



## Arch Cape Forest Management Committee Meeting – Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2023

Time: 04:00 PM

Meeting will be held Via Zoom at link:

Zoom Recording:

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Attendees from committee: Pat Noonan, Mike Manzulli, Ben Hayes, Daniel Wear

Attendees absent from committee: Clark Binkley

Public in attendance: John Mersereau, Bill Campbell, Lauren Ahlgren

### Meeting Minutes

Meeting Start: 4:05 PM

4:00 PM: April Meeting Minutes Approval. (5 min)

- Motion to approve minutes **Manzulli, Noonan Approved.**

4:05 PM: General Agenda (55 min)

**Arch Cape Forest Budget & ARPA Funding Discussion (SNW)** (DW to send Manzulli the budget in PDF).

Daniel Wear (Sustainable Northwest) provided an update on the Arch Cape Forest budget, as it was submitted to the Finance Committee for the final budgeting process. No recommendations to be made by the Management Committee at this time. **ARPA Funding Discussion** included an update on the current ARPA funding, and will be focused on in future meetings based on feedback received from the Arch Cape Water District Board on the future of the ARPA funding.

**Daniel to share PDF of the Budget with Mike Manzulli.**

### Arch Cape Forest Title

Pat brought up a concern that community members have when attempting to differentiate the Arch Cape Forest, from the Arch Cape community's watershed and brought up the potential possibility of renaming the Arch Cape Forest, to better represent the fact that the Arch Cape Forest is the Arch Cape Watershed. Mike and Ben discussed that watershed boundaries are defined by ODF and managed by regional watershed councils, the potential of renaming the Arch Cape Forest to the Arch Cape

Watershed would create confusion around the legally defined watersheds versus what makes sense to the community. **Due to this, it does not seem to make sense to adjust the title of the Arch Cape Forest currently. It is important to better communicate why the Arch Cape Forest is directly beneficial to the water supply for Arch Cape.**

#### **Ecological Roads Assessment (Springboard)**

Ben Hayes (Springboard Forestry) Presented on scenarios regarding road decommissioning and road health. A focus of the Ecological Roads assessment is to identify which roads need to be maintained if a recommendation of Harvest takes place on the property, versus a recommendation of no harvest, the future plan will come with recommendations for abandoning & decommissioning roads for both the Arch Cape Forest and Rainforest Reserve Property as the road network is connected between both properties. Information from the Ecological Roads assessment will help the management committee prioritize road management work, and future contracts based on road decommissioning costs and impacts. This information will be available in the coming month as Springboard finalizes the plan.

Ben: Summer Field Trip to a property would be helpful, likely in July.

#### **The Conservation Plan (SNW)**

Discussion of pesticide use to limit invasive species important. Within the Forest Advisory Committee, a conversation was had around the use of herbicide bullets as a low impact way to efficiently reduce the spread of specific invasive species. Additional recommendations were made by the committee to include Beaver and River Otter in the species list of the property.

#### **Tour Criteria (SNW)**

Conversation around capacity of the property tours, and contractor support to ACWD Manager recommended to the document. Daniel to adjust the language as included in the criteria and present a final version to the Management Committee to usage.

#### **Fire Protection Plan (Springboard)**

Clark recommended creating a larger fire protection plan than what is currently in place with the Cannon Beach Fire Department & in the Multi-Resource Management Plan. Given that Clark was unable to join the meeting, this item will be included in the next Management Committee Meeting.

#### **Growth and Yield Modeling (Springboard)**

A preliminary Growth and Yield Model is being developed with a contractor from Springboard and will be available to inform the finance plan.

**Next meeting potentially scheduled for 3:00 PM on June 26, waiting on confirmation of Clark's availability.**

**Public Comment**

John Mersereau: Want to thank everyone for the good work, looking forward to the full ecological roads assessment. Arch Cape Forest renaming – opinion is that the Arch Cape Forest should help the public realize a health forest supports increased water quality. Calling it the watershed in limiting that connection.

- Beavers are my heroes, can we have them celebrated, beaver activity is impressive and they are productive workers.
- Not making dams on Arch Cape Creek, don't foresee them creating a wetland.

5:02 PM: Adjourn