

Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative
Meeting Minutes - April 27th, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Community Baptist Church in Florence, Oregon

- ❖ Hard copies of the completed Strategy Document (“the book”) were provided at this meeting, along with a description of the roll-out process: (Dina requested that if you took some copies for other folks to let Lisa, Dina, or Andy know in order to minimize duplicate efforts in contacting people)
 - A joint press release went out in February, including the website link for access to electronic copies, which is SaveOregonDunes.org
 - There were 600 copies of the book printed originally, there may be about 200 left now. Lisa will keep track of when to order more
 - Multiple members of the ODRC conducted some local radio interviews recently
 - Kirk will take some copies of the book to share with the SUDS group at their next meeting
 - If you’re associated with the ODRC but weren’t at this meeting and would like a copy of the book, Lisa will coordinate getting a hard copy of the book to you
 - Two edits will be made to subsequent printings of the book: the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians will be acknowledged, and the correct photo of the Tiger Beetle will be displayed
 - The Outreach Work Group has been keeping track of events on a calendar, and has a book-release tracking spreadsheet
 - Andy brought some samples of the rack card to disseminate to hotels and other establishments, as well as posters, foldable table placards, a portable stand-up banner, and name card badges. It costs several hundred dollars a year to maintain the website which we’ll need to figure out how to fund. If you’d like a name tag for public outreach events, please contact Andy
 - Dina ordered shirts and has them available for \$10 dollars for short-sleeve, \$16.50 for long-sleeve, plus about 2 bucks for XL or XXL
 - Outreach Work Group needs volunteers, especially in the southern region, so please help get the word out and recruit your friends and neighbors. She does a lot of field trips with school kids whose parents apparently have no idea the dunes are disappearing and are asking what they can do, indicating we need to

expand our education efforts and maximize growth. Volunteer – speaking in public, writing columns or stories, publishing online...think about what your skills are and how best you and others you know can contribute

- Andy mentioned that the students build a Facebook page, but then graduated leaving us with limited administration access
 - Jeff described a RARE (resource assistance for rural environments) opportunity: a couple months ago he became aware of university students and AmeriCorps participants opportunities to serve as interns to help communities. Timeline for applications was mid-April, and due to short turn-around time he made a command decision to add staff capacity and put together an application for grad level with some working experience for an 11 month term. That application is currently under review. By June they will be matching up the applicants, conducting interviews in mid-July, making selections by August, and on-boarding in September. Andy has volunteered to act as supervisor and Kirk/CPRD is the official applicant and fiscal agent. These folks will be focused on volunteer coordination efforts and helping with outreach
 - Jim had dozens of kids out at the Day-Use recently and is always looking for help with volunteers/supervisors for these activities
 - Kirk gave an NFWF PTI grant update – we’ve got \$20,000 left and he’s working with Armand to use this money on the ground rather than federal employee salary
 - Lisa says let her know of any events upcoming so she can help get the word out through press releases, etc. Also, before and after pictures are helpful
 - Jeff suggested putting an event calendar on the website along with a flag asking for volunteer help
 - Cindy mentioned that the Coos Watershed Council has created a gorse action group, with website and a comprehensive gorse plan. See gorseactiongroup.org for more information
 - Bill mentioned that the Old Smokey’s applied for a grant (retired Forest Service PNW employees) for \$2,200 to supplement the Travel Oregon grant to enable reprinting of brochures and conduct other outreach activities
- ❖ Gave an update about the status of the NEPA effort: the ID team has been assembled, scoping has occurred, two action alternatives are being developed... the “extensive” alternative (original proposed action, plus a few additional treatment areas) includes

about 16,000 acres of potential treatment areas and includes some “buffer areas” to allow for EDRR, and it covers all three restoration goals of the Strategy; the “intensive” alternative is focused more on the shorter term and includes the preserve the best and site specific goals of the Strategy, it doesn’t include landscape-scale treatments due to concerns with wildlife. The Draft EA is anticipated to be out for public comment in late summer. Here is the link to the scoping documents that were provided to the public during the scoping period... <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52946>

- ❖ Gave an update about the current status of the CWMA: 3 meetings have been held to develop the CWMA, along with 4 EDDR workshops, plus they’ve been working with Jim and the Power of Florence for education, outreach, and weed pulls with students to both learn and work; presentations were given to the Siuslaw Watershed Council and a presentation with Andy at the Lane county commissioners meeting. The website includes MOUs, dunes management plan, maps, and other materials. Forest Service folks with Marty and others helped to spend 200 acres worth of dollars in existing plover areas. Another \$20k of NFWF funding will also be spent on the ground.
 - The meeting today, after the ODRC, was designed to go over next steps to gel and get more partners. Define roles and responsibilities. Build committees and gain more traction to build on momentum so far. Getting in position to capitalize on NEPA decision coming late this year, and working with grant committees.

- ❖ We went over the results of the survey that circulated recently to sense how folks are feeling about how the ODRC is going and where improvements could be made. Part of the suggested improvements were to provide more support for the Work Groups. To that end, these folks were identified as Work Group leaders, and members:
 - 1-Communications and Outreach: Andy V. and Lisa R. Dina, Mike H., Ana, Dani, Cyndi K.
 - 2-Volunteer coordination: Bill B, Dan M, and Armand R. Jim, Dina, Cyndi K, Lisa.
 - 3-Education: Dina P. and Brian H. Jim, Chandra, Lisa, Ana, Dani, Armand, Cyndi K, Dan M, Jane, Marty.

There are two pieces to this group: alerting the public that the dunes are disappearing, and working with local business etc to educate them and have them help recruit more help/volunteers

- 4-Monitoring: Jane K, Chandra, and Armand. Cyndi P, Kyle, Marty, Cyndi K.
 - 5-Funding and resources: Jeff U. and Dani P. Kyle, Mike H., Cyndi K. They need to know from each of the other Work Groups: 1- what to fund; 2- how much money is needed; 3- when is it needed; and 4- whether it's implementation on areas already under NEPA, or activities other than implementation such as outreach, education, monitoring, etc.
 - Work Group updates will be standing agenda items at ODRC meetings so they can share their work and progress with everybody else
 - If you weren't at this meeting and you would like to become a participant on one or more of these Work Groups, please contact Donni.
 - The Work Group discussions centered around these questions: what is the purpose of the Work Group; what are the goals and objectives; what are the roles of the members; what are the forms and timing of communications (with other Work Groups and the larger ODRC); what is needed from the other Work Groups at this point; what kinds of activities/projects is the Work Group engaged in and list the top 1 to five that the Work Group is tackling first.
 - The Work Groups are responsible for setting their own schedules aside from the standing ODRC meetings, and it'd be helpful if they sent out monthly updates to the ODRC.
- ❖ The CWMA convened for a bit after the ODRC segment of the day was completed. Part of their next steps is to work across boundaries and identify prioritize areas (develop the "implementation plan")
 - ❖ A field trip will be scheduled for August, and coordinated by Dina, Cindy, Marty, and Jane. Jody and Courtney were also mentioned as important participants. Jody was not able to be at this meeting because he was in the field implementing some work around the Signal Tree, and he'd like this work to be incorporated into this field trip
 - ❖ Our next ODRC meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 5th