

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NORTH SANTIAM WATERSHED COUNCIL

The Board of Directors met on April 11, 2019 6pm – 8 pm at the Stayton Community Center, Stayton, Oregon.

Brad Nanke, Board President called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. The NSWC mission was read and introductions followed.

Directors Present: Brad Nanke - President (City of Salem Representative), Brent Stevenson-Vice President (Irrigation District Representative), John Caruso - Treasurer (Marion County Representative), Jan Irene Miller - Secretary (Linn County Resident/Bird Haven Tree Farm Representative), Suzette Boudreaux (Little North Fork Santiam Subbasin Representative), Woody Jackson (Breitenbush Subbasin Representative)

A Quorum Present: Six out of eight of the Directors were present. Bill Sanderson (Economic & Recreation Representative) and Dave Carpenter (Aquatic Resources Representative) were absent.

Technical Advisors Present: Lawrence Schwabe - Grand Ronde Tribe, Debbie Paul - Linn Soil and Water Conservation District, Brandin Hilbrandt - City of Salem

NSWC Staff Present: Rebecca McCoun, Executive Director

General Members Present: Michael Bradley - City of Stayton, Jennifer Gale - Canyon Weekly and Our Town, Jay Hennigan - Watershed Landowner, Beth Tanner, Santiam WCD staff.

I. CORPORATE ACTIONS

6:05 pm Minutes to Previous Meeting: Minutes of the previous meeting held on March 14th, 2019 were brought to the floor. John Caruso motioned to approve the March 14, 2019 minutes. Suzette Boudreaux made a second. No further discussion. All were in favor. The March 14, 2019 minutes were adopted.

Recently updated and emailed NSWC Board Agreement and NSWC Board Position Description were brought to the floor for a vote. Discussion ensued and changes were recommended. Brent Stevenson moved for approval of both as modified. Suzette seconded the motion. All were in favor. The NSWC Board Agreement and the NSWC Board Position Description were adopted with modifications. Secretary has taken the action to update the documents per the discussion.

II. PRESENTATION

6:14 pm Predicting Harmful Algal Blooms, Mathew Titus, Ph.D., The Prediction Lab, LLC
Matt presented the project he and others at OSU have been working on with the City of Salem to collect data to build a harmful algal bloom (HAB) prediction model. His overview included the science and challenges of algal blooms in Oregon and other locations globally. He presented current and future types of data that will be included and current and future capabilities of the model.

6:49 pm Q&A and Discussion

Attendees were engaged and curious, much Q&A/discussion included in the presentation.

7:28 Council Business / Committee Updates

Policy Update: Revision to the NSWC Policy for Partner Project Implementation was brought to the floor for a vote. Discussion ensued and changes were recommended. Suzette Boudreaux moved for approval as modified. Brent Stevenson seconded the motion. All were in favor. The NSWC Policy for Partner Project Implementation was adopted with modifications. Secretary has taken the action to update the document per the discussion.

Letter of Support to Confederated Tribes of Siletz – Oak Haven Proposal: Request for letter of support was deferred for lack of adequate information.

Letter of Support for UofO and Uofloawa river research project – Not applicable to NSWC mission and we suggest the reach out to the Native Fish Society. This project may also require insurance

USFS Request for NSWC involvement – NSWC Executive Director will attend a meeting to understand what the request is for the NSWC.

Accepting Credit Card Payments – Executive Director will be making a list of the technology options and pros and cons and will be bringing it back to the Board for Review.

Governance Committee: Summary update shared with the Board with a request to begin thinking about potential future board members to have on the NSWC Board and active on committees. A scope and request for quote is being sent out to two graphics organizations to prepare the materials needed for getting people involved as volunteers, general members, committee members and/or Board members. Executive Director shared challenges with our current logo and website maintenance. Governance Committee agreed to request an assessment to correct the logo and website issues.

Finance Committee: Transfer of budgets from Cascade Pacific is still underway and Executive Committee in their next meeting needs to review decisions to combined legacy project accounts with small balances.

Executive Director Updates and Requests:

- Santiam Hospital generously donated \$500.00 to the NSWC.
- BLM donated 2,125 trees (Noble, Hemlock, Ponderosa, Spruce, and Doug Fir) and also allow us to use their cooler for two weeks.
- The NSWC donated remaining contract grow shrubs to planting project at Fishermen's Bend.
- Linn County has shared current tax lot data per an agreement. We will be using this to send out outreach material to landowners related to invasive ludwigia.
- Rebecca is working on the new OSWB ludwigia grant agreement and getting contractor contracts and landowner agreements put together for the project which will start in June.

- Rebecca will be resubmitting Upper North Santiam Idanha side channel proposal to OWEB at the end of April. ODOT has agreed to extend the time period for the NSWC receiving the 100k in mitigation funding for the project.

8:00 pm Announcements

Bear Branch Symposium will be held on Saturday 3-6pm review past and current projects and Carson Smith drone video of recent work on Sandner project. Debbie Paul shared that Rebecca presented at the Oregon Department of Agricultural open house event in Lyons where they launched their new strategic implementation area (SIA), Stout and Walker focus area. The event had a good turnout. Rebecca provided a presentation highlighting the work the NSWC assisted with on Snake Deford Creek in Mill City. Rebecca shared council grant project photos to the attendees: creek fencing, large wood placement, riparian plantings and multiple stream crossing projects.

8:10 pm Meeting Adjourned

Signature of Secretary Jan Irene Miller Date: 5/9/19
Jan Irene Miller