

Ecola Creek Watershed Council Meeting Minutes March 20, 2017

Present were: Mark Morgans, Mike Manzulli, Dan Grassick, Brooke Stanley, Lisa Kerr, Bob Lundy, Mike Morgan, Melissa Keyser, Ed Johnson, Jon Wickersham, Jan Siebert-Wahrmund, Vonne Whitney, Scott Rekate

- 1 Introductions & Announcements**—none
- 2 Additions to Agenda**—none
- 3 Approval of Minutes**—approved as read
- 4 Updates & Reports**

- **Lewis & Clark Timberlands Update**—Mark

Lewis & Clark planted 365 acres so far this year, and will plant 175 more by the end of April. This covers last year's harvest. Culverts are being maintained. There have been some small slumps as a result of the ~70" of rain so far.

In the Waterhouse area they will offer three parcels for sale in 800 acre blocks, working with the county. The land will remain zoned for 800 acreo minimum lots. They are working with Realty Marketing NW, the same real estate agents as on the Radar Road package. Bids are due in mido May. It will be advertised in April. The reserve price will be listed in the ad. The price for the 400 acre area notched into the ECFR may be under \$5k per acre. They are not actively marketing it. They had a meeting with Nancy Webster and others about the Nehalem/Jetty Creek/Rockaway area.

- **HRAP/ecotourism update**—Melissa

Melissa reports that no tours are planned yet. They envision groups of fewer than 5 people.

Steve Grace will start giving guided tours, not in the ECFR.

There will be a day camp of 10 kids, 6-8 years old, for which they will charge. This will be a City activity, with 2 camps this year, with kids staying on paths. Jan says this was discussed at the Parks meeting, and they are to stay away from the water sources; there is to be no paid recreation there. There will be an ECFR management plan review next year, at which this will be discussed. Melissa is attending meetings to take people's temperature. She wants to pay her employees a living wage without growing her budget. We will discuss this further in May.

- **NCWA update**—Brooke

They are close to hiring a temp for Brooke for June through mid-September. She is working on a chum plan for the other watersheds.

For the Lewis & Clark River they need an overall plan before folks will be ready to invest.

- Greater Ecola Natural Area (GENA) update
GENA will meet on the 28th at 3:00

- Community Forest update

No action lately.

They hope for EPA support via DEQ for drinking water funds, maybe in the form of loans, which may be open to non-government organizations.

- Water conservation group update

Will meet next Thursday, on the 30th; check with Jan for the time.

- Friends of Trees Update

We will know soon about Tree City USA renewal.

Kids will again plant trees for the 12 Days of Earth Day, on April 19th.

They are talking with ODOT about the 101 right-of way, where ODOT may have scaled back cutting to 1/8 of what had been planned.

Jan—Above 8th St., east of Ecola Park Rd., in the Logan Creek watershed, there is a big clearcut on several combined lots in preparation for building a house. ODF has authority if the wood is sold. The owner has not completed the county permitting process (it is outside the CB urban growth boundary). It has produced a bad water flow pattern, and may require replanting. They have extended 9th St. through someone else's property

- NOAA [strategies & actions for north coast stratum](#)

Ed—The NOAA plan is based on voluntary commitments. Beavers are emphasized, but hunting is allowed all along the coast. We need ODFW to act. Christmas trees would help.

Mark—Lewis & Clark have not allowed beaver trapping for decades, except for needs of emergency road protection

Jon—NCLC has used beavers for restoration of salmon habitat; we could get Melissa Reich to tell us about that.

Vonne—To move beaver, you have to move the whole community of them. You can build an artificial beaver dam. You need the participation of small property owners along streams; get help from watershed councils.

Mike Ma—We need a subcommittee for this.

Mike Mo—We did the large wood debris placement.

Mark—L&C has maxed out their LWD placement.

Scott—There has been lots of winter storm windfall.

Mike Ma—Is there funding?

Ed—Ron Logan has well established beaver ponds, and there should be beaver ponds on the Swigart property (Scott has never seen any there.)

- City of Cannon Beach update
- ECFR current projects/actions—For the purchase of the Swigart land between the ECFR and the tertiary treatment area, we are getting OWEB matching for the USF&W money.
- Any other news?—[Acquisition of] 40 acres south and east of the springs recharge area, Trib K, would require a utility rate bond, around FY 2019.

7 Discussion of work parties for the year

- Fence removal at Sea Ranch: March 14, 10am, meeting at Hemlock Pump Station Completed about 10%.

There was DEQ funding at an earlier time.

We may be able to seek funding from OWEB small grant to complete removal.

- Ivy Free Tree Day: March 22, 10-1, CB City Hall (Discuss details)
- Earth Day Street Fair: April 22 (Discuss details)
- Broombuster: May 13, 10-1
- June, unscheduled, tansy removal?

8 Schedule of upcoming events

- March 22: Ivy Free Tree Day, 10-1, Cannon Beach City Hall
- April 13: Nature Matters: Art in the Park with Marco, Fort George, 7pm
- May 13: Broombuster, 10-1, Les Shirley Park, Cannon Beach
- May 11: Nature Matters: Tides: the science and spirit of the ocean, Fort G, 7pm

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