identity, Running a CSA
- Vegetables: Weed Control, Winter Vegetables
- Flowers, Data Tracking, Bookkeeping, and more!

Newest Articles on the Website

- [2020 Wildfire Resource](#)
- [Fraud Alert!](#)
- [Post-fire Erosion Control and Rehabilitation](#)
- [October Invasive Weed of the Month: Himalayan Blackberry](#)

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RE: WeedWise Program Update

Weed of the Month: Himalayan Blackberry



This month the WeedWise program is highlighting [Himalayan blackberry \(*Rubus bifrons*\)](#) as our [weed of the month](#). Himalayan blackberry is one of our most impactful noxious weeds in Oregon. An [economic analysis conducted by the Oregon Department of Agriculture](#) found a \$40 million reduction in personal income to Oregonians from Himalayan blackberry. If left untreated impacts from Himalayan blackberry is estimated to result in losses of more than \$260 million annually.

The introduction of Himalayan blackberry has an [interesting history](#). Purportedly the product of famed plant breeder Luther Burbank, Himalayan blackberry has escaped cultivation to take over much of western Oregon and Washington.

October is a great time to control blackberry. Fruit production has dropped off and as plants are starting to reallocate resources down into their roots. Control of blackberry at this time of the year is not only the most effective, but it also minimizes potential impacts to birds posed by treatment activities. Be sure to check out our [Best Management Practices](#) to learn more about control of this important noxious weed.

Clackamas Wildfires and Wind Damage



Our forests were impacted by more than just fire. The strong winds that accompanied the fires resulted in significant amounts of downed trees in areas within and adjacent to burn areas. This will greatly complicate management efforts in our forests. (Photo courtesy of Mt Hood National Forest)

The wildfires and windstorms that have swept across Clackamas County will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on our region and are communities. This catastrophic event will undoubtedly color how we view and manage our natural systems. As many evacuated residents of Clackamas County are returning to their homes to assess the damage, they will be seeing their natural areas and surrounding vegetation with a new appreciation.

Fire is a natural component in nearly all systems. In fact, plant communities are often described [by their fire return intervals](#). From an ecological perspective, fire is not only expected, but ultimately a necessary function of the landscape. Fires serve to [moderate forest pest populations](#) and can serve to create a mosaic of mixed habitat types and age classes that benefit a broad diversity of wildlife species.

Unfortunately, the presence of invasive weeds in wildfires areas, can undermine forest regeneration and can permanently alter the post-fire plant community. We are seeing these impacts in the Columbia Gorge, where species like Herb Robert (*Geranium robertianum*) have exploded in abundance after the Eagle Creek fire and are inhibiting native understory regeneration.

There is a lot of concern that we may see similar responses here in Clackamas County. Fortunately, The WeedWise program has



Invasive species like Herb Robert have completely taken over the forest understory in portions of the Eagle Creek burn area.

been surveying and treating sites in a significant portion of the Riverside fire through the Clackamas River Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP). This effort should help us to identify areas needing active post-fire management. Unfortunately, in the footprint impacted by Beachie Creek fire we have much less information available. As a result, we are working with our partners from BLM to consolidate data and secure additional funding to formulate a meaningful response.

Even though the fires continue to burn, ([Beachie Creek is currently 80% contained and the Riverside is 72% contained](#)), efforts are already underway to respond in the coming season. The Forest Service and BLM is working through the Burn Area Emergency Response (BAER) process and the WeedWise program has been in consultation with them regarding potential efforts in the coming season. We are hopeful that resources will be allocated to help address invasive species concerns.

Since massive wildfires, like those experienced this year are rare in our region, WeedWise staff have also been working to increase our working knowledge of post-fire responses. We have been reaching out to our partners at East Multnomah SWCD that helped spearhead weed control efforts following the Eagle Creek Fire and we are learning from their experience. We are very grateful for the strong partnerships we have developed in our region and expertise that we can collectively apply to this issue.

[Eagle Creek Community Forest Maintenance](#)



The WeedWise program has also been busy implementing fall maintenance work at the Eagle Creek Community Forest. Justin has taken a leadership role and has been spearheading the control of invasive weeds along the road system using the District's power sprayer purchased earlier this season. The power sprayer has been a great addition to our program, and we are already seeing savings to the District by deferring costs that would normally have been outsourced to weed control contractors.

