
Upper Nehalem Watershed Council

Meeting Minutes 12/5/2019

Call to order

A meeting of the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council was held at the UNWC office on December 5th, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman, Wade Bullier. Attendees included: Wade Bullier, Brenda Lisle, Cory Colburn, Corrie Auto, Jeff Walton, Kraig Kirkpatrick, Jim Crawford, Susan Spicer Pond, Rick Osborne, Sye Laird, Maggie Peyton, Gil McClain.

Public Comment

Jeff recommended the mixed age thinning extension class he took at the demonstration forest.

Cory Colburn brought up the state forest lawsuit and wonders why Columbia County is involved with such a small amount of state land.

Announcements

Chinook- low flows causing problems for spawning. Rock Crock and Humbug has some counts.

Coho are just starting to show up on survey sites.

Approval of minutes

Sye made a motion to approve meeting minutes, Rick seconded. The October minutes were approved.

Reports

1. Maggie ED Report:

- a. Working on riparian restoration with a crew
- b. Met with OWEB regional review team at Clear Creek (managed by Weyerhaeuser). Well attended meeting, and hopeful the crossings will be funded.
- c. Jim, Troy and Maggie looked at projects at Deer and Crooked Creek.
- d. Working with Susan on foundation funding.
- e. Tweedle Creek moving along and hope to be funded next summer.
- f. Met with superintendent of school district, who will be retiring. Beforehand, he will ensure our longterm status using the office space with an updated memorandum.

2. Susan Spicer Pond presented the Treasurer's report.
3. We have an outreach team! Corrie, Jeff and Maggie have been meeting to work on outreach.
 - a. public planting event at Hawkins Park: met with Josette to confirm that we can plant in the place of the Cottonwoods. (Potentially at next Salmon Fest)
 - b. want to replace trees along bridge street, but there are obstacles
 - c. public planting at the lake, potentially March 7, 14, 21st

Unfinished Business

1. Jeremy Sapp has resigned as Treasurer from UNWC and we need to remove his name from the US Bank account. The position needs to be filled and Jim Crawford has volunteered to fill the role in the interim/long term.
2. Fishhawk lake: the Vernonia Voice article was good and accurate, except that the drain was not repaired as reported. Design process is moving forward.
3. We will discuss officer positions on January 23rd
4. January 23rd speaker- Sye will reach out to lamprey speaker from Solve, Grand Ronde tribe on lamprey

New Business

1. Beaver trapping ban letter to Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission: The UNWC voted 5-2 to support the letter.
2. We are looking for a Weyerhaeuser representative on the board.
3. Discussion basket (topics for future discussion), also known as Watershed Therapy. Outreach team wants to set up a part of the meeting where we pick a topic to discuss.
4. Maggie suggests we create a policy for our Facebook posts. Corrie suggests we look to other nonprofits for how to form this.
5. Maggie handed out letter written by Peter Hayes, tabled for future discussion.

Announcements

The next meeting will be held on January 23rd at location TBD.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Wade at 7:28 p.m.