

ECWC meeting minutes for 5-18-2015

Present were Brooke Duling, coordinator; Scott Rekate; Barb Linnett; Dan Grassick, CB City; Richard Bertelotti, Bob Lundy, secretary; Jan Siebert-Wahrmund; Mike Manzulli, President; and John Orr, Land's End Restoration.

Jan says the tree group will meet with Bill Jablonsky of ODOT on 5/30 at 2:00 at the Tolovana Hall.

NCLC Scotch broom clearance on Onion Peak will take place on 5/30; advance signup required.

The Clatsop County Wetland Committee will meet again on 6/1, probably at 3:00, and probably at the Judge Boyington Building.

The minutes were approved.

Brooke met today in Tillamook with a new group that is being formed to coordinate north coast watershed organizations and others. This will be one of five FIPs in the state, each of which is to administer \$2M per biennium of OWEB and perhaps other funding. This FIP, of which we are the northern-most participant, will concentrate on coastal coho. The meeting was led by Lisa Phipps. Mike says that ECWC should ally with the Necanicum WS Council so as not to be lost in a corner. We need to identify **our** issues quickly if we are to get any support for them. For the funding, we need to get at least a 25% match; in the past we have gotten at least 100% match.

Riparian planting is an important project area. It was noted that nearly all of the Ecola riparian area we can work on is City owned.

We need to remove the protective cages we installed around the clumps of willows on the Swigart property. Mike will organize a work party soon. He will call Carmen.

Brooke has applied for a grant for a road survey in the ECFR, and expects to hear back in October. Barb says the Parks Committee needs a map of roads and resources in the ECFR so they can decide where recreation should be supported.

The Nicolai-Wickiup Watershed Council fixed up a parking lot so that it is not eroding into a creek, and will be planting trees and replacing a culvert.

The DEQ will be testing wells for free in Clatsop County, while funding lasts.

The Breakers Point Homeowners Association will submit a revised application for sand management, though probably not before fall.

ODOT replanted along the highway with about 20 to 25 established trees, not seedlings.

Public Works will be burying sediment separators at First and Spruce and near the restrooms to improve control of downtown storm runoff, improving the health of Little Pompey and the creek.

Storm water sampling will end on 6/30. A year of checking for optical brighteners has found none. The conclusion is that while there is bacteria in the water it is much less than before and is not from the sanitary sewer system.

Mike attended the second meeting of the Community Forest Forum at the World Forest Center, near the Portland zoo. This was the second meeting of representatives of communities that own forest and. Most are interested in harvesting for revenue, but at the same time want to maintain the health and sustainability of their forests.

Richard noted that about 200 acres of the City's water source area belongs to Campbell Global (now Greenwood Resources), and would be a good target for acquisition.

Subcommittees were discussed. Everyone present signed up for one: Bob, Richard, and in absentia Jerome for water quality, Barb, Scott, and Mike for habitat, and Jan and in absentia Nadia for invasives.

The next meeting may be a work party.

The next Nature Matters presentation, at Fort George on 5/21, will be about a kayak trip down the Columbia from Bonneville Dam to Astoria.

There is a short independent film titled "Drift," about herbicide spraying, that the filmmaker is touring up and down the coast. The group discussed sponsoring a local showing. Jan will contact the Coaster Theatre about showing it there, maybe in August.

It was agreed to have elections at the next meeting.

We should have a representative on the NCLC board. Scott will attend a meeting and consider being that representative.