

**Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting**

Location: Stayton Community Center

Date: December 10, 2015

Time: 6:00 to 7:50 PM

**Attendance:**

**Role Call for Quorum:** Brad Nanke (City of Salem –Chair), Brent Stevenson (Water Control District – Vice Chair), John Caruso (Marion County – Secretary/Treasurer), Tom Fencl (Middle Sub-basin), Suzette Boudreaux (Little North Fork Sub-basin), Jan Irene Miller (At Large - Landowner), Lawrence Schwabe (Grand Ronde Tribe), Mike Kroon (Natural Resources), Jon Tucker (Lower Sub-basin)

**General:** Grady McMahan, Jamie Sheahan-Alonso, Doug Bateman & 2 Guests, Robert Lusk, Chris Kowitz, Darrin Neff

**Council Coordinator:** Rebecca McCoun

**6:09 PM      Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order**

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum confirmed.

Council Mission Read

Introductions

**6:10 PM**      Brad brought the November 2015 minutes to the floor. John Caruso moved to have the November 2015 minutes adopted. Jan Irene 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor and the November 2015 Minutes were adopted.

**6:12 PM      Public Comment and Announcements**

Bob Lusk announced the North Santiam River Guides Annual Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and will be held at Trexler’s Farm. You may contact him if you are interested in attending.

Darrin Neff announced that on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> there is going to be the Annual Fisheries Review conference in Corvallis at the LaSalle Center put on by the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Rebecca announced again that Tom Fencl (Middle Sub-basin Representative) will be stepping down from the board and that this will be his last meeting. He is one of the original founding watershed council members and has volunteered for the Council for over 20 years. Council presented Tom with a plaque and a photo collage. Cake was served. Tom provided a short speech and noted he will continue to allow the Council to use his restoration project for future site tours.

**6:20 PM      Presentation**

Doug Bateman, a Fisheries Biologist for OSU's Department of Forest Engineering, Resources and Management provided a presentation on his research investigating how fish and fish habitat respond to logging on three paired-watershed studies that are currently active in Oregon. All three studies are evaluating the current forest practice rules on aquatic resources. The studies are located in South Fork of the East Fork Trask River, Hinkle Creek (tributary of the Calapooya (Umpqua), and the Alsea Watershed Study Revisited (small tributaries of the Drift Creek fork of the Alsea).

**7:30PM      Progress Reports**

Treasurer: John Caruso noted the November financials looked good. He also noted that a few grants either need to be spent down or we need to request grant extensions for them. Rebecca noted she would request grant extensions. John also requested he get the financials reports sooner. Rebecca will request CPRCD to send them to her earlier in January.

**7:35 PM**

Operations: Brad Nanke provided the group with a brief summary of the activities from the last Operations Meeting held just before today's steering meeting.

Operations Meeting Summary:

1. Discussed Operating Policies for new steering members. Decided to bring the idea of rewording the rules and remove the word "consecutive." Suzette made the motion to have the word "consecutive" removed from the membership requirements section in the council's by-laws. Jon Tucker 2nd the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor. Rebecca will bring new wording to Steering to vote on at the January 2016 meeting.

2. Discussed shared Project Managers 90 day period. Possibly extend it to allow Operations more time to assess progress. Rebecca will talk to Molly at CPRCD to find out options.

Council Coordinator Report:

1. Rebecca noted she would be taking some time off in December.

2. Rebecca noted that they will be going in front of the Marion County Commissioners on December 30<sup>th</sup> to request the boundary extension. All the partners we reached out to are in support.

3. Rebecca also noted she is working with Joe to prepare for the 2016 planting season.

**7:50 PM      New Business**

Steering Member Elections: Rebecca asked if all the steering members present were in favor of holding their current Steering Committee Member Positions in 2016. All were in favor.

**7:55 PM      Meeting Adjourned**