

North Coast Watershed Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
December 13, 2017

Board members present: Carla Cole, Chris Farrar, Mark Garrigues, Mike Seppa, Michael Summers, Katie Voelke, John Tillotson and Tessa Scheller

Staff Present: Brooke Stanley and Jennifer Rasmussen

Guest: Jed Arnold, Hampton Industries

Chris opened the meeting as Carla was delayed, Tessa was also late. We started the meeting a little late, waiting for Madame Secretary to arrive.

Introductions were made around the table.

10/10/2017 NCWA board meeting minutes were approved.

Council Restructuring: Brooke shared her draft letter to the councils regarding our decision to no longer require her to attend all council meetings, and we all discussed it. The board was supportive of her letter. Katie brought up the excellent point that this (her no longer attending council meetings) is a mechanical short-term solution, and that we should take a bigger look at our program. Think about our long-term strategic goals, and consider new models. This is an opportunity to make an intentional choice about who we want to be, rather than just a reduced model of our old selves. One idea is regional groups based on “coastal” and “river”. She challenged the board to consider: What is our vision, over and above, and with or without, OWEB? Foundational grants may become more available under shifted models. Mike pointed out that it’s all about where the money is.

Brooke reminded us of the upcoming ‘Connect” conference in Seaside this spring as an opportunity for board development. She will forward us the agenda from the last Connect, so we can see what is usually offered. Carla committed to attending.

Carla opined that we need a focused Strategic Planning meeting. Michael agreed a Strategic Plan is important. Katie suggests we take a 2 hour meeting as a first step – maybe make the February meeting focused on this. She has agreed to facilitate this meeting. We changed the Feb NCWA board meeting to Feb 7th from 12-2 (tentatively).

Council restructuring: Brooke reported on discussion with the Necanicum and Ecola Ck WS Councils. Factors such as OWEB support and past history were noted while some discussion pointed to advantage and those potentials may be explored. Katie looked at the landscapes and physical watershed with understanding of funding concerns and optimal design. We elected to keep our options and discussions open.

Coordinators update: Brooke reviewed the three grants in process and discussion ensued regarding bridges and site visits. Another project on the Lewis & Clark with CREST is part of the site visits scheduled for 0945. Chris advocated for improved documentation of projects progress. Brooke is doing water quality monitoring data processing for grant reports and

OWEB. She was disappointed that we were not awarded FIP chum funding but knows of potential for funding strategic action plans through OWEB's technical assistance grants. Our financial assets are being transferred to Clatsop Community Bank.

Jennifer reviewed her written reports Profit and loss, Budget and Balances. She explained line items and collections to keep our records updated. We had questions about OWEB expenditures, carry over and unrestricted funds discussed with various examples and options explained. This item will continue to be looked at.

Nature Matters was promoted

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