

North Coast Watershed Association
Board Of Directors Meeting
Minutes for August 8, 2018
Astoria, OR 97103

Board Members Present: Carla Cole, Mike Seppa, Mark Garrigues, Tessa Scheller

Absent: Katie Voelke, Michael Summers, Chris Farrar, Ty Williams

Staff Present: Brooke Stanley, Executive Director, Jenn Rasmussen, Bookkeeper

Guests: Amanda Gladics, OSU, Bruce St. Dennis, City Manager Cannon Beach

Our meeting was called to order at 5:35 by Chair Cole with food and beverages in recognition of staff birthdays. Introductions of our guests; Amanda noted her special interest in near shore ocean conditions and Bruce stated his interest in the Ecola Ck Watershed Council and the NCWA.

Financial Report: Jenn provided detail regarding the balance sheet, profit/loss, restricted/unrestricted funds and explained our IRS status and employee costs. She reported on the 990 tax return long form, our increased income and led a discussion of a CPA "review". We agreed, by motion; Mike/Tessa, all, "to accept the proposal for a CPA review of our financial records". We further discussed our options for use of the 10% grant administration funds and recognized the need for receipts.

Minutes from our last meeting were "approved" by motion: Mark/Tessa, all.

Discussion Items: Brooke displayed T-shirts that Chris had ordered and noted the "branding" and outreach opportunities, including web site stuff she is learning about from the experts of Portland. This resulted in a motion; Tessa/Mike to "approve expenditures for our on line presence as funds are available." The Alderbrook mower and planting efforts were discussed with some concern about the role NCWA should play. Staff was advised not to take on the mower. We discussed several new projects, including small grants, chum, and areas from John Day and Pipeline Rd to Wolf Bay.

We reviewed several recently proposed and completed projects. The Skipanon WSC supports CREST and the Port of Astoria efforts to consider creation of a mitigation wetlands bank on the Eastern Peninsula. We celebrated the removal of the Middle Structure Dam on the Skipanon River after many years of planning and effort. The Skipanon WSC will fund that completed project with money saved from the Pacific Seafood fine in 2006. Meadow Barley was one suggestion for ground cover planting there.

Ongoing Vision Planning: We spent some time discussing our organizational system/structure and how we might best collaborate with WS Councils, municipalities, and other landowners as we establish priorities. We noted Brooke will continue working with Katie Voelke on a stakeholder survey. We discussed NCWA goals and methods as councils, such as Ecola CK, embark on very local goals and local issues. We considered a brief review of our bylaws and history are in order. We Adjourned at 1930.

Respectfully submitted,
Tessa J Scheller, Secretary