



**Calapooia Watershed Council**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Minutes**

**Wednesday April 9th, 2025**

The Calapooia Watershed Council Board of Directors held their usual bi-monthly meeting at Grand Prairie Park, Albany.

The following members were in attendance:

Joe Deardorff	Matt Mellenthin	Jim Merzenich	Dee Swayze
Jim Wagner	John Joiner		

The following members were absent:

Shannon Richardson	Mark Running
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The following were also in attendance:

Alex Rice, Habitat Restoration Program Manager

Collin McCandless, Executive Director

Fiona Julian, Operations Coordinator

Emma Eaton, Community Member

Collin McCandless presided over the meeting, Fiona Julian recorded the minutes.

**AGENDA ITEM: Third Quarter Financials**

Joe moved to approve the financials. Matt Mellenthin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6:0.

## AGENDA ITEM: General Discussion

Matt asked about the OWEB revegetation grant and that it requires long-term management, Alex stated this was part of the idea behind applying for the BPA funding.

Jim Merzenich shared he had been working on a grant for the past five years.

Matt asked about the status of the ownership of the Oxbows project site. Collin said there was no change currently but that Western Rivers was looking at it who aims to return land back to the Tribes.

## Tour of Periwinkle Creek Greenway Project Sites

Attendees were presented with printed copies of the Phoenix Habitat Solutions design plans (attached). Alex commented on the impressive level of detail and research that went into developing the plans. Alex shared some background on the project and that initially the project was funded by Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) funding which comes from corporate fines for environmental violations and that these funds supported initial riparian plantings and design planning.









The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.