



North Coast Watershed Association Board of Directors Meeting

January 31st, 2024, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM via Zoom and Conference Room next to STU 308

Meeting facilitator (Chris) Called meeting to order at 4:08pm

Attendees: Mark, Brad, Tessa, Chris, Carla, Jenn, Kelli, Jason, Graham

Announcements. (everyone)

Meeting Minutes for Approval (August, October, November)

Tessa motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mark seconded. All in favor, unanimously approved.

NCWA Administrative Report (Jenn)

- Monthly financial report and review
 - Carla let the board know: Invasives at Bay NPS dollars are not showing up in the statement of financial position or grant summary report. Shows the original 10k, but not the additions.
Graham to notify JENN.
- Project funding and operating expenses
 - Everything in from sip'n'stroll, way more than we had budgeted for.
 - The new CD is doing well. But need to provide minutes that the board approved the addition of Jenn's name to access the US Bank CD.
 - Tessa motioned to place Jenn Rasmussen's name to provide access to our US Bank CD, Motion seconded by Carla Cole. Motion to add Jenn's name to access the US Bank CD passed unanimously.
 - Unrestricted funds are growing nicely.
 - Chris asked about Grants receivable time period? Jenn, this includes any grant that has been promised, but the cash has not been received yet. They are all on different timelines.
 - Grant summary spreadsheet lists the timeline for each grant.

NCWA Councils (Chris and Graham)

- Nature Matters – Stewart Udall: The Politics of Beauty - January 25th
 - The film is shareable for those who weren't able to attend. Could be free, or for a small fee. The turnout was great, over 70 people.
- Coastal Council – Next meeting January 29th (5:30 - 6:30 PM) at 546 E 6th St, Cannon Beach, OR 97110
 - Moved the date because of the ice apocalypse. New participants, some may be able to fill vacant positions on the council. Talked about beaver opportunities within the power line corridors.
 - Next meeting in March is going to be a webmap training event.
- River Council – Next meeting February 8th (5:30 - 6:30 PM) at the Astoria Brewery Taproom on 12th Street
 - Future of partnership is coming to an end with ReachBreak, so the Council will return to the Astoria Taproom. Kelli mentioned how the meeting used to be at the high school, or the library if the brewery isn't preferable. Warrenton has no fee, but Astoria may, worth asking. Kelli to look into it.

Executive Updates (Graham and Kelli)

- Brief staff and admin and outreach position update
 - Closes today, received 8 applicants. Interviews start next week.
 - Chris asked what is the end time to complete the interviews? Graham said sometime before the 14th of February.
 - Graham, it is going to be a trial position initially, but hopes that the position allows for the opportunity for growth/becomes more.

Board of Directors Watershed Topics (Everyone)

- Gnat Creek Watershed

- Fertile Valley Creek Restoration (Gnat Creek Watershed - Stakeholder Engagement)
- Big Creek Watershed
 - Lower Elk, Coon, Mud and Pigpen Creek LWP and Bridge Enhancement - Restoration
 - Big Creek Watershed Charrette - Stakeholder Engagement
 - Big Creek Fish Hatchery – Seeking funding opportunity for ODFW
- Bear Creek Watershed
 - Large wood enhancement project for with the City of Astoria and ODFW Chum screw trap
- Skipanon River Watershed
 - Leinenweber Lake - Invasive plants
 - City of Warrenton estuary projects
 - Oregon sliverspot butterfly – Columbia Pacific Pollinator Collaborative and *Viola adunca* beds
- Lewis & Clark River Watershed
 - LOI Submitted for City of Warrenton Water Diversion Dam
- Youngs Bay Watershed
 - Keeping Invasives at Bay – Spring drone work to select treatment sites with CREST.
- Klaskanine River Watershed
 - 3 million for the Ogee Dam to become a roughened channel to go to ODFW
 - Habitat enhancement for the upper watershed
 - Pacific lamprey – Lessons of the Lamprey - Logo, Tri Fold and Interpretive Sign
- Ecola Creek Watershed
 - OWEB Restoration Grant for ECFR Beaver Habitat Enhancement and Beaver Play

Board of Directors Other Topics (Everyone)

- NCWA rebranding
 - Lessons of lamprey work – tried to get more money allocated to strategic action plan, but it didn't happen. Devoting time now to getting the website developed and new logo concepts pushed out. Should have by the end of February for the board to review. Calibrating all campaigns around the logo, so we have a unified branding campaign.
 - Web Map, been working on the new website to host the web map. Launch the new website and logo at the same time. Board to look at it all and approve what we come up with.
The board is eager to see what the products look like.
- NRCS projects and backyard habitat pollinator program

Jason Smith had to depart the meeting a few minutes early (Birthday Dinner).

Good of the Order. (Everyone)

Adjournment. (Chris)

Deadlines - No pending project deadlines currently