

Skagit Watershed Council
Meeting of the Board of Directors – Final Notes
December 11, 2014, SWC Office, Mount Vernon, WA

(* indicates action item; indicates decision)

Call to Order

Attendance: Loren Everest, Steve Hinton, Bob Everitt, Jon Paul Shannahan, Brenda Cunningham, Colleen McShane and Richard Brocksmith were present. Margaret Fleek, Ken Dahlstedt and Carolyn Kelly were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm by Vice-Chair Steve Hinton, with quorum. The draft agenda was reviewed and approved.

Bob moved and Brenda seconded approval of the notes as written, with that motion then approved by consensus of the Board.

Executive Director's Report

Loren moved and Bob seconded adoption of the October financial report as provided, with that motion then approved by consensus of the Board.

The 2015 Council of Members meeting dates were reviewed and there was agreement that the frequency of meetings was appropriate. No significant conflicts with any of the dates were identified. All agreed to move forward with the proposed meeting dates.

The status of the hiring process was relayed previously in the Board Retreat. Chris Vondrasek has accepted the Watershed Coordinator position, and will be starting on January 1, 2015.

Committee Reports

Draft notes were provided in advance from the Technical Work Group (TWG), while a verbal briefing was provided for the Protection Subcommittee (PS) and Monitoring & Adaptive Management Subcommittee. ***A tally of recently acquired properties through the Protection Subcommittee will be provided soon to the TWG and Board.** It was noted that the Monitoring & Adaptive Management Subcommittee was working on a draft scope of work for updating the monitoring plan for the Skagit Chinook Salmon Recovery Plan.

Several new members were proposed for the TWG and Protection Subcommittee, and each was reviewed, discussed and unanimously confirmed as proposed, specifically including:

- Rick Hartson, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe for TWG and PS

- Kari Odden, replacing Martha Bray for Skagit Land Trust for TWG and PS
- Erik Anderson, Aspect Consulting for TWG
- Scott Heller, Puget Sound Energy for PS

***The Board agreed to discuss at an upcoming meeting a proposed commendation for Martha Bray for her years of productive service towards meeting our mission.**

Old Business

The Board reviewed the briefing material for a new Skagit Capacity Fund program within the Skagit Watershed Council that would allocate small amounts of capital funds to move forward high priority projects, either through planning or implementation. After discussion, several amendments were made to the draft proposal, including incorporating early steelhead actions as eligible activities, decreasing the amount immediately available from \$55,000 to \$40,000, and placing a funding range or cap per award. ***The latter should be discussed with the TWG before finalizing and sending out an RFP by year's end.**

Bob moved, and Loren seconded, a motion to adopt the Skagit Capacity Fund proposal as amended above, with that motion approved by consensus of the Board.

The meeting adjourned around 1:40 pm. It was noted that partners were invited to attend the Skagit Land Trust's Annual Member's Meeting in the evening of January 15, 2015 when they will be sharing their recently completed Conservation Strategy.