



**Nisqually River Council  
Citizens Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2016, 6:00 – 8:00 PM  
Nisqually Tribe's Natural Resources Office**

**CAC Members Present:** *Phyllis Farrell, Lois Ward, Steve Pruitt, and Fred Michelson*  
**Staff Present:** *Morgan Greene*

**Welcome and Introductions**

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:18pm. There was a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. They were approved, as was the agenda for the evening.

**Nominations/Elections**

There was a motion to close nominations; the motion carried. The nominations received were Steve Pruitt (Chair), Phyllis Farrell (Vice-Chair) and Lois Ward (3<sup>rd</sup> Voting Member). There was a motion to elect the nominees to their respective roles. The motion carried unanimously. Steve, Phyllis and Lois will be in these positions until July 2017.

**Open Member Forum**

- The CAC will ask for NRC approval of the new mission statement and goals at the August meeting. Morgan is continuing to ask Bryan and/or Roger to write a letter for David Uberaga.
- Phyllis is curious about how the candidates for County Commissioner will impact land use in the watershed. The CAC will ask the NRC if hosting a "candidates night" focused on the NWSP is appropriate. It could be framed around the question, "the NWSP has something for everyone. What indicators would you most support as a candidate?"
- Lois was curious about the organization of the NRC, Nisqually River Foundation and Nisqually Land Trust. Morgan shared the NRC flowchart to explain the differences between the Foundation and Land Trust. Steve and Fred shared historical information on the NRF's Board.
- Lois wanted to know about Steve's background. He comes from a family of 8 and has lived in Ohop Valley since his senior year of high school. His mother built Pioneer Farm Museum. Steve has a degree in education and communications. He has been the Executive Director of Pioneer Farm a few times, though he lived in Spokane for a while too. His mom was involved in the NRC and convinced Steve to join too. After retirement, he dedicated a large portion of his time to the activities of the NRC. He's been very involved in the Nisqually State Park, and has also been the Chair of the CAC multiple times, and Chair of the NRC once.
- Morgan answered questions from the CAC, including about the NRC elections process. Lois, Fred and Ashley are the subcommittee. Morgan is accepting nominations through Thursday afternoon, and will share details with the subcommittee via email on Thursday evening. The subcommittee will then ask for a vote during lunch.
- Fred discussed the Yelm Wastewater Plant. Morgan will ask Justin and David if they are aware of the situation, and will direct them to Ed if they have further questions. He clarified that no one from the CAC has spoken to JW about the topic.
- Steve quoted Margaret Mead: "Never doubt that a small group of dedicated individuals can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

- Phyllis wanted to know more about water resources/water availability in the watershed. Fred noted that water planning has occurred in the watershed for decades—this led to the Water Resources Inventory Area (WRIA) 11 plan that is available online (<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/water/wria/>). Steve noted that different agencies regulate water quantity vs. water quality. The NWSP calls for multiple actions to improve water quality and quantity. Fred also talked about the Shellfish Protection District, which deals with septic systems. Steve noted that water resources should be approached through a systems management point of view; he will work to develop this framework and will report back to the CAC.
- Morgan will share the link to Rusty’s blog to the CAC.
- Fred shared a flyer on the “Bee Man,” an exterminator. He removes hornets and yellow jackets free of charge, and then sells the venom. He takes honeybee hives to farms that need pollination.

**For the Good of the Order**

NRC retreat is on Friday, July 15 from 10-2. Unless you wish to carpool for the Tribe’s Natural Resources Office, please meet on Peterson Road (Ohop Valley) at 10am.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.