

Section III Organizational Structure

For general guidance, on Section III, see page 9 of the instructions. For applications that include more than one council, see page 5 of the instructions.

Organization Make-up and Citizen Involvement

14. Briefly describe how the council is organized and governed, including how the council makes decisions and resolves differences of opinion. Include a description of the decision making body, committees, or other watershed working groups and how members are recruited and retained.

In accordance with HB 2215 which TLBP was formed under, the Board of the Tenmile Lakes' Basin Partnership is made up of sixteen seated voting members representing a balance of the varied interests of public and private ownership within the Tenmile basin. Members are recruited by word of mouth, advertising, letters, and attending stakeholder meetings. The Council is a self-perpetuating group. Members are seated for an indefinite period. The member is nominated by an organization or stakeholder group, and serves until the sponsoring group withdraws the designation or names another person. For Board positions filled by landowner representatives, membership is withdrawn if the owner(s) sells or otherwise ceases to be an active landowner. All potential Board members are formally approved by the Board before becoming official Board members.

Note: The Tenmile Lakes' Basin Partnership is not a 501 3c nonprofit thus does not need the normal set of bylaws that are required in the normal a nonprofit incorporation. We operate under the authority of HB 2215 and as the result of our relationship with the City of Lakeside, we are tax exempt under 170c Internal revenue code.

COMMITTEES:

The Chair appoints all committees with approval of the Council, and serves ex-officio on all Committees. Committee membership also represents the varied interests within the watershed. Standing Committees include: Project, Weed, Monitoring, and the DMA committees. The Project Committee meets quarterly and is tasked to develop, review and make recommendations to full membership on enhancement and restoration priorities and actions. The Weed Committee meets quarterly to review and implement recommended actions within the Tenmile Lakes Integrated Aquatic Plant Management Plan. The Monitoring Committee meets monthly to review and evaluate monitoring reports and milestones listed within the QAPP. The DMA group is meeting monthly through 2010 to develop and coordinated WQIP.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

The presiding officer is the President or Chairperson is elected by the seated members and serves at the pleasure of the Council for an indefinite term. Current chairperson is the Small Woodlot Representative that has served for approximately 6 months. Elections are held every two years.

SECRETARY:

The secretary of the Council is the Watershed Coordinator.

TREASURER:

The City of Lakeside functions as the treasurer of the Council. The City Administrator works closely with the Watershed Coordinator and together handle fund disbursement, auditing and all other functions of a treasurer.

OPERATING PROTOCOL:

The Tenmile Lakes' Basin Partnership operates following the Consensus approach. This approach is based on the proposition that all the diverse groups at the table, so to speak, have areas of common interest, as well as diverse interests, and that by focusing on the commonality between the groups, courses of actions acceptable to all can be adopted with minimal conflict. In practice, the consensus approach stresses flexibility as opposed to rigidity, which has worked very well for the Tenmile Lakes' Basin Partnership. Ninety-nine percent of the

time a general agreement is reached among the members present. However, recourse to Robert's Rules of Order can be taken if the majority of the Council present supports such actions through formal motion to do so.

MEETINGS:

The Tenmile Lakes' Basin Partnership meets on the second Tuesday of each month from September through June. Meetings are held in the Lakeside Senior Center (915 N. Lake Rd.) and usually begin at 7:00p.m. Average meeting attendance is approximately twenty people but has ranged from 15 to forty-nine people (annual project presentation).

15. What steps is the council taking to increase citizen participation?

The Tenmile Lakes' Basin Partnership's Community Involvement and Landowner Contact program developed in 1997 has been a great success. This issue is the Council's number one priority item within the updated Tenmile Lakes Watershed Assessment and Action Plan (TLBP 2006). The Council is constantly evaluating actions within this program to adapt to new conditions to achieve our goals of maintaining and increasing citizen involvement.

1. Council Members are chosen for their leadership in the community, participation or position in the group they are representing, and connections to other groups. The Council has found that having a good representative that is actively involved and engaged is paramount for increased board and citizen participation. For example, the actively involved Gary Wallace, the new Big Creek Ranch owner and agricultural representative on the Council has resulted in more agricultural landowners at monthly Council meetings. This type of active membership has been essential in building trust with the Lakeside community and providing feed back to the Council on projects and monitoring. Many of the Tenmile Watershed Council boardmembers are also involved in other citizen groups such as Lakeside City Council and Eel~Tenmile S.T.E.P., which has provided a direct and important link to these groups. For example, Carl George, a seated Council member has also been President of the Tenmile Lakefront Owners Association for the last 5 years. This relationship has resulted in a very successful outreach campaign directed at protecting Lakefront riparian zones. Having a Council Boardmember in board positions in other group's assists in other Council members and citizens getting answers to their questions most often when questions are asked. Citizens enjoy attending a meeting where they can get answers from decision makers. The Council has developed a reputation of being a place where they can get answers and help developing solutions.
2. Boardmembers and watershed Coordinator be positively involved with other community groups such as the Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Fishing Groups: Eel~Tenmile S.T.E.P. and Umpqua Flyfishers, Lakeside Kid Zone, Lakeside Parks Committee, Lakeside Planning Commissions, and Lakeside Library Board. Members of these groups are active Council boardmembers and volunteers that assist the Council with riparian planting, presentations, and monitoring.
3. The Council strives to maintain positive relationships with all landowners and managers of lands within the watershed. Monthly staff reports, Boardmember communications, and Coordinator face-to-face meetings accomplish this. The Council also implements an annual newsletter which reaches over 450 lakefront residents and all agricultural property owners. Project signs and presentations have been targeted to developers and realtors, and Lake and Project Tours. For example, approximately 75% of our projects result from word of mouth discussions with other landowners.
4. The Council strives to maintain informative monthly meeting agendas with guest speakers. In 2008, Guest speakers discussed Forest Practices Act, Tenmile Lakes TMDL, Toxic Algae, Lakefront Riparian Impacts, and Permits. Council and staff in 2008 presented PowerPoint presentations on Projects, Monitoring, Tenmile Lakes Watershed Voluntary Water Quality Implementation Plan, and the Tenmile Annual Lake