

Meeting Logistics:

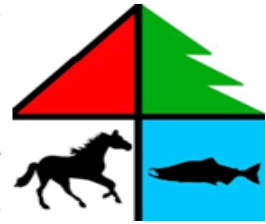
When:

3rd Wednesday of the month

Where: FS 78, 20720 SE May Valley Rd, Issaquah, WA 98027

Time: 7-9 pm

Four Creeks
Unincorporated Area Council



Meeting Minutes: January 18, 2017

Attendance	District	Name	Attendance	At Large	Name
X	1	Alyssa Eberle	X	AL1	Pete Eberle (Pres)
	2	Vacant		AL2	Paul Dutton
	3	Tom Carpenter (C. Sec.)	X	AL3	Edie Jorgensen (VP)
	4	Vacant		AL4	Vacant
	5	Vacant		AL5	Vacant
	6	Bette Filley			
X*	7	Val Moore			
X*	8	Michael Magnani			
	9	Vacant			
	10	Vernon Redecker			

Peter Eberle called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m..

Guests present: Marissa Alegria/King County CSA Program; Debi Eberle/Care organization; Val Moore and Michael Magnani, local residents; program speaker Howe and her husband.

Program: Betsy Howe, COOMWA (Citizens Opposed to OSS Management, Washington) founder, presented her organization's information related to on site sewage systems and their issue with the approach used by, and the proposals presented for action to the King County Board of Health (BOH). She challenged their "Taxation without representation" (which she calls "the Turd Tax") relative to charging for inspections of septic systems, and indicated there would be proposals before the Washington State Legislature to address the BOH authority for certain actions as well as the question of "open easements" for government inspectors to enter properties to check on sewage issues without prior notification to the property owner. Mrs. Howe answered or agreed to follow-up on several questions. As promised, she later emailed Four Creeks and corrected her statement about "taxation authority": the BOH has authority to set Fees but not to set Taxes.

Winterbrook Farm - 80 Acre property of May Valley Road owned by the Issaquah School District Val Moore, May Valley Road neighbor leading the effort to protect the rural environs of the area, provided maps and much detail about potential/proposed development activities (turning into residential use rather than farming, etc.) related to the property, including history or the farm, natural systems on the property such as the designated wildlife corridor and wetland/waterway buffers. She answered many questions and provided contact information for those who would be interested in giving their comments to the participants in making decisions about possible development and/or alternate uses of the property. King County has indicated interest in using the property as part of its heritage, recreation and/or agricultural preservation programs. ISD appears to have high hopes for a profitable sale of the property.

Water Quality Program Update: Three sites are designated and each have done some water testing. Coalfield Park on Second Saturday of the month; Issaquah Creek on 3rd Monday of the month; unsure of exact time on May Creek by the Red Barn. Val Moore indicated interest in testing McDonald Creek near Winterbrook Farm area. A training day will need to be set up and a sharing plan for the Testing Kits need to be arranged.

Administrative:

Vacancies for Board Members were discussed. Edie moved and Alyssa seconded appointment of Val Moore and Michael Magnani to the vacant District 7 and 8 vacancies. All approved and welcomed them to the on-going conversations. **Officer Elections:** Valerie moved and Edie seconded the appointment of Pete Eberle for President, Edie Jorgensen for Vice President and Tom Carpenter as Communications Secretary. Unanimous approval. Officers and new members were declared "installed" in their appropriate positions.

Public Comment: none

Meeting adjourned 8:58 p.m.

Submitted by Edie Jorgensen