

## **North Coast Watershed Association Coastal Council 11/18/19 final minutes**

Present were: Jane Harris (NCWA executive director), Carolyn Propst (Coastal Council Chair), Scott Rekate (Coastal Council Vice Chair), Mark Morgans (Greenwood Global), Jan Siebert-Wahrmund, Lynette Villagomez (North Coast Land Conservancy), Bob Lundy (CC secretary), Barb Knop, Karen Labonte (City), Bruce St. Dennis (City)

The September minutes were approved as corrected.

The new NCWA bylaws, which were distributed to attendees in draft form, render the ECWC bylaws moot. It was suggested that we recast them as rules and procedures. After they are drafted, they can be approved by the NCWA board.

Jane will look into funding sources besides OWEB.

### **Landowner reports**

Mark reports that the creek area has been quiet.

Greenwood hosted a group of Boy Scouts, who were earning their forestry merit badges, on an all-day and overnight stay on Greenwood property.

GW is seeking a sustainability forester to replace Austin, who has left to finish his PhD work. There is concern about the effects of the degree of clearcutting around Jetty Creek near Rockaway. GW is working with locals and conservation groups. They are close to a memorandum of understanding on eliminating the use of herbicides, with a plan to compensate GW for the greater cost of substituting an alternative.

ODOT has remedied one blockage to fish passage and Rockaway Beach another, both in the vicinity of Rockaway Beach.

In January of 2017, GW acquired property in the Jetty Creek area.

GW has worked with Nancy Webster and others, and now with Steve Perry and Sharon Smith, to have Neah-Kah-Nie High School open a forestry program.

GW attended one of the Governor's 100 Year Water meetings, in Tillamook, where water quality was discussed.

Lynette reported that the NCLC Boneyard Ridge property was thinned as part of the restoration plan, GW helped find a crew of foresters to perform the thinning.

Jane discussed our application to OWEB for support for creating or enlarging a beaver population in the Reserve. She asked for recommended improvements, including increases in the amount requested (and thus presumably in scope of work). The Parks and Community Services Committee will discuss this. The next due date is in April. GW will support the beaver effort, and promises \$10k. the City will also supply matching funds.

### **Good of the Order**

The Council has submitted an updated letter in support of Arch Cape Community Forest acquisition.

The recent death of long-time Cannon Beach conservationist Tree Johnson was announced.

Beavers have again been seen north of 6th Street between Larch and Laurel.

Carolyn asked attendees to bring recommended new, larger, and updated topics/projects/priorities to the next meeting. She suggested trying to get Arch Cape folks back into the Council.

Jan is still concerned about the water usage impact of brewing beer in CB, and of shipping it out of town. This was discussed at the 100 Year meeting, and will be taken up by the Public Works Committee.