

# Pacific City/Woods Citizen Advisory Committee (PC/W CAC)

Minutes of the PC/W CAC Meeting on May 19, 2014, 6:30 pm  
Kiawanda Community Center, 34600 Cape Kiwanda Drive  
Pacific City, Oregon

**FINAL VERSION -- 6-21-14**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

**1. Self-introductions – Ilean Rouse – Chair**

Officers and attendees introduced themselves. There were nineteen people at this meeting, including: Ilean Rouse – Chair; David Yamamoto – Past-chair; Sean Carlton – Chair-elect; and Bud Miller – Secretary.

**2. Guest Speaker – David Moryc, American Rivers Senior Director Protection**

**Program – River Restoration, River Protection, Clean Water & Water Supply -** Mr. Moryc began by telling us about American Rivers, which was founded about 40 years ago. They were formed to work with the process set up by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and initially concentrated on stopping more dam construction. Over the years they expanded to work with others on river restoration, water infrastructure challenges for local communities, management of watershed for municipal water supplies, and related issues. David presented information on several projects American Rivers is involved with in the western U.S. Principal of these is the proposal by Senator Ron Wyden in the O&C Act of 2013 to make changes to the management of the “O & C” lands, most of which are located in Western Oregon. The legislation is aimed at overcoming the paralysis of sustainable management of these lands over the last several decades. The aim is two-fold. To designate roughly half of the 2.1 million acres currently included for consideration as forestry emphasis areas allowing for increased timber harvesting. And to set aside the other half for a conservation emphasis. The outcome would be protection of a little less than 1.0 million acres through designations as wilderness and wild & scenic rivers, and an estimated increase in harvesting levels from current average of about 150 MMBF to the approximately 340 MMBF per year. This is designed to increase protection of water and fishery values in the most critical areas. As currently written, the proposed changes would only be applied to BLM-managed O&C lands, and only those in the northern part of the state. O&C lands in southern Oregon and those under USFS management are not included for the major re-designations, nor are any BLM Public Domain or National Forest lands. None of the changes apply to the inter-mixed private properties.

One area under consideration for such special interest is the upper Nestucca River and Walker Creek, which would receive the designation of Wild & Scenic Rivers. There the emphasis would be on Fisheries use as well as overall water quality protection. A major feature of this designation would be creation of a no-entry buffer strip one-

quarter mile wide on each side of the water courses. For the 18 counties (including Tillamook) with O&C lands included in the legislation, this would result in increased levels of funding for local programs such as support of schools, once necessary legislation is enacted.

David went on to respond to a number of questions about the proposed legislation and the part American Rivers is playing in the process. During this part of the meeting, he stated that the goal is to end the 20-year conflict over use of these lands by streamlining the management and appeal processes. It is hoped that “everyone” will see the changes as positive for their viewpoint and be willing to accept the compromise the changes represent. Inclusion of additional federal lands in this approach to land management is possible, and it is hoped that private and State forest land managers will see the benefits and perhaps modify their procedures as well. The importance of improving outcomes for fisheries management was discussed at some length. There were also expressions of concern about semi-related issues, including funding in jeopardy for the Watershed Councils, EPA and NOAA voicing concerns about effects of old septic and road systems, and a mention by FEMA that an Environmental Assessment may be required in the future for development in the flood plain/way. A question about possible distribution of funds to school districts that might arise from the passage of this legislation was also asked, and Mr. Moryc promised to find out more about this.

If you want to find out more about the O&C Act of 2013, you can check out the following web addresses: Overview- <http://www.wyden.senate.gov/priorities/oc-act-of-2013>; River Map- <http://www.wyden.senate.gov/download/?id=E377576E-5BED-4642-BCD2-97F753791A1B&download=1>; and List of FAQ,s- <http://www.wyden.senate.gov/priorities/oc/frequently-asked-questions>. The River Map shows proposed designation of portions of the Nestucca River and Walker Creek as Wild and Scenic Rivers. And you can contact David Moryc directly at [dmoryc@americanrivers.org](mailto:dmoryc@americanrivers.org).

3. **Minutes of the PC/W CAC Meeting on March 17, 2014 and April 19, 2014 – Bud Miller – Secretary** – After a brief discussion, the minutes for both of these meetings were accepted by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.
4. **Treasurer’s Report** – In the absence of Roy Hansen, Treasurer, Mr. Carlton reported that the current balance on hand in our account is \$166.73. This is after paying the monthly account fee. The Treasurer’s report was accepted by a unanimous voice vote of the members present. It was announced that because of other commitments, Roy will not run for Treasurer in August, so please let David Yamamoto know if you are interested in serving. There was a short discussion about the need for a fund raising effort, and it was stated that the Executive Board will discuss this.
5. **Committee Reports –**
  - a. **Land Use Committee – Sean Carlton - Chair-elect** – There is an appeal to the Planning Commission on Variance approved by the DCD on property north of Brooten Road and west of the Transfer Station. Ken Moffett (appeal filer) has asked

for a continuance of the hearing until the June 12, 2014 Commission meeting. As result of this situation, the Department of Community Development (DCD) has changed the policy on notification about such actions so that adjacent land owners will now be notified before DCD action is taken. The whole process of notifications on matters before the DCD is still undergoing changes, including addition of an interactive map to their website. It is unclear how the requirements of Board of Commissioners (BOC) ORDER #13-034 will be met, but the Department is also working on a three tier classification system for actions under their purview and it is hoped this will clarify the process.

