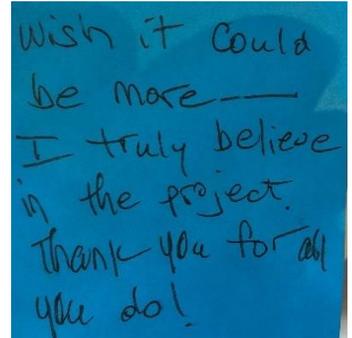




Our Board of Directors currently consists of 5 volunteers; most have never served on a board before. Some tasks are tedious and require extra effort/time to learn the "non-profit way."

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Board Update: Our apologies for the September e-news being delayed, but we have **BIG NEWS! The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department has approved the Local Government Grant for the City of Sutherlin's Ford's Pond Master Plan!!!** The agreement will go before City Council for acceptance this Monday, October 10, during the regular City Council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m.

Thank you to all who signed our log-in book, attended City Council meetings, donated to the grant match, allowed their photos to be used, and wrote letters of support which helped make this grant application a success.

Visit our website or Facebook page, or the City of Sutherlin's Facebook page and website, for more information as the project begins. The Master Plan project will include public input meetings, where all will have an opportunity to share what you would like to see/not see at Ford's Pond.

We would like to acknowledge our September donors:

Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
Sylvia Norton
Richard Buker & Rosalie Holcomb
Kim Wilbur

We appreciate the nice update on our fundraising in the Sutherlin Chamber of Commerce's September newsletter: <http://www.visitsutherlin.com/features/newsletter.html>.

At Ford's Pond: The City of Sutherlin's contractor finished removing and transporting fill to the wastewater treatment plant site.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is conducting a fish population study. Please do not disturb the floating net, which will be removed by this Thursday.

The Umpqua Valley Audubon Society visited Ford's Pond on Saturday, September 17. We heard there were birders from as far away as Arkansas!

As a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, your donations are tax-deductible. Donations by check should be made out to Friends of Ford's Pond and mailed to: PO Box 99, Sutherlin, OR, 97479. Donations may also be made on our website www.fordspond.org via PayPal (we pay the processing fee).