

# Lower Nehalem Watershed Council Meeting

May 8, 2003

**Present:** Don Cameron, Jim Johnson, Bonnie Johnson, Shirley Kalkhoven, Jim Salisbury, Jack Thayer, Gwendolyn Endicott, Vivi Tallman, Damon Minto, Mike Whalen, Damen Minto, Gareth Ferdun, Georgette Ferdun, Dave Godsey

**Guests:** Doug Ray, Cheryl Siler, Emily Whalen, Tree Johnson,

Meeting convened at 7:06

Minutes – Steering Committee–Shirley Kalkhoven needs to be added as present at last SC meeting.

**Announcements:** Vivi asked if anyone had left a ‘picker upper’ at the estuary cleanup.

**Presentation-** Sharnelle Fee brought several birds and presented an informative and interesting talk on animal rescue activities at the rehabilitation center.

**Council Business:** Georgette brought a copy of the minutes of the Camp 18 Joint Steering Committee Meeting re: reduction of funds for council support and staffing. She reports that the watershed (upper & lower) is considered a single council by OWEB and that funding was reduced. New budget must be prepared by mid-June and work plan would follow in the summer. Shirley reviewed the last OWEB board meeting.

A copy of the OWEB descriptions of coordinator functions was distributed with a request that the members fill rank functions by importance. That list will be merged with Dave’s time report to give the SC guidance on how to proceed with planning and discussions with the Upper Council.

Shirley noted the financial squeeze created by closing grant retainage and lost payment requests previously submitted to OWEB. The council was asked to consider approving a line of credit. Shirley has had discussions with Tom Shafer on this issue and was advised that many councils have line-of-credit arrangements for similar circumstances. The interest rates at U.S. Bank and Bank of Astoria were compared. Bank of Astoria’s rate is 4% lower than U.S. Bank and their application process is faster and less intrusive. Jim Salisbury moved that the Council approve a line of credit with the Bank of Astoria and Jack Thayer seconded. By voice vote, the motion was approved with no dissenting voices.

Doug Ray described some possible projects in the coming year and urged us to keep Dave. There was an extensive discussion on funding.

Adjourned 8:50. Submitted by Dave Godsey and Georgette Ferdun.