- b. **BLM Proposal – Sean Carlton – Chair-elect** – The EA for the Pacific City Joint Water Sanitary Authority request to obtain a Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Lease for BLM land north of their present facility has been approved. The need for the PC/W CAC to submit a letter supporting this request was discussed and the following resolution was offered and approved: “The Pacific City-Woods CAC will write a letter of support for the BLM granting of a R&PP Lease.” The vote by a show of hands was 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions. Mr. Carlton will prepare the letter and send it to the BLM Field Manager at the Tillamook Field Office.
  - c. **Nestucca River Building Permit Moratorium – Ilean Rouse & David Yamamoto** - Ilean gave a summary of the current status on the County’s Moratorium on issuing permits in the flood plains of the Nestucca and Nehalem Rivers. The BOC formally adopted the Moratorium requirements at their meeting on May 14. Data gathering is on-going and she expects the CAC Chairs will be updated at the next Chairs Meeting. Ms. Rouse also summarized other information for the last Chairs meeting, including the scheduling by the BOC to take final action on the Coastal Erosion Plan at their July 18 meeting. Updating of the Land Use Ordinances is now under contract and is proceeding. David also mentioned that there is now a new permit requirement that must be filed and approved for the moving of any sand in the beach/dune management area. Cost of permit will be \$147.
  - d. **Community Plan Review Committee – Ilean Rouse** – Nothing to report.
6. **Old Business –**
- a. **TSP Amendment – David Yamamoto – Past-chair** – No real progress on appeal. The State requested and received a 90 day delay to gather information, and then another three week extension for electronic filing. All this should be up about May 21, 2014.
  - b. **Nestucca Valley Community Alliance – Gloria Scullin** – They have received enough funding to pay for the project to put in the fence and hope construction will begin in 2-3 weeks. Looking for volunteers for the Park Development Committee to oversee the next steps in the process. In addition, they are working on a Ford Foundation grant request. This will require ‘matching funds’ from other sources and they are asking for donations.
  - c. **Tillamook County Parks Advisory Committee – Larry Rouse** – He attended the monthly meeting. The primary topic was a contact from the State of Oregon about interest by Tillamook County to assume management of the 357 acre Beltz Farm

property. It was recently purchased by a conservation group. The Committee decided the County had no interest in assuming responsibility for the property. Gloria Scullin announced she has just received an email from State Parks announcing an open house on June 16, 2014 to discuss the possibility of a new state park in the Whalen Island area. It will be held at the Kiawanda Community Center from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

#### **7. New Business –**

- Doug Olson informed the participants the first quarter collections for the Transient Lodging Tax totaled \$235,000. This is more than expected and indicates the total for 2014 may be between 1.7 and 2.0 million dollars. He also mentioned that the on-line opinion survey has now ended and received over 400 responses.

#### **Announcements –**

- The US Coast Guard is holding a meeting to get input from the public on a request from the Dorymen's Association and others to make changes in the buoy between Haystack Rock and Cape Kiwanda. It will be held on June 5, 2014, beginning at 5:00 pm. Originally scheduled to be at the Pelican Pub, it has now been moved to the Kiawanda Community Center.
- The next CAC meeting will be on June 21, 2014, held at the Central Building (next to the Post Office) in Pacific City and beginning at 10:30 am.
- To inform the residents of the area, Julius Jortner announced that Tillamook's Ford Institute Leadership Program Cohort #4 of which he is a member will be installing informational signs at three locations in the County. One will be in Wheeler at the train station, one in central Tillamook, and the third at the Turn-Around County Park in Pacific City. This is the final step in their program and signs are designed to inform visitors of nearby attractions and also lead them to other parts of the County. Julius commented that Gloria Scullin, Merrienne Hoffman, six high school students and others make up the Cohort. It is a great training program but takes a lot of time.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Please see our website at [www.pacificcitywoodscpac.org](http://www.pacificcitywoodscpac.org) for additional information.

***CAC's provide local citizens an opportunity to interact with their neighbors on local land use and other issues that impact their surrounding environment and are a valuable tool for decision-makers in formulating policies, rules and ordinances for land use and other community issues. This is a public meeting and public comment may be presented.***

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