

Minutes for Meeting of CMCA Board Meeting - Dec. 29, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am by new board president, Beverly Stein.

First order of business was for introductions of board members and others present and attending via Zoom - thanks to technical set-up by Kevin Burke.

The Charter Resolution was discussed. Bev led a review of the draft and introduced Simone Goldfeder and Miriam Fultz as co-leaders. There is also a Working Group that will provide support to the project. This group will also be adding additional members so that all of the community feels represented and informed about the project. It was noted that the Working Group should come to full community meetings to support the project.

The Board will make final decisions, after gathering and considering all input from the Working Group and other involved entities.

The first progress report from the Working Group should be received by Jan. 10th.

A motion to accept the Charter was made, seconded, and unanimously agreed to.

An update on the current situation regarding purchase of Watershed Conservancy Project land was presented by Miriam and Simone. Of immediate importance is the appraisal of the property. Once that is completed and approved the board can make decision about how and when to move forward. Residential appraisal in January. Timber appraisal in February.

Fund raising is in progress. Bev reported that a 10K donation from a single anonymous donor has been promised.

Miriam presented a thorough description of ongoing grant proposals. And also discussed how the North Coast Land Conservancy (NCLC) can work with the community. Essentially NCLC will serve as a fiscal agent. The service is free of charge to the community. Miriam pointed out that NCLC does not want to own the land.

Miriam and Simone are also actively researching other grant possibilities. What the Board and community decide they want to do regarding the property (own, have managed, etc.) will determine which grants are appropriate to apply for.

Narayan Lincoln has volunteered to write up a description of the watershed property to help with all grant proposals.

A motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with NCLC was made, seconded and approved.

The next order of business was to discuss and prioritize the options for final ownership of property. The three options discussed were: A. Outright community ownership. B. Ownership by an outside organization such as Oceanside Water District, Tillamook County, etc. with a forest management plan or C. Individual private ownership with a conservation easement.

All three scenarios were thoroughly discussed as to the pros and cons of each and Bev called for a vote as to which was most favored. In that poll, 7 favored option 1, 5 option 2, 1 option 3. It was decided, though, that all information and specific data is not yet available and that the Board and Working Group should continue to explore all options.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Jan 9 at 10 am

Potential new Board members (Scott Gordon and Aaron Cope) will be voted on.

A full community meeting is scheduled for Feb. 11 when an update of information on the Watershed Conservancy Project will be presented.

Bev adjourned the meeting at 12:11 pm

Board Members present:

Beverly Stein, Patti Smith, Sean Kohles, Randy Klobas, Kathy Burke, Simone Goldfelder

Working Group and other supporters present:

Scott Gordon, Spike Klobas, Aaron Cope, Narayan Lincoln, Devin Field, Chris Spence, Kevin Burke, Miriam Fultz.

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