Informal summary of approved items from Friends of the Clearwater board executive session, 05-13-2026

(6:45-8:15, Moscow Chamber of Commerce meeting room)

Participants

Board Members: Beth Hoots (Zoom), Annette Bridges, Chris Irlam, Harry Jageman, Nils Peterson, Lynne Nelson, Chris Norden, Rick Rupp; Staff: Kyran Kunkel (present for item 1)

1. All present agreed that knowledge/understanding of environmental policy are the top priority for any candidate to fill Jeff's position upon his retirement; **all present approved finalization and distribution of the Forest Policy Director job description.** Points for ongoing consideration include the importance of person being based in Moscow and salience of certain other priorities (such as readiness to engage in community outreach and in protests and similar activities), need for a specified advance notice period (two to three months) prior to Jeff's departure.
2. **The Onboarding Committee's policy statements document was approved by all present**, provided the language about board members' fiduciary duties of "care, loyalty and obedience" be defined in less off-putting terms and clearly identified as mandated by law.
3. **Big Wild materials, and specifically the poster, were approved by all present.** Discussion considered whether the text explaining the green/yellow (northern half/southern half) color-coding of the area is adequate for clarity about FOC mission area. Discussion to be revisited *if* members of the public or allies are found to be confused by or take umbrage at inclusion of the entire "Big Wild."
4. **Decision about formalization of an Executive Committee consisting of the four board officers was tabled** pending further consideration of advantages and disadvantages. Discussion included the possibility of using a "consent agenda," the potential for more nimble management decisions (given extremely limited full-board discussion time), the desireability of addressing potential concerns/conflicts in an efficient and non-personalized manner, and wariness about adding unnecessary meetings and processes.