

North Coast Watershed Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
August 9, 2016  
Astoria, Oregon

Members present: Carla Cole, John Tilotson, Mark Garrigues, Mike Seppa, Chris Farrar and Tessa Scheller

Staff: Brooke Stanley, Peggy Coreson

Carla called the meeting to order at 12:10 with Pizza for lunch. Mike Seppa showcased the new CSWCD t shirt. The minutes were "accepted" with a day of the week correction, by motion; Mike/John all, passed.

Peggy presented a detailed written Treasurers Report and explained the categories and accounting. We had questions about unrestricted funds and accounting for administrative costs that we discussed. We raised almost \$10,000 for the year. The Skipanon WSC total was revised at \$124,98.38

Mike/Mark by motion, "approved the Treasurers Report with corrections" all, passed

Brooke provided detail and facilitated discussion of her Coordinator's report. She noted working with CREST and the County on a John Day River culvert. The site once had tidegates, since removed, and the County is the lead agency. She will not be doing design and her time on the project will be limited. John discussed the role ODF could play with remediation of the Mill Creek culvert and could become a 2017 project.

The Youngs Bay probe monitoring network project was discussed with sites detailed and volunteers encouraged. Brooke wants to expand the monitoring program to the Ecola Creek WS where they have equipment and have significant data already. We noted some data is recorded but perhaps not on excel and accepted by DEQ. We discussed the utility of the data collected and the need for quality control.

The Alderbrook burn was less successful than anticipated and concern was expressed about City Public Work crews and the survival of our plantings. We considered maintenance grants and solutions going forward.

Tessa explained her perspectives about what is happening with the 8th St Dam removal project. She explained that the City, CREST, the WSC and SWC District had worked cooperatively for years with successive MOUs until the current City Commissioners chose not to participate. The water control District placed a barricade on the dam roadway in efforts to reduce the District safety liability for an unmarked river crossing and heavy truck use.

Melissa Graper, Necanicum WSC, has asked Brooke/NCWA to assist with a County wide out reach project

The Bear Creek project for riparian improvement was discussed. Removal of non native species and planting with willow and conifer is being considered. We declined sponsorship of herbicide use and considered alternatives.

Lewis and Clark gauging was discussed with the suggestion to get it done with a simple battery operated flow monitors (pressure or float) that essentially record the water depth. We supported Brooke's efforts to work with OWEB on a SIP Chum salmon program and the County effort to model a tidally influenced segment of the L&C River. We again expressed our desire for a County rep on our BOD.

We reviewed and discussed options for new offices space due to the sale of our existing premises. Brooke will continue searching.

Nature matters issues and options were discussed with the understanding that we are politically neutral and a qualifying sponsorship explained.

Our annual party was discussed and options considered. We "toned down" our expectations and prefer to focus on a gathering of our watershed volunteers. We agreed that 6-8 PM, in September 15th would work.

The MOU between the Skipanon WSC and CREST for funds needs attention, Tessa!

Chris led our discussion of name recognition with cap/hats and improvements to our website. We agreed that a website calendar is needed along with other updates and improvements. Brooke continues working with the Necanicum's Melissa Graper. We noted concern about malware on our computer website and Brooke will contact the site designer.

We adjourned at 1:56 PM

Next meeting Oct 12, 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tessa Scheller