

North Coast Watershed Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Draft Minutes

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Members Present: Chris Farrar, Scott Rekate, Mark Garrigues, John Tillotson, and Tessa Scheller. Mike Seppa is absent

Staff Present: Brooke Stanley

Visitors: Katie Duzik, OWEB and John Orr, Trails End Recovery

Chris opened the meeting at 1207 and asked for introductions all around. Chris asked Katie to give us more information about her role with us and OWEB. She explained that she sits on review teams, facilitates the team review of applications and works closely with this region's Councils. She is touring her region and getting to know folks. Her experience includes working for Oregon State Parks and doing restoration projects with them. We discussed OWEB operations, policy, SIPs, umbrella councils and her support for greater transparency.

Scott announced a presentation this evening by Jesse Jones and HRAP in Canon Beach titled "Perspectives on Ecola Watershed Health." Water quality is a key factor for discussion.

The minutes from our October meeting were reviewed and "accepted as presented" by motion: Mark/John, all.

We then turned our attention to a review of our finances. We reviewed the "Profit and Loss by Job" document that noted all of our grants, funds and status. The "Balance Sheet" document with restricted and unrestricted funds accounted for was reviewed in detail.

Brooke led a brief discussion of our meeting schedule for next year and we agreed to continue our current schedule of every other month and alternating between noon and 6:00 PM meeting time. Chris then asked Brooke to expand on her coordinators update. We discussed the challenges and rewards of the Nature Matters series.

We briefly discussed contracting when reviewing the Walooski Headwaters project. The Chum SIP capacity grant application and ongoing process were discussed noting that 23 applications and funding for less than a third of those was available.

We have an informal notice of approval of a \$2,000 grant to purchase and use temperature loggers. We will ask volunteers to be trained, adopt a monitor and then maintain the loggers. We talked about the winter time loss of monitors due to high water flows.

We discussed some planting projects and look forward to a good season with many volunteers.

Brooke noted new ventures for fund raising by commercial entities such as Buoy Beer and Ft. George.

We discussed WS Council attendance and ways to increase engagement. Small projects, field trips and rotating the meeting space were ideas we shared. Ways to increase a sense of ownership and engagement followed. Land owner outreach with respect to the chum initiative and follow up after Nature Matters events are options for recruitment.

Council and NCWA relationship and accountability were discussed. We reviewed the ideas, history and stakeholders involved in the original creation of the councils that formed in 1997, were autonomously governed and formed the Coordinating Council and then the NCWA. Tessa noted significant internal conflict when the Association dealt with controversial political topics in the past. It was generally agreed that the Councils remain self governing with respect to priorities and advocacy they agree on. To retain our 501 (c) 3 non profit status we are all precluded from endorsing political candidates or ballot measures. The Councils originally had a charge to create forums for discussion. Otherwise we agreed that our focus on finding common ground and working together was where the Association could have the greatest impact for salmon and water quality in cooperation with the largest landowners in the County.

Establishing Coordinator priorities was discussed with general agreement that projects and grants would be reviewed with the Association BOD deciding about what projects the coordinator takes on with respect to her time commitments. Brooke noted that she is planning to go to 3/4 time starting in January.

Good of the order: Tessa noted the Skipanon WSC is working on an erosion control and planting grant. John requested a field day with Brooke.

We adjourned the meeting at 1401

Tessa