

## Meeting minutes for North Coast Watershed Association, Coastal Council, September 21, 2020

Cannon Beach main city park, near the band shell, 4:30

Present were: Jan Siebert-Wahrmund, Celeste Lebo (NCWA Executive Director), Scott Rekate, Carolyn Propst (Council Chair), Lynette Villagomez (NCLC), Barb Knop, Charles Dice, Bob Lundy (secretary), Kelli Daffron (NCWA Program & Communications Coordinator)

Celeste is the new NCWA Executive Director. Celeste was previously with Oregon Parks and before that was the Stewardship Director for NCLC.

Those present introduced ourselves, and the minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Lynette reported that the NCLC has purchased wetlands in Tillamook County, and now has raised over \$8M toward the purchase of the Rainforest Reserve, which includes several grants, including a large grant from OWEB. In October, Katie V will give the first Nature Matters talk of the season.

Celeste reported on activities of NCWA.

Charles reported that he is on the Clatsop County Comp Plan update committee, pushing for much more protective language. Celeste commented that the problem is that the comp plan is not law, but only advice to the County Planning Commission, which advises the County Commission.

Carolyn pointed out that according to her understanding the Coastal Council guidelines (see the meeting announcement) call for decisions by consensus.

While the NCWA was without an Executive Director, Kelli wrangled all of the paperwork to resubmit the grant application for beaver habitat work, which has been changed to a technical assistance grant. This was a recommendation from OWEB in their response to the previous grant submittal that was not funded. An OWEB virtual site review is scheduled for October 16, with a decision probably announced by the start of next year.

Carolyn reported on the status of projects--some well defined and some not, she said. We do need to work on water usage in Cannon Beach. A grant to put all the data together to arrive at and support a recommendation regarding water resources in the lower Ecola Creek watershed. She relayed information from a recent city council meeting where there was discussion of possible annexation of property east of 101 into the city. The Oregon Water Resources Department has some water rights to Ecola Creek, to act on behalf of aquatic species. In response to a question from Jan, Carolyn said that the City has run some creek water through the sand filter to exercise the system, but that this water was not delivered to users. Supply has been sufficient from the springs.

Bob reported that he has almost all required ODOT paperwork for him to cut the Scotch broom at the north entrance. Barb reminded him that he must not do that without her. He acknowledged that.

Scott reported work at Shark Creek, and that John Mersereau says there are complications.

Charles is working on State Goal 5, which requires the county to inventory everything of importance. Of what has been done so far, 80% addresses things north of Seaside per the county Web site.

The next meeting will probably be on Zoom on November 16 at 5:00

There was a mention of Margaret Treadwell of Rocky Shores.

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