Courtney was also able to join Justin in assessing the riparian weed control work implemented in conjunction with the Sutter Creek restoration work. Justin and Courtney were able to traverse down into the riparian corridor and have reported that the reed canary grass patches treated earlier this season are showing good control.

Mt Hood National Forest Reporting



With the end of the federal year last month, comes our annual reporting to our federal partners. This past month, WeedWise staff have been working hard to document our treatments on the Mt Hood National Forest.

Our efforts on the Mt Hood national Forest are undertaken with support for the Forest Service through their retained receipts program. This program is allowing us to treat many priority noxious weeds, and prevent their continued spread both on and off the forest. The Mt Hood National Forest has been a strong supporter of our work in the Sandy and Clackamas Basins.

Specific project work in these areas have focused on the Lolo Pass hawkweed control efforts, and the Clackamas River Invasive Species Partnership, upper watershed treatments. This season Lindsey and Courtney report treating **618 net acres spread across 1343 gross acres**. This is no small feat, especially given the many complications over the last season.

Knotweed Season Wrapping Up



The WeedWise program has been busy over the last two months treating invasive knotweed at various locations across the Clackamas County. Optimal treatment for the invasive knotweeds occurs in the fall when plants are reabsorbing nutrients from above ground growth and translocating them back down into their roots systems.

To take advantage of this biological characteristic we limit control efforts to this narrow window to help achieve optimal treatments. This season we have experienced a multitude of challenges this season that have really complicated our work.

Budget constraints have limited our capacity in the Sandy, Molalla, and lower Willamette basins. Even in areas of the Clackamas, where we have secured additional funding our work has been met with logistic constraints that effect all of our operations due to COVID, wildfires, unhealthy air quality, and adverse weather conditions.

Despite all these challenges, WeedWise staff and contractors have completed **99 knotweed treatments** so far this season. With just a couple more weeks for the season, we are still hoping to add to this total! Many thanks to Lindsey, Courtney, and Justin for all their efforts this season.

Cooperative Weed Management Areas



4-County CWMA

The 4-County CWMA has been very active in the last month. We recently held a general meeting hosted virtually by our partners at Tualatin SWCD. This meeting included an overview of weed control efforts underway in Washington County, an introduction to the [reworked iMapInvasives 3.0](#), an introduction to the use of eDNA for detecting invasive species, and an overview of Japanese beetle eradication efforts currently underway.

The Education and Outreach Committee has also begun work on planning for our annual Pull Together event. This season, we will be hosting the event remotely. This revamping of the platform poses some new challenges, but also potentially reduces cost and increases flexibility for remote presenters.

Although, our attendees may miss the opportunity to socialize and connect, the preliminary planning for the event promises to compensate attendees with some amazing presenters.

The 4-County CWMA is also continuing to work on our annual report and funder packet. Courtney has been spearheading this effort, but Sam and Lindsey are contributing financial reports and project summaries for inclusion in the annual report.

Columbia Gorge CWMA

The Columbia Gorge CWMA Steering Committee met recently to discuss current partner capacity in light of all the COVID and wildfire-related disruptions. They also discussing our upcoming general meeting scheduled for October 28th. At this meeting we will be hearing from ODA entomologist, Joel Price about the results from the first season of knotweed biocontrol.

The Columbia Gorge Education and Outreach Committee also hosted a planning session for its annual event known as the Invasive Species and Exotic Pest workshop (ISEP) during [National Invasive Species Awareness Week](#). This meeting was carried out in conjunction with the Washington Invasive Species Council that has been a sponsor for the event for the last several years through a grant from USDA APHIS.

This event is sure to be a great event with one confirmed speaker, Dr. David Coyle who is the current president of the [North American Invasive Species Management Association](#), and a Associate Professor at Clemson University. Dr. Coyle will discussing their [Bradford Pear bounty program](#) and for potential to expand this model for the treatment of Tree-of-Heaven. Tree-of-heaven is the preferred host for the highly invasive and damaging spotted lanternfly, that [was recently discovered in a Corvallis this past month](#).

The Columbia Gorge CWMA is also working on drafting its annual report. Courtney is spearheading this effort well. Sam will be contributing financial reports and Courtney is planning to draft a project summary of the Lolo Pass hawkweed work for inclusion in the annual report.

