
Upper Nehalem Watershed Council

Meeting Minutes 1/23/2020

Call to order

A meeting of the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council was held at the Vernonia Public Library on January 23rd. We started with a presentation on lamprey by Christina Wang from US Fish and Wildlife. About 24 attendees for the excellent presentation. The business meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chairman, Wade Bullier. Attendees included: Wade Bullier, Brenda Lisle, Corrie Aiuto, Jeff Walton, Jim Crawford, Susan Spicer Pond, Rick Osborne, Sye Laird, Maggie Peyton, Susan Schmidlin, Dale Webb, Charles Laird, Tom Dee, Kerry Gallagher.

Public Comment

Many excellent questions from audience for the Lamprey presentation by Christina Wang.

Announcements

Approval of minutes

Wade made a motion to approve meeting minutes, Sye seconded. The December minutes were approved.

Reports

1. Maggie ED Report: see agenda from the meeting and handouts
 - a. New partnership opportunities (Regional Conservation Partnership Program, Lower Nehalem WC, Necanicum WC).
 - b. Strategic Action Plan handed out for review.
 - c. Nehalem Strategic Action Plan handed out for review.
 - d. Maggie is offering tours periodically for anyone interested. Next tour Feb 27th 1pm.
 - e. Training Jim Crawford to be incoming Treasurer.
 - f. Conducted bookkeeper performance review with Susan Spicer-Pond on 1/20/2020.
2. Susan Spicer Pond presented the Treasurer's report, see handouts.

Unfinished Business

1. Fishhawk Lake: Lawyers working with agencies on the engineering for the spillway fish ladder.

New Business.

1. Board member nominations:

Chair: Jeff Walton nominated by Wade, Rick Osborne seconded.

Vice Chair: Sye laird nominated by Wade, Susan Schmidlin seconded.

Treasurer: Wade nominated Jim Crawford, Jeff seconded.

Scribe/Secretary: no nominations

Sye made a motion to appoint Jim Crawford as interim Treasurer. Jeff seconded motion, motion passed. Jim Crawford is elected interim Treasurer and a signer on the US Bank account.

Announcements

Tour with Maggie, February 27th at 1pm, meet at the office.

Next meeting Thursday, February 27th 2020 at 5:30 pm. Short presentation with Ash Creek Forest Management.

We have several guest attendees: Dale Webb, one of the founding members; Tom Dee and Kerry Gallagher, new to the area and interested in the board; Charles Laird.

Executive and Board Member Meeting, February 13th 5pm at Vernonia Springs.

Adjournment

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