

MidCoast Watersheds Council
February 3, 2011
Notes

Introductions were made, 15 persons were present

1. Recorder's Report: There were 2 actions taken at the January 6, 2011 Council meeting:

A motion and passed unanimously to establish a Jan Christensen outstanding volunteer service award and charge the ADMIN committee with setting up procedures for the reward. Additionally, an on-going list of people given the award over the years should be posted and maintained.

A motion was made to nominate the following slate of candidates for positions on the Council's Board: Chairperson: Sam Adams and Rennie Ferris, Vice Chairperson: Sam Adams, Stacy Polkowske and Anne Sigleo, Treasurer: Rennie Ferris and Mark Saalens, Recorder: Fran Recht, Mark Saelens, Anne Sigleo, Public At Large: Elmer Ostling, mark Saelens, Anne Sigleo, Margaret Taackett, Heather VanMeter.

2. Treasurer's report- Wayne Hoffman gave the treasurer's report for the month of January. Year to date income of \$173,934, YTD expenses of 196,877; with a balance in the bank of 13,598. MCWC Activity Report – Coordinator Wayne Hoffman provided a written update of his activities in January and an oral summary. He will have been in this position with the Council 12 years as of next month. Main activities this month were preparing grant applications—the Council Support Application for the 2011-2013 biennium and an application to Ecostrust who distributes NOAA funds as match for the Council's Upper Yaquina Passage Restoration Program, being done by Steve Trask to address identified limiting factors. He gave a presentation on Beavers and habitat restoration to about 60 peoples attending a meeting of the North Coast Land Conservancy. The Necanicum WC was a co-sponsor. Wayne also completed the writing for the annual report. A final copy is expected in a few days and will be available for the meeting next month. The MCWC will be hosting a community meeting for Beaver Creek at the Seal Rock Garden Club Monday February 7.
3. Elections—Next month will be the annual meeting (it will correspond with the availability of the annual report). We will elect officers as scheduled tonight and install officers next month. After last month's meeting some people declined to accept the nominations, so the ballot sent out reflected those changes. Cathryn Pruett and Wayne counted the anonymous ballots. Election results: Sam Adams, chair, Rennie Ferris, Vice Chair, Mark Saelens, Treasurer, Anne Sigleo, Recorder, and At Large: Margaret Tackett and Anne Sigleo.

Openings on the board to be filled are: Academic research, port district, aquaculture, small woodlot owner and tech team representative.

4. Yaquina Basin Planning Team-- a written report was provided by Coordinator Lisa Mulcahy. She provided updates on the interview she had on KNPT radio in January, continuing work with a representative of the Willamette and Pacific Railroad to remove creosote ties from the Upper Yaquina area, scheduling the next community meeting for the Upper Yaquina for later in February (tentatively Feb 21), gave a presentation to the Longview Hills Fishing Club and learned of their interest in participating in riparian restoration projects, and continued work for coordinating the next round of King Tide photo events to highlight the higher tide and storm effects likely to be seen in coastal and estuary areas with climate changes. Planning another ivy pull with partners for April.

5. Siletz Watershed Council –Aaron Duzic, the new coordinator, provided a written report of activities. Siletz WC member helped with ODFW winter steelhead broodstock collection program on the Siletz, with 13 fish harvested (8 females and 5 males); additional broodstock work underway in the Alsea. Stacy Polkowske gave a presentation about the drinking water protection grant application submitted by the city of Toledo. The grant would fund continuous turbidity monitoring and sediment source site assessment. The Siletz WC wrote a letter of support. The City of Toledo voted unanimously to endorse the Siletz River etiquette guide. The guide is posted at all boat ramps and outlines how to enjoy the river in a responsible manner. It also discourages gas boat motors above Mill Park. Other endorsements from Newport and the County commission will be sought in February. The Council meeting Feb 15, 7pm in the Siletz library.
6. Alsea Watershed Council. Elmer Ostling brought written copies of the Alsea WC update on activities. In January the group heard a presentation by Dr. Markus Horning from the Pinniped Ecology Applied Research Lab at OSU. His presentation was on Managinggt' Fisheries and Marine Mammals in Changing Coastal Ecosystem, with research from Alaska and fAntarctic ecosystems. Willow planting has begun up Trout Creek, a tributary of South Fork Alsea. AWC received support from Benton SWCD in the amount of \$1000 for council support or project match. Tom Davis is working with Rocky Mtn Elk Foundation to provide grass seed to some local landowners who have regular elk use on their property. AWC outlined the reasons for the group to decline participating with the MCWC in the council support grant. Next mtg feb 17th will have Charley Dewberry speaking on stream restoration.
7. Salmon Drift Watershed Council. Catherine Pruett, the new coordinator, who started work a few days before, was at the meeting and introduced herself. Catherine brings to her new role project management and policy analysis experience on a range of environmental issues, as well as work experience as an attorney in the private sector. Her educational background includes degrees from the University of Hawai'i in geography with an emphasis in biology and land use planning (in Hawaii she also ran a wildlife rehab center, specializing in endangered raptors, bats and endemic birds). She went to Willamette University in law, and after giving corporate law up, when to Columbia University and received a degree in environmental policy and planning. She recently worked in Yellowstone area as interim exec director of Keystone, a group working to preserve predators and deal with high conflict issues around them. She spend her youth on the Oregon Coast in Taft and is now back, enjoying being able to kayak to her office!. Updates were given on continuing Pixieland work, the proposed tour during Antiques Week (Feb 12th), Corrina finished up the written report on the culvert survey which has been finished. Follow up grant writing to key off that survey. Lincoln City water needs and future water planning is also on the horizon. Another “fun” fund raiser is being planned at Camp Westwind for April 3rd. Boat over from Knight Park, hikes in woods or on beach, gourmet food, silent auction. This week, OPB's Oregon Field Guide will air the segment they did about Pixie Land.
8. ADMIN Committee report. Approved financial report, Council support grant submitted without Alsea WC participation which was their decision; a MOU between the MCWC and the Alsea WC will be drafted to guide their on-going relationship. Boone Ogden has been contracted to held the MCWC on Beaver Creek community outreach. There will a community meeting on Feb 7th at the Seal rock garden club. A flyer has been drafted for that purpose. Annual meeting will be held in March. An OSU sponsored “Conversation Program” has solicited help from non-profits as community hosts qne for ideas for interesting community programs to which an expert speaker can be brought in—to foster learning and discussion around new or complex topics. Ideas for this program were discussed. Wayne gave an update on his activities during the month and noted the nice Jan Christensen celebration held January 29th.

9. TECH Team Committee report. There was no tech team meeting this past month.
10. EDUC report. There was no education work done this month.
11. Announcements: Newport City Hall Feb 14th, Planning Commission hearing re hazard zones. The calendar was noted, with upcoming meetings of BPT groups, the TECH, ADMIN, March 3 next MCWC meeting.
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