

**Meeting Minutes
Coordinating Team Meeting – Sept. 25, 2018, 2:00 p.m.
Library at Bown Crossing
2153 E Riverwalk Dr., Boise 83706**

- 2:00 Welcome, Call to Order, Agenda Review, Introductions, Approve Minutes
- Reviewed minutes from last meeting: motion, second to approve the minutes, motion approved.

- 2:10 CT Election results
- Election results: 3 nominees; 54 members voted “yes”. Erv Ballou, Mike Homza and Adam Bass are elected for a 2-year term starting October 1, 2018.

Leadership discussion

- We will offer an opportunity for folks to move around to serve on different subcommittees and leadership positions starting November.
- At the November meeting, we will elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Think about the areas where you would like to grow. If you are interested in the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary positions, please feel free to speak with Liz, Phil, Michael H., or Tamsen.
- We also need leaders to serve on each subcommittee!
- CT position is a 2-year term. Leadership positions are a 1-year term. We could make sure there is overlap between terms ending and election of new leadership positions.

Social get-together

- Last year we held an orientation and social get-together downtown. With only two new members joining our team, the focus this year would just be a social get-together for the Coordinating Team and Board.
- Date: November 1st from 5:30-7:00pm
- Location: Do we want to do it at 10 Barrel or at someone’s house? Microbreweries perhaps? It would be about 20 people and we probably want food.
- Liz will look into a location with Charissa and Jessie’s help.
- We need a Coordinating Team member to host the event.

- 2:25 Annual Membership Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Party
- Date: November 28th, 2018 from 5:30-7:30pm!
 - We talked about doing a member feedback survey to get feedback from the membership as a survey to see what folks would like to be involved in for future events.
 - Charissa, Jessie and Lisa are organizing, and Erin is helping with sponsors.
 - Slackline Band will be performing
 - Organizing team is working on a great ice breaker (river trivia).



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Leadership Boise

- Last meeting Suzy from Tetra Tech came to the meeting to invite BREN to join the Boise Chamber of Commerce. It was voted to pursue membership
- Tetra Tech sponsored and paid for BREN's membership for 2018-2019.
- We are featured at the Leadership Boise event on October 10 "Infrastructure and Environment" at the Water Center.
- BREN's presentation spot is from 11:40-12:10pm and Lisa will be speaking
- Could use volunteers (Liz volunteered). Could give Suzy a booth or poster to put up in the morning

2:35 Board Report

- Board of directors has seven members. Executive committee exists as well.
- The Board met on September 12th. Plan to meet 3x a year.
- Next meeting will be near the beginning of February to approve the final fiscal report in preparation for finalizing taxes and approval of budget for 2019.
- Meet again in November of next fall.
- Kathy was appointed to sign the contract with the BOR.
- Board approved river safety protocol.
- Recommended to put together a checklist for general outreach events
- Starting at the November meeting, Tamsen and Maria will represent the Board on the Coordinating Team.
- The Board must approve a resolution to establish the Coordinating Team as a Standing Director's committee on a yearly basis. The draft was presented to the CT, which includes changes to the financial procedures between the CT and Board
- Working within an approved budget with some flexibility is the general idea to the financial changes.
- The CT will start the new budget in November and finalize in January, at which point the Board must approve the budget.
- The CT resolution will be voted on by the Board over the next month.

Financial Report and Fundraising update

- Financial report mirrors our budget. Current balance is over \$20,000. However, \$10,000 of this is earmarked for the Cottonwood Creek education and Outreach project.
- We have met our fundraising goal for this year. We're still planning an end of the year giving campaign for friends of BREN. We're waiting to see if we received the Cliff bar grant for \$8,000, which will provide general funding.
- We have enough funds to cover remaining expenses for this year.
- Good to discuss work plan for next year soon.

Coordinator Report – Liz

- Coordinator report was sent out via email to the Board and Coordinating Team.
- It included invoices which provides more detail.



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- There is a ton of outreach and administrative work being done.
- Great work everyone!

2:55 Proposal to join the Resource Conservation District

- The RC&D is a national nonprofit similar to BREN. IT coordinates other projects similar to BREN. They look for grants and opportunities to be at the table. It includes the Cities (City of Boise, Mountain Home is a member). They have the capability to help with fiscal management.
- Meetings are very well run and very well focused.
- It is \$50/year to join. Kathy recommends joining in January and trying it out for the year.
- Kathy will talk to Debbie Cook about participation and is willing to attend most of the meetings on BREN's behalf.

3:00 Discussion of Barber Hydro Project relicensing

- Barber Dam/ Barber Hydro Project: it creates Barber pool area in Boise River. It was originally built in 1908 for Barber Mill for logging. New hydro project was built. They went through FERC licensing and ENEL Green Power operates and they have a contract to Idaho Power to sell this power.
- This project is coming up for relicensing. It is a major federal action. NEPA analysis will be done. What role could BREN play, if at all?
- Idea put forward to provide education on the Barber Pool and Dam. Providing stakeholders information about the project – what it would look like if things remained the same, if the dam was left in place and restoration was carried out, or if the dam was removed. No decision need to be made at this time.

3:10 Outreach - Report and upcoming

- Great job on Boise Boogie! There is some fine tuning which could occur. We could take the stand to present more about BREN and let our presence be known.
- Our presentation material should be standardized and built upon.
- Relationship with Shakespeare Festival was well received.
- Book reading down by the river and flow trips have also occurred.
- BREN had 2 clean-up/ stewardship events with Xylem. Third and final event with xylem on October 25th, 2018.

3:20 Cottonwood Creek Project update

- BREN is partnered with TU on this project, with TU serving as the project manager.
- BREN and TU negotiated a MOU to form a team that would facilitate the project. Mike Homza, Derek Risso and Liz Paul will serve as BREN representatives.
- First project report due in end of February in which TU will prepare.
- Tamsen is contracted to assist in the grant administration in conjunction with TU.

The logo features a stylized blue river flowing from a mountain range with green peaks. A horizontal line of green dots is positioned above the river's upper section.

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3:40 Google Team Drive

- BREN now has a Google Team drive where all documents are located.
- Folks must have a Google Account to gain access.
- Please send Tamsen your gmail/Google Account so that you can be added
- Please be consistent when saving and naming folders.

3:45 Guest speaker Lauren Zinsser, USGS

- USGS employee working with surface water and metal contaminants.
- Latest data shows a 30% drop in phosphorus levels at Parma over the past decade. Is likely a combination of wastewater treatment upgrades, land conversion and best management practices being implemented on agricultural fields. More data is needed to identify the primary sources of phosphorus and reasons for recent decline.
- USGS is working on a Treasure Valley Groundwater Model that includes the mainstem and tributaries – this means more monitoring has occurred over the past few years.
- Liz has a thumb drive if we would like to look at information on Water Quality Trading.
- Lauren Zinsser wrote a blog for BREN on the latest phosphorus update – check it out!

4:15 Announcements and Public Comments

- Next Coordinating Meeting: Located at: Boise watershed November 13, 2018

4:30 Close - optional tour of stormwater system