

**Skagit Watershed Council – Final Notes**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors, via Zoom**  
**September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, 11:00am to noon**

(Underline indicates decision point; \***Bold indicates action item**)

**Attending:** John Stein (Chair), Bill Blake, Michael Kirshenbaum, Brian Lanouette, Holli Watne, Aundrea McBride, Richard Brocksmith, Andrew Bearlin, Peter Browning

**Absent:** Devin Smith, Brendan Brokes

**Call to Order 11:04am**

- Introductions, quorum achieved.
- Motion by Peter, second by Bill to approve the agenda. Approved unanimously, Brian abstains.
- Approved Board Notes for July 7<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as presented. Motion by Peter, second by Michael. Approved unanimously, Brian abstains.

**Executive Director and Committee Reports**

Financials—In the red for July (first month of new fiscal year). Hopefully this is not a trend because of new lower indirect rate. Still wrapping up old fiscal year bookkeeping but starting to prepare for federal tax season and looking for an auditor. Peter appreciates the low indirect rate (15%). Motion by Peter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill to approve July Financial Reports, approved unanimously, Brian abstains.

**Committees**

- CEC—potential new committee members from Skagit County and SITC. Promoting school programs with teachers. Committee assessing online, searchable list of programs. Hannah Liss from PSP brought a list of resources as well.
- Protection Subcommittee is working on two properties with restoration needs that will probably be first test cases for new policy on Approval Process for Acquiring Restorable Lands. No greenlights since last meeting.
- M&AM Subcommittee had a short meeting. Began a discussion of how to prioritize pocket estuaries in Whidbey Basin. Discussed using project/focus metrics from PRISM to do some watershed-wide accounting of progress. Discussed timing of Skagit Chinook Recovery Plan update (not until after FERC relicensing). Co-manager are leads on this.
- TWiG did not meet.
- Riparian Work Group did not meet. SWC signed an expansion of our contract with SRSC for working on this task, including riparian database, conference, and listserv.

Rose Foundation Grant—Rose has \$1million to fund water quality and outreach in the Skagit, settlement funds from a Clean Water Act violation. Illuminight and general community engagement needs funding. Good fit for Drain Rangers. Could combine in one proposal. No concerns about SWC applying. **\*Report out at next meeting.**

### **Old Business**

PSAR roll over update—Our proposal described in the letter that went out will be discussed at Watershed Leads meeting next week. **\*Report out at next meeting.**

### **New Business**

Appointing Kate Ramsden (SRSC) to Protection Subcommittee—This will increase connection to habitat restoration. Motion to appoint Kate by Michael, second by Andrew, all approve, Brian Abstains.

Nominating Committee Report—3 members are up for re-election because their term has expired (Brendan, Michael, and Andrew). All would like to extend. Nominating Committee proposes they be nominated for election at the members meeting. Motion to nominate Brendan, Michael, and Andrew for new Board term by Peter, second by Bill, all approve, Brian abstains.

Annual Lunch and 4S—Fully virtual, 2 hours 12:00-2:00. Peter and Scott Schuyler will give welcome speeches. Possibly J.J. Wilbur from SITC will as well. Board elections will happen. 4S presentations will follow. Steering Committee will meet next week to finalize topics. **\*SWC needs to consider how to make the 4S materials available to a broader audience.**

**Adjourn 11:48am**

### **Upcoming Events:**

- September 22, Noon to 2pm – SWC Annual Lunch and 4S
- October 6, November 3, & December 1, 10am to Noon – SWC Board