

**MEETING MINUTES
 ORWARN Board Meeting
 August 17, 2017
 Portland Water Bureau
 400 SW 6th Avenue, 2nd Floor
 Portland, OR 97204**

Attendance

Mary Ellen Collentine, Chair	Portland Water Bureau
Gina Johnson, Secretary (via telephone)	City of Klamath Falls
Michelle Owens, Member-at-Large (via telephone)	City of Baker City
Ronnie Mompellier, Member-at-Large (via telephone)	Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
Stephanie Pensellin, Treasurer (via telephone)	Eugene Water & Electric Board

1. Meeting called to order at 10:11 a.m.
2. Introductions and Announcements - None
3. Appearance of Associate Members and Interested Citizens: None
4. Approval of meeting minutes from May, 2017 and June, 2017: Owens moves to approve Minutes approved. Approved unanimously
5. Old Business
 - a. Website Improvement Updates – Deferring website discussion until September
 - b. 2018 Conference Planning – Stephanie says that she and Jeremiah have run through some ideas and initially looked for rates in February but decided that might not be good weather time of year and was wondering about moving the conference back to fall. Mary Ellen says that we moved away from the Fall to try to get online with Board Member elections with other organizations. Stephanie says that they’re struggling to find the right time to hold a conference. Michelle says that February would depend on weather for the eastsiders but feels like there would be plenty of participation from the westsiders. Pensellin says that there’ve been major ice storms in February the last few years and is making them question the February timing. Stephanie asks about going in with another conference. Mary Ellen says that we could explore that again and tried to go in with OEM a couple of years ago and it wasn’t very successful and then we don’t get revenue when partnering with another group. Mary Ellen suggests going back to Fall (early September) and going coastal as we seemed to get a lot of operators and says that the coast and central Oregon are both draws. Stephanie says that she’s looked at some lodge in Stephenson not very far from Hood River. Mary Ellen suggests Hood River maybe to keep it an Oregon location. Stephanie wonders if we look at Skamania would

we be able to work with WAWARN and Mary Ellen says that that group has been having a difficult time with organization but could explore this option. Mary Ellen would like to try to land on something at the September meeting. Michelle says that she went to an APWA conference in Hood River at a Best Western and it was a good conference and the event center was easy to use and nice, etc. About an hour from Portland. Stephanie says that Skamania rates were fairly competitive with everyone else. Stephanie says will look into the Best Western at Hood River. If we go to Skamania maybe we could do a joint exercise with WaWARN

- c. 2018 Field Exercise/Training for Water -
6. New Business:
- a. Solar Eclipse: Mary Ellen says PWB are doing a very light activation by providing a presence at the EOC to support transportation and the City. Michelle says that they're really worried about their watershed and wildfire because of all the people travelling in. Mary Ellen says that they've been partnering with the Forest Service and staging rangers around the water shed and putting up no campfire signs all along the road. Source water protection grant Michelle got to help with security and signage, etc. PWB owns a drone but is having difficulty getting permission from the City Attorney's office to use it for patrolling the water shed. Mayr Ellen says that would also like to use a drone after major emergencies to do inspections in the event it's not safe to send people in. Owens says that she was thinking about deploying a drone for cattle patrol around the water shed. Michelle says that people are going to try local help at first and doesn't see that ORWARN will be activated unless it's really severe or maybe for device but traffic is going to be the issue to bring help in from the outside. Mary Ellen says that she will have her cell phone and will be available that way and we can help with contact information.

- 7. Sharing – None

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.