

Watershed Citizens Advisory Board

Lafayette City Council Chambers

February 20, 2001

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by Chair, Kathi Futornick.
2. **Members Present at the Meeting.** Stan Hill, Kathi Futornick, Bob Long, Travis Johnson, Dean O'Reilly, David Breneman, Ron Ross
3. **Others Present.** Phil Lieberman, Walter Forster, Carol Paddock
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Carol corrected the January 9th meeting minutes by deleting her name from members present since Travis was present at the meeting and she was present as "others present". Under the section "report from the public access subcommittee", Walter corrected his statement in line 6 from "is illegal to not allow" to "should be legal". In section "continuation of subcommittee report", Carol corrected from Jenkins at OSU from "was" to "is to be" contacted. On page 2, line 9, Carol corrected the statement "Carol stated that chemicals" to "Andy stated...". The next to the last sentence on page 2 was corrected to state "sub"- critical recharge area rather than critical recharge area.
5. **Progress of Vegetative Committee on Chemical Use.** Carol reported that the chemical committee did not meet. She commented on three chemicals, Garlon, Glyphosphate (Roundup), and Sulphomethuron (methyl, OUST). These chemicals are prohibited from use near surface water. With respect to the vegetation committee, Andy submitted a Forest Management Plan draft outline. It was brought out that there was not a consensus on the outline within the vegetative subcommittee. Carol requested that the WCAB members provide comments to her or Andy within the week so they can begin work. Dean stated that it might be best to contract out some of the work e.g. Scott Ferguson, or Barry Schreiber.
6. **Summary of Actions Taken in Other Watersheds.** Stan reported that McMinnville (contact Eric Abrahms) had about a 5,000 acre watershed and they did not spray at all. In extreme problem areas they could use a backpack spray device but that was limited. For Forest Grove (contact Randy Smith), Scott Ferguson was hired for forest management and based on discussions with Scott, the City was not planning to use chemical sprays. For other watersheds, Scott mentioned that for those he is familiar with, chemicals are not used. Additional questions that the WCAB asked Stan to pose to Scott were: Are there any watersheds where spraying is used?; Are these watersheds using groundwater, springs or surface water as a water source?; What other activities are allowed in their watersheds?. Bob Long mentioned that the Bull Run Watershed is protected by the City of Portland and federal law. There is a \$10K fine and 6 months in prison for violations. They do not log and rigs must have pads underneath to catch oil drips. There are extensive erosion control plans as well. The Bull Run watershed is about 48,000 acres.
7. **Henry Creek Channel Modification.** Kathi and Dave reported on the observed channel modifications to Henry Creek during a site visit. The purpose of the site visit was to identify channel disturbances such as channel widening, bank erosion, gravel and sediment deposits for the portion of Henry Creek that lies within the City's watershed. Additional information was collected regarding presence/no presence of water in the creek. Kathi reported that there was no flow of water and yet there were wide areas and fairly deep bowl areas indicating that large flows did occur in the past. Areas for immediate action included several culverts that were undersized and there was evidence of water overflowing the roadway. Water flow in the creek was not observed from the point of entry to near the well-field. Kathi reported that in the 27 years of observing Henry Creek, that no flow was a first, especially in winter months. There was some water flow from just above the well-field to close to the Blanco property at the western side of the watershed. A report will summarize observations. Phil questioned the value in conducting the channel assessment. Kathi responded that it's important to have baseline information,

and not rely on assumptions. She further went onto explain that spring diversions may have had an impact on the water flow in the creek as well as the low amounts of rainfall. Phil stated that nothing could be done regarding Henry Creek since the City could not restrict development due to limited water resources. Carol and Stan stated that restriction of development was not the question at hand and that it is important to identify of general conditions for purposes of watershed management.

8. **Status of Typing Trees.** Dean mentioned that the Trappist Abbey had completed a tree typing. That it is usually developed around stands of trees that would be preserved and enhanced. The code system would be D4, D3 for example for Douglas fir; bare ground, young trees sampling etc. There could be some areas for mixed hardwood, shrubs; there would be a description of soils etc. Dean agreed to complete a tree typing for the watershed as part of the management plan.
9. **Schedule to Complete Subcommittee Information.** The last City Council meeting in May might be cancelled. For the City Council to hear the proposed management plan and approve it, we would probably be attending the June meeting. For chemical use, Phil suggested that if we do spray, that we be at 2X the legal distance from Henry Creek and critical recharge subareas. Tentatively it was decided that Scott Ferguson would be contacted to conduct a wildlife/riparian and forest management assessment with recommendations. It was not known if Scott had skills that would include wildlife/riparian. If not Scott, then we needed to identify another person. Dean mentioned Barry Schreiber with Flora and Fauna as a possibility. Bob Long would put together a scope of work to complete the next steps for water quality/quantity. This would take a look at what is already being done by the City, what additional data evaluation would help the City. The Public Access subcommittee would meet in April and Carol would look at what is being done in other watersheds regarding public access.
10. **Schedule to Complete Writing of Management Plan.** Kathi explained that each of the subcommittees needed to complete their work by early May in order to pull the information together for the management plan.
11. **Budget.** Phil explained that it was necessary to utilize the grant dollars available for work that was not getting done in order to meet the June deadline. Phil mentioned that there is \$22K in grant dollars and \$10 K for roads and infrastructure in the budget. There is also \$5K for replanting.
12. **Survey Results.** Dave mentioned that only one individual returned the survey. The information related had to do with the planting of the trees about 50 years ago.
13. **Other Business.** Phil requested ideas to increase citizen participation. He mentioned that there will be a Visioning Committee meeting on April 7th, mid-day. They would look at the sewer plan, the watershed plan progress, and that there needs to be a speaker from the WCAB to stir interest. Travis agreed to be that speaker. Next events would be Heritage Days and Parents Night at the Wascher Elementary. It was also noted that it is important to pay attention to new wineries in the area and water rights which could impact the amount of water available to the watershed and the City.

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