

North Coast Watershed Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2020
Zoom, on line meeting

Board Members Present; Carla Cole, Ty Williams, Chris Farrar, Melissa Reich, Mike Seppa. Tessa Scheller, and Mark Garrigues

Staff Present: Jane Harris, CEO, Wendi Agalzoff, and Jennifer Rasmussen

Our meeting was called to order at 4:05 with Carla asking all of us to please check in. She allowed as she had done some camping, cooking and gardening while furloughed. Carla also noted working with the NPS for opening and hiring consideration. Ty had a Fire Camp deployment he talked about with connectivity and sanitization concerns. Being in Marion County for a state wide event was a challenge but he was “happy to do it.” The saw mills are slow with market impacts unknown and ODF taking some steps toward reopening even as density concerns in campgrounds exist, They are preparing for a “different summer.” Jenn is gardening and cooking and doing well with young ones while working at home. Wendi is home with her farm chores picking up. Tessa is happy at home with a river and trails. She noted what other non profits she works with are doing. Jane is home in Manzanita where folks take it seriously and they have a nice City Park space for conversation. She notes shoppers are varied in their responses and personal protection. Melissa is at home as NCLC has closed all facilities and are figuring out how to restructure everything from work parties to fundraisers. Monitoring may become an aerial and computer endeavor. Uncertainty prevails as on line ventures and communication result in “doing as well as possible.” Chris is doing well and finds this an interesting time as he reads about cell biology and furthers his appreciation of our interconnectedness. Mark notes Greenwood folks are all working remotely with his spouse having uncertainties as in person teaching opportunities are likely postponed. Mike is “hunkering down for months now” and reports feeling healthy and well with shopping assistance and an on line meeting today for CSWCD.

Minutes: approved by motion; Ty/Melissa, all in favor.

Financial Report: Jennifer reported that we are 14K under budget as of April. When looking at the 2020 budget she and Jane are doing their best to forecast with the PPP grant helping significantly. OWEB is considering greater flexibility for finishing the biennium and capacity grant spending. Jane provided further details regarding the PPP grant with speculation about funding from the Lottery that has “good reserves.”

Public Comment: Jane noted a public question she received about the City of Warrenton water supply and withdrawals from the Lewis and Clark River. Carla noted that the NPS looked into the possibility of a gauging station and found it to be an expensive tool to install and maintain. She also noted previous NPS public commentary on this matter. It is unknown what level of water is withdrawn from the river and the concern is for sufficient in water needs for fish passage and habitat. We discussed the water usage and will follow up by looking for more data and the possibility of a future site visit.

Chum Love Update: Jane noted that progress is exciting as big projects are being designed that consider the geomorphology of streams and wetlands and the scope of work. Big Ck and the Lewis and Clark River are primary streams with letters for outreach and a survey being developed for neighbors. Wendi noted the Hunter family is interested in LWD placement and has recruited neighbors for riparian planting and weed control. Neighbors are also coming on

board in the Big and Little Creeks area and a pilot project looks promising. State agencies including ODOT are being asked to develop partnerships as fundraising options are being considered. Chris noted sediment deposition concerns for the wandering streams with plans needed for restoration. The floodplain connectivity and sedimentation will be factors for better understanding the project.

Executive Director's Report: Jane discussed fundraising noting the invasive species grant was turned down while other grants and a letter of intent are on going. She noted the team effort and program development with additional hours for Kelli who assists in multiple arenas. The Forest Reserve grant is going forward in June with a resubmission of the Big Ck project. Jane notes meeting with partners and lamprey fish passage was discussed. Jane noted budget considerations and the Skipanon Funds will be part of the next meeting agenda. Our handbook for employees and related policies were discussed.

Good of the order found us ready to adjourn at 5:20.

Submitted by,

Tessa James Scheller, Secretary