Voucher Approval List

10/7/2020

Date	Number	Payee	Memo	Payment
10/7/2020	100378	4Sight Consulting, LLC	CSWCD: Arch Fees 01/2020 [CRC] Final 09/2020	9,950.00
10/7/2020	100379	AFLAC	Acct: LGF14 10/2020	766.21
10/7/2020	100380	Nicole Ahr	Reimbursement: Mileage 09/2020	71.76
10/7/2020	100381	Clackamas Community College	CSWCD: Award2020 [Rohling 1112843 06/2020] 10/2020	3,000.00
10/7/2020	100382	Clackamas Dept of Finance	CSWCD: EE/ER Benefits 10/2020	21,351.50
10/7/2020	100383	E & A Systems Incorporated	CSWCD: SRL-7010 Betancourt [50%] 10/2020	6,400.00
10/7/2020	100384	Green Banks, LLC	WW-2019-05 [WW-CG-2020-04] 07/2020	6,817.31
10/7/2020	100385	Northwest Local Government Legal Advisors, LLC	CSWCD: Prof Svcs [Legal] 08/2020-09/2020	3,100.00
10/7/2020	100386	Oregon City Garbage, Inc	Acct: 57768000 10/2020	96.90
10/7/2020	100387	Oregon State University	CSWCD: Award2020 [Hayes 933186685 06/2020] 10/2020	3,000.00
10/7/2020	100388	Jennifer Reische	Reimbursement: Mileage 09/2020	172.50
10/7/2020	100389	SADA Systems, Inc	CSWCD: G Suite 09/2020-09/2021	4,356.00
10/7/2020	100390	Marilyn L Sheets	CSWCD: SRL-7001 [REFUND 09/2020] Wildfire Deferral 09/2020	200.00
10/7/2020	100391	Special Districts Insurance Services	WC-20/21 [35W18476-100] 7/1/20	594.22
10/7/2020	100392	Spire Technologies, Inc	Acct: 02208 11/2020	450.00
10/7/2020	100393	VOYA Financial OSGP	CSWCD: 457b EE/ER Contributions PPE09302020	11,685.55

Subtotal: 72,011.95

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10/19/2020	100394	Ash Creek Forest Management, LLC	DOG-1823-4021; DOG-1923-4040; DOG-1822-4032 10/2020	4,967.28
10/19/2020	100395	Capital Press	Acct: CP80145518 Sub 11/2020	55.00
10/19/2020	100396	Cascade Environmental Group, LLC	PSC-1820-4037 NWQI 09/2020	1,222.50
10/19/2020	100397	Champoeg Nursery	DOG-1922-4039 Riparian 09/2020	449.25
10/19/2020	100398	Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts	CSWCD: Dues 20/21	3,500.00
10/19/2020	100399	Coulter Printing, Inc	Job#39250 Oak CIS 08/2020	55.85
10/19/2020	100400	Coverall North America, Inc	Acct: 157-6800 10/2020	567.00
10/19/2020	100401	E & A Systems Incorporated	CSWCD: SRL-7008 Huffman Bal 10/2020	12,500.00
10/19/2020	100402	Scott Eden	Reimbursement: Mileage 10/2020	168.13
10/19/2020	100403	Verena Fabian	DOG-1822-4032 [Planting] 10/2020	75.00
10/19/2020	100404	Green Banks, LLC	WW-2019-05 [CRISP LK-2020-11] 10/2020	7,460.27
10/19/2020	100405	HERITAGE	DOG-1922-4039 Seed 09/2020	300.00
10/19/2020	100406	Integrated Resource Management	WW-2019-06 [McIver] 08/2020	3,094.10
10/19/2020	100407	Kuznetsov Thinning Company	WW-2019-08 [CRISP-LK-2020-10] 10/2020	6,566.44
10/19/2020	100408	Pamplin Media Group	Acct: 81177287 1yr 11/2020	48.00
10/19/2020	100409	Oregon PERS	ER# 8043 07/2020-06/2021	15.40
10/19/2020	100410	Sound Native Plants Inc	WW-2019-12 [CRISP-LK-2020-12] 09/2020	1,097.43
10/19/2020	100411	Special Districts Insurance Services	Acct: 02-0018476 WC 07/2020	2,394.57

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