

North Coast Watershed Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 8, 2020
On line Zoom meeting

Members Present: Melissa Reich, Ty Williams, Carla Cole, Chris Farrar, Mark Garrigues, Tessa Scheller, and Jane Harris ED

The meeting was called to order by Carla at 4:01 She asked us all to check in relative to the new normal of a Zoom meeting during the Covid-19 concerns.

Carla described four weeks and separate floors for at home meetings. Melissa also noted working at home x 4wks with all NCLC staff working from home. Ty goes in to an office with separation but recognized challenges for ODF travel and logistical planning. Chris remains job free with few challenges other than social distancing. He is responsibly wearing a homemade face mask when out and is considering the big picture with optimism for summer. Mark is another with 4 weeks into the change with teleconferencing and attendant frustrations. He notes lots of change for folks to process and rolling with the punches. Tessa is fortunate to be home with a river front to play with. Jane says hello from her living room. As an only child Jane has learned to be comfortable being alone and is working effectively on our Association business.

Meeting Minutes: Chris/Mark, passed a motion to accept the minutes with the addition of Tessa to those present. Carla asked for clarification about projects.

Council Reports; The River Council has not met as Chris noted schedule challenges and Tessa discussed some project ideas. Our Coastal representative was unavailable.

2020 Work Plan: Jane notes ODF and Clatsop County public works projects added as consideration for us as joint projects. Melissa suggested mapping coordinates for projects as some may not be in our watershed council areas? Carla asked about the Hurner property and Tessa provided more information about that, the Tagg Farm and the culvert/tidegate possibilities in Warrenton. Jane is excited about the possibilities and enjoys a challenge. She talked about grants and individual fundraising efforts and her gratitude for the donations. The weed board grant is yet outstanding but highly ranked. Invasive species removal was discussed and we better categorized those concerns. We talked about the Clatsop Plains Lakes and the Lewis and Clark Wildlife refuge, as a sometimes unseen public treasures that are overrun with invasives and little apparent management.

Executive Directors Report: Chris complimented the fundraising efforts and Jane noted work to update the data bases and also acknowledged the good connections and our staff working well together. Jane provided detail about some grants that feature equity and outreach for chum projects. She noted the lottery is being impacted and that may impact OWEB funding as we look at an uncertain future. The monitoring grant was highly rated but funds may be slow relative to the corona virus impacts. The Big Creek project is suggested for tweaking and re-submission as stimulus funding may be available. Jane purchased manikins and is considering materials for chum outreach and projects. Tessa noted she has some burlap material in her barn that belongs to the NCWA. Jane is planning some touring of sites including the Blackberry Bog Farm and yes, they have chickens. PPE may be another source of assistance. Melissa noted NAO offers training. We offered thanks all around for working well under these unusual circumstances.

Good of the order; all are advised to "head outside!"

Submitted by,
Tessa J. Scheller

