

DRAFT DRMT Meeting Notes October 9, 2019

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DRMT Members Present: Hansi Hals/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Shawn Hines/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (alt), Robert Phreaner/Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society, Pete Walker/ Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society (alt), Robert Beebe/Riverside Property Owners, Judy Larson/Protect the Peninsula's Future, Don Hatler/Sports Fisheries, Joe Holtrop/Clallam Conservation District, Michele Canale/North Olympic Land Trust, Mike Auger/North Olympic Land Trust (alt), Cathy Lear/Clallam County DCD, Mary Ellen Winborn/Clallam County DCD (alt), Ann Soule/City of Sequim, , Danielle Zitomer/WDFW

Others Present: Carrol Hull (Clallam County League of Women Voters), Genie Mixon (Dungeness Meadows Homeowners Association), Helle Anderson (Clallam County), Latrisha Suggs (JKST), Marguerite Glover, John Stensrud,

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I. Introductions/Review Agenda/September 2019 Meeting Notes

Hansi called meeting to order. Introductions were made, sign in sheets circulated.

- Hansi announced Jacob Melly is leaving the County and appreciates all his hard work for the Environmental Health Dept. A card was circulated.
- Revisions were noted to September Notes, Ann moved to approve, Robert Beebe seconded. Danielle, Cathy, and Robert P. abstained due to their absence.
- Michele announced NOLT will be showing The League of Women Voters video "Story of Water" on Friday October 11, 2019 from 2-4 at the Dungeness School House.
- Michele added the film will also be shown at the NOLT Annual meeting at the Port Angeles Library on November 16 from 9:30-11:30.
- Hansi announced Matt Heins will not be able to attend the next few meetings. Hansi and the DRMT appreciate all of his efforts over the last many years. Additional clarification needed from Matt regarding his longer-term intentions.

Public Comment:

- Carol Hull announced the lecture series was beginning October 23, 6:30 Sequim City Chambers with "How our Water System Works: The Hydrology of the Dungeness Watershed" by Ann Soule, City of Sequim.

II. 2019 "Rivers Edge" Project (Floodplain Restoration and Farmland Conservation), 2019 "Rivers Edge" Project Partners (Clallam County, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (JKST), North Olympic Land Trust)

- Michele and Mike showed a fund-raising video prepared for the annual NOLT Harvest Dinner that summarized the Rivers Edge project. Video is available on the NOLT website.
- Michele circulated a summary sheet for the rivers End project.
- This project is located between Towne Road and the east bank of the Dungeness River.
- The project will conserve 64 acres of farmland, reconnect 40 acres of historical floodplain, establish Farm & Habitat Revolving Fund, and preserve public access along a portion of the levee..
- The total project fund-raising goal equals \$1.4 million; currently at \$1 million secured. NOLT is continuing to actively fund-raise and apply for grants to cover the remaining \$400k.
- Land acquisition of 104 acres. Of the 104 acres, NOLT will acquire 63.27 acres, JKST will acquire 40.9 acres.
- Project will result in conversion of 24 acres from farmland to habitat restoration.
- 1949 flood prompted the construction of the Army Corp dike (the dike that Cathy's County project will remove).
- Currently, the project does not have the funding to remove the dike that borders all of the McClane-Wallacker property. The project does have funding to remove the "hinge dike" which links this project with the downstream floodplain restoration/dike removal project.
- A clarifying question was asked about Public Access. Due to the JKST using RCO funding, they require Public Access.
- Maps displayed show the County parcels. County parcels show 24 parcels. A closer review of the deeds by the County in 2015, revealed only 10 legal lots of record for the same area.

III. Dungeness Floodplain Restoration/Levee Setback Update, Cathy Lear, Clallam County

- Cathy re-stated some of the reasons this project is being completed include dike is nearing the end of its lifespan, ESA listed species in the Dungeness River, and impaired water quality- primarily turbidity.
- There is evidence that Towne Road existed in its current location in 1914.
- Cathy displayed maps that provided an overview of the project and showed the spur dike, or the linkage between the floodplain restoration project and the McClane-Wallacker parcels.
- Currently, the County proposes a parking area to provide public access. The Army Corps does not like this idea due to the loss of wetlands. This access location is also required to provide access to maintain the dike along the McClane-Wallacker parcels. The spur dike also provides floodplain protection to the private Agricultural lands.
- Received Clallam County permits, Dept of Fish and Wildlife, Water Quality Certification of Dept. of Ecology, permit application in progress for Dept. of Natural Resources.
- A question was asked about bike lane/pedestrian access on the rerouted Towne Road? Cathy responded the new road will have 4 foot shoulders. The elevation of the new Towne Road will be 4 feet and up to 12 feet above the 100 year flood elevation.

IV. Other Orders of Business/Standing Agenda Items

- Standing Item- Project Updates
 - Joe reported on an irrigation Ditch piping project, added about 10,000 feet of piping. Couldn't determine where this work was being completed.
- Standing Item- Review future Agenda items
 - 2020 DRMT Nominations
 - River Center Expansion
 - Streamkeepers update
 - Danielle followed up on WDNR enforcement efforts.
- Shawn asked for clarification on the efficiency standards future agenda items reported on the September agenda. Shawn will follow-up.

Meeting adjourned approximately 3:35.

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