

North Coast Watershed Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2020
Astoria offices

Present; Ty Williams, Carolyn Probst, Chris Farrar, Melissa Reich, Jane Harris, CEO

Our Vice Chair, Chris, called the meeting to order at 4:03 and called for announcements.

Minutes from our last meeting: Melissa/Tessa offered a motion to accept with a change to note that Bruce St Dennis is the CB City manager. Voting in favor; Chris, Tessa and Melissa with Carolyn and Ty abstaining.

Council Reports: Carolyn reported on the Beaver Initiative following the CB City Council work session. Project management and a tech report are items to follow.

Ty presented a power Point that included an overview of ODF holdings, operations, funding and management with a focus on Clatsop County. Ty explained that much of the logging on ODF lands is after being surveyed and then purchased at auction by mills or logging companies with scaling and transport often by various other companies. We reviewed ODF stream enhancement data and accomplishments. ODF is the second largest land holder in CC. Culverts and fish passage obstructions are still being surveyed. Ty then focused on priorities for the Astoria District that include Hunt Creek as #1 and a Nicolas ML Spur Rd and culvert being considered for decommissioning as #2. The last is not entirely on ODF lands, however. Costs, grant possibilities and a combo project could open considerable stream mileage to fish passage. The #3 project includes a failing 42 inch steel culvert under Peterson Road Spur. More data is needed.

Jane provided some narrative to accompany her written report focusing on cooperative projects prioritizing projects strategically from the estuary to the source. The Chum project is going very well with Jane working on grants and the search for diversified funding. Survey work by or with land managers and ongoing assessments are needed. Collaborative efforts and inclusion of multiple partners was discussed.

Jane led a discussion of our strategic plan and noted her discussions with partners for small grants and consideration of small streams. She emphasized the need for increased funding and staff to implement more work. Jane also noted working with an advisory council, a concept she is considering. Recruiting folks remains needed for the two Councils. We further discussed membership and engagement at high levels. She noted progress on grants and merchandise.

We reviewed the financial reports with a newly redesigned Operating Budget document. Jane noted she anticipated our bookkeeper will be present at future meetings. Jane enthusiastically presented a fund raising appeal letter and campaign she described in detail. We thanked Jane for the initiative and her community networking.

At 5:31 Pm we adjourned.

Submitted by,

Tessa J Scheller, Secretary