

## **North Coast Watershed Association**

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2017

Astoria, OR

Members present: Carla Cole, Scott Rekate, Chris Farrar, Michael Summers, Tessa Scheller, Mike Seppa, John Tillotson, and Mark Garrigues. Katie Voelke is absent  
Staff present: Brooke Stanley and Jennifer Rasmussen

Carla called the meeting to order and Michael was welcomed with introductions all around. Michael talked a bit about his history and interests that included engineering drainage and fish passage solutions. Carla and all agreed Michael is a welcome and needed addition to our Board.

Brooke noted appreciation for the turnout today and for her maternity leave.

Carla asked for announcements and Tessa asked for consideration of the NWCTC presenting at Nature matters.

Minutes from our June meeting were reviewed with a motion by Chris/Scott "to accept as provided"; passed, Michael abstained.

Financial Report: Jennifer noted she has made substantial improvements to her processes and our reports and provided details about line items noting a significant bank balance with our recent OWEB Capacity Grant received. She further detailed a Profit & Loss by Job worksheet that we agreed was very helpful in tracking project funds. She noted we have a balanced budget and the report was "accepted", by motion; Mike/Scott all. Chris noted the thick paper used for the report:)

Brooke explained some detail about her salary that results in her having only 24 paid hours. She noted project management could provide more funds but maintenance of our nonprofit is challenging with those hours. We discussed north-south Council meetings and Council meetings without our coordinator. We agreed local meetings are important as a forum and venue for community discussions about projects including Chum FIP. Leadership and succession recruitment are also considerations. Scott discussed perspectives from Ecola WSC and we noted their successful attendance and independent structure and personal passions. We agreed by consensus that Council chairs would assume much of the coordinators roles for preparing and running the meetings and to encourage Brooke and Necanicum's Melyssa to continue negotiations with OWEB and Ecola WSC about their affiliations. We discussed meeting days and times for the BOD and use of committees for bylaws and fundraising. Brooke discussed the BOD make up and noted her desire for greater diversity and people with sufficient time to run the organization even as we do have great stakeholder reps. We discussed people and recruitment of folks with passion.

Brooke continues work on Mill Ck with ODF. John provided further details about the multiple culverts and fish passage involved in the road removal. They noted awaiting BPA cooperation, road decommissioning, erosion and replanting. The John Day crossing project is proceeding and we approved, by consensus, Brooke working with CREST and the County to write a grant for this project. Michael gave us further detail about the bridge to replace existing culverts. The Nik-Wik WSC and Hampton continue a project planning a road decommissioning on upper Big Creek. The Bagley Ln Knappa area culvert replacement project is completed with a new 9 foot natural bottom culvert. Data (temperature) loggers have now been collected and all but three were successfully retrieved after some "less pregnant people" helped out. The Ecola LWD project was revisited for an on time report and discussed.

The Alderbrook pollinator project awaits critical mass for material and neighborhood engagement. The Lewis and Clark River valley reach assessment and past projects involving farm land were discussed with constraints and people identified. Carla and Brooke did a review of past L& C planting projects in cooperation with partners that will fit well with the Chum FIP. Ecola Ck members are interested in more Beaver projects and we discussed relocation opportunities.

Porcupines were also discussed. Planting and weed removal projects and small grant projects were discussed with wild roses replacing scotch broom. Knotweed removal and other potential small grant projects were also discussed with cooperation from local governments and matching funds needed.

Council Updates: Tessa noted the meeting with the City of Warrenton Commissioners and reported on the Middle Structure project and WSC interests. Carla noted reports of illegal gill netting fishing on the Lewis and Clark with an Oregon State police officer checking in. Nik-Wik has an upcoming meeting and projects. Troy Laws will retrieve a data logger from a LC dam site. Ecola folks have concerns about low summer flows with withdrawals and other information needed and tbd how “bad things are”. The Arcadia Beach RV Park is a big concern with several groups engaged in opposition. Michael and John provide more information with Chris stepping out of the room to eliminate any bias as he is a County Planning Commission member. ODF will protect the cedar grove within their jurisdiction adjacent to the site. Water rights and roads in the area were also discussed.

Michael provided detail about his departmental responsibilities from pumping water out of the County Jail basement and consideration of replacing the Klootchey CK bridge. LC will get abutment replacements and scour protections for structures. Culverts in the Clifton area, landslides on the Nehalem and working with CREST regarding Mary/Ferris creeks and ODF&W to prioritize projects keep him busy.

ODF is hosting 6th graders for a forestry tour project and NCWA members are encouraged to help staff the stations. Oct 18-19. They are also looking at fish passage and LWD on the Necanicum. Mike had 160 kids tour his family dairy farm and is participating in a Tucker Creek culvert project.

Adjourned at 1405.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tessa J Scheller, Secretary