

North Coast Watershed Association
Board of Directors
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Members Present: Carla Cole, Scott Rekate, Mike Seppa, Chris Farrar, Tessa Scheller, Mark Garrigues, and Katie Volke

Staff present: Brooke Stanley, Peggy Coreson

The meeting was called to order at 1206 with Carla asking about the Nature Matters programs. Brooke noted sign in at the events has been improved while there is considerable work done in preparation. Carla asked for announcements and it was noted that she now sits on the OWEB Regional Review Team.

Review of minutes: Tessa noted she should have had Katie Voelke on the roster as "absent." Motion "to approve" by Mike/Scott, all.

Financial Report: Peggy noted the high points of her prepared tabulations including the capacity grant. We heard that the Walooski project came in \$10,000 under budget. We noted that the Skipanon WSC had previously created a succession of funds if the WSC disbands with those funds going to CREST. It was suggested that be changed to NCWA. We agreed that needs to be changed with a suggestion from Mike to ask CREST to sign a new agreement. Peggy explained her salary and how that is being paid in 2016 rather than 2015. She provided further detail regarding our budget.

Self evaluation: Brooke explained the process of self evaluation for OWEB and WSCouncils and asked for suggestions in how to proceed. She will mail us a template to consider for use at our next meeting.

Carla explained the work and process of the Regional Review Team for OWEB that she recently joined. She is the first member from the North Coast area out of ten members. Carla will let us know how the Team is doing.

Brooke reviewed the highlights of her written Coordinator's Report. Nature matters is gaining attendees and active participation. Suggestions for fundraising at the the event and working with Ft George were noted. Our first work party was nicely successful with no injuries. We did not receive funding for our chum proposal with explanations explored by the group. The Young's Bay monitoring project has been funded and Brooke will purchase 15 data loggers with training to begin in April. Recruitment of adopt a logger volunteers starts today. Ecola will continue to monitor with their tidbit loggers while all data needs quality assurance. Brooke reviewed the Hampton road and bridge project and we discussed options. We agreed by consensus to support the project and modify the bridge movement needed. The Alder Lagoon planting project is ready for a work party. Plantings need to be maintained and an MOU with the City and neighborhood group were considered. Coordination will continue for site prep. Our fundraising effort was successful with individuals and business entities contributing \$2,417. Brooke noted she will be out of the country for 2 weeks.

The Lewis & Clark River riparian project was discussed in detail with erosion concerns and three farms involved in a large scale planting with NCWA and CSWCD. A technical assistance grant was suggested for April. Priorities may need to be adjusted.

Chip In events and our involvement were discussed with general agreement that Brooke can help publicize.

Tessa explained the Skipanon WSC proposal for an erosion control project on the Tagg Farm that would be a small grant project. She also gave a status report on the 8th St dam project that is no longer a viable endeavor for CREST. The Skipanon Water Control District may consider asking the WSC to apply for an OWEB grant to simply remove the dam.

The relationship between the NCWA and our WS Councils was discussed at length. Our bylaws do not give us guidance or suggest the purpose of Councils and relationship with the NCWA. Accountability is a major concern with suggestions that activists consider a separate entity for political advocacy. We agreed that we do not want to alienate partners and stakeholders or discourage activism but will seek clarity. The bylaws could be interpreted to look at the Councils as Committees. We considered individual overtures to discuss with the Council members.

With some unfinished business the meeting was adjourned at 1412.

Respectfully submitted,

Tessa J Scheller