North Coast Watershed Association

Board of Directors Meeting 11/13/2019 Astoria Offices

Members present: Ty Williams, Carolyn Propst, Mark Garrigues, Mellisa Reich, Carla Cole and Mike Seppa

Jane Harris, ED and Jennifer Rasmussen, Bookkeeper

Announcements: Wayne Carmichael will be presenting at Nature Matters tomorrow

Minutes: Minutes from our last meeting were reviewed and Ty offered a motion to accept with corrections, all in favor.

Financial Reports: Jenn provided spreadsheets and reviewed the data with respect to grants, profit loss, cash flow, financial positions and Income. She explained monthly averaging and project management of 10% and how those funds are collected and distributed. We noted a current budget surplus and the need to track for supplies and equipment. We noted interest accruing from the Skipanon CD and Tessa offered a motion to distribute that income to the NCWA with all in flavor. It was noted that the Skipanon funds are directed, by court order, to be spent on Skipanon River projects. The Annual Report was further reviewed and discussed.

Council Reports: Carolyn and Tessa gave brief reports that led to further discussion of our council concerns, roles and voting membership. The two councils will ask their membership for feedback about these matters

No public comment

Executive Directors Report: Jane provide a written report and suggested a separate meeting to consider priorities and crafting a Strategic Plan. We reviewed an EPA program and a NOAA proposal and discussed the historic assessments for each watershed. We acknowledged that many projects will be opportunistic as willing landowners are identified. Diverse funding is also desired and we considered ways to be holistic and expand our efforts. Jane will look forward to working directly with the chair. She noted a press release and Melissa noted the pollinator project and use of context for financial reports.

Our discussion led us to consider long range planning with multiple agencies and potential partners and funding.

Bylaws update: We reviewed the current bylaws and proposed changes and agreed to bring the drafts to the councils for further suggestions and review.

Good of the Order: Mike noted the SWCD is looking at Weed Board funds and designation and Carla noted the funds available may be applied to county priorities. Mark mentioned Reutav Forestry Services and noted an FFA tour of students that included Bio Den projects, active logging and a fish hatchery. He further noted seeking pollinator seeds for spreading. Carla noted some sources and species mix assistance.

With no further business presented we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tessa J Scheller, Secretary