

North Coast Watershed Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 13, 2016
NCWA office
Astoria, OR 97146

Members present: Carla Cole, John Tillotson, Scott Rekate, Chris Farrar, Tessa Scheller and Mike Seppa

The meeting was called to order at 1204 with a call For announcements. Brooke reported that Buoy Beer donated more than \$1400. Tessa noted the Skipanon Water Control District hearing to consider a new Engineering Plan is April 20th at the Grange.

Chris asked for two items to be added to the meeting agenda and Carla asked for one new item with all in agreement. Chris/John offered a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Carla asked that Tessa secure a new agreement so that Skipanon WSC funds go to NCWA rather than CREST in the event of dissolution.

Peggy focused on the capacity grant in her financial report. She noted that we are "right on track" for our budgeted expenditures. The Walooskie project excess funds were returned to OWEB. Our bank balances were reported as "stable."

Coordinator's report: Nature Matters events have been well attended with great speakers coming forward unsolicited. We have had capacity attendance at Ft George. The Alderbrook Lagoon planting project was another great success with the neighbors and city crews working side by side. We discussed further planting and signage ideas. Brooke noted we need some help with our nursery at Ft. Clatsop/LEWI. Mike noted the CSWCD plant sale was also a successful endeavor. The Youngs Bay Monitoring Grant was funded and further work for quality assurance is expected. Volunteers are requested to apply for sites and the loggers will be ordered. We discussed sites, devices and monitoring requirements. The Big Creek road decommissioning project is "quiet" pending contacts with the Hampton folks. The Lewis and Clark River erosion project is ongoing with the CSWCD fencing started and further discussion considered along with the planting. Mike noted that a 50 foot buffer has been Okayed by one landowner with our discussion considering what are the next best steps and partners to work with. The Ft. George Benefit was still another success with \$740 raised. The OWEB April grant round was discussed with consideration of Small Grant options. We discussed our process and structure for prioritizing proposals for grant funding. Some opportunistic ideas will come forward while we have "action plans" and a history of creating a ranking system coupled with the watershed assessments. Chris added consideration of education and water quality concerns with Carla noting past funding of such projects by OWEB. We agreed there are new opportunities for working collaboratively with partners. Education, water quality, fish passage, water temp lowering projects, habitat and outreach for capacity were on our initial list. Managing reed canary grass and other invasive species was discussed with multiple control methods now in use.

Umbrella council process and projects in other areas of the State were discussed with further contacts encouraged.

Our Councils and Association interaction and independence were discussed with respect to advocacy. We considered separate letter heads for advocacy and discussed USACOE created islands in the Columbia as an example. Ultimately we want to update our bylaws so we have an agreed on process.

Carla provided a comprehensive report on the annual performance review of our coordinator Brooke Stanley. Brooke was considered "superior" in three critical elements and "exceptional" in the fourth. Carla provided Brooke a dollar an hour raise with the BOD in concurrence. Carla also shared a list of goals she and Brooke created for the next year. We discussed each of those items offering our thanks, congratulations and desires for her continued excellent service.

We adjourned at 1341.

Respectfully submitted
Tessa Scheller, Secretary