

Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Stayton Community Center

Date: February 11, 2016

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Attendance:

Role Call for Quorum: Brad Nanke (City of Salem – Chair), John Caruso (Marion County – Secretary/Treasurer), Jon Tucker (Lower Sub-basin), Suzette Boudreaux (Little North Fork Sub-basin), Bill Sanderson (Recreation/Economics), Lawrence Schwabe (Grand Ronde Tribe), Mike Kroon (Natural Resources), Deb Paul (At Large- Linn SWCD), Jan Irene Miller (At Large-Landowner), Dave Carpenter (At Large)

General: Grady McMahan, Jamie Sheahan-Alonso, Darrin Neff, Robert Lusk, Chris Wagner, Ken Hetsel, Stanley Niemiec, Jim Bayuk, Bob Bailey, Jennifer Godfrey, Chris Kowitz, 2 additional guests

Council Coordinator: Rebecca McCoun

6:01 PM Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum confirmed.
Council Mission Read
Introductions

6:05 PM Brad brought the January 2016 minutes to the floor. Suzette Boudreaux moved to have the January 2016 minutes adopted. Deb Paul seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor and the January 2016 Minutes were adopted.

6:10 PM Public Comment and Announcements

Darrin Neff, USFS Fish Biologist noted that the cloudy color that can be seen in some areas in the Upper Breitenbush was coming from a large “slump” or landslide that is occurring on Short Creek, a tributary to North Fork of the Breitenbush. The smectite from the landslide is giving the water a green tint.

6:10 PM Presentation

Darrin Neff, USFS District Fish Biologist and Jamie Sheahan Alonso, USFS District Hydrologist provided the NSWC with a presentation on the “Detroit Aquatics Work Plan for 2016-2020”

Rebecca noted that next Thursday, February 18, 2016 at the Stayton Community Center the Marion SWCD will be holding an Ag Water Quality Town Hall. Details can be found at the bottom of the agenda.

7:00PM Progress Reports

Treasurer: John Caruso noted the January 2016 financials looked good. Rebecca will start sending Steering the summary financial reports each month. John noted he likes the idea of having more eyes helping him look through the numbers.

7:05 PM

Operations: Brad Nanke provided the group with a brief summary of the activities from the last Operations Meeting held February 3, 2016 at Shari’s. Most of the items Rebecca will cover under New Business. Brad noted Operations approved Rebecca ordering glassware with the NSWC logo and with the saying underneath the logo

stating “Know Your Water Source!” Brad noted the City of Salem recently approved a stream bank mitigation program. Brad noted Rebecca should get in contact with Patricia Farrell to get details on the program.

7:10 PM Council Coordinator Report (Rebecca McCoun):

Rebecca noted she toured the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Little Sweden proposed Willamette mitigation project site with Kelly Warren. Kelly has requested a letter of support from the NSWC. Rebecca will provide more on the project under “New Business.”

Rebecca noted she is continuing to help with the Drought Contingency planning process. The consultants are working on the work plan for the planning process. This work plan needs to be submitted by the end of the month and approved by the Bureau of Reclamation.

Rebecca participated in 3 landowner site visits since the last council meeting. Two were on Bear Branch, and one was in Idanha. She has a fourth site visit scheduled for Alder Creek later in the month.

Rebecca noted she had ordered glassware with the councils logo on it with the saying “Know Your Water Source” under the logo. She will be giving these away at the Marion SWCD Ag Water Quality town hall on February 18th. Each Steering Member will also get one.

Tara Davis, Executive Director for the Calapooia Watershed Council announced she will be stepping down in May and will stay on as a contractor as long as needed.

Rebecca notes she will be submitting 2016 City of Salem Grant application in the next month. Also, she plans on submitting a donation request letter to the City of Albany.

Rebecca noted she recently met with Grady McMahan, Cara Kelly and their new Recreation Specialist, Suzanne Cable. Together they went over Lower Breitenbush Hot Springs survey results. Commonalities stood out. Grady and his staff will be working on a proposal to get funding to develop a master plan of some sort for the sight.

Partners of the North Santiam Action Planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 29th.

The 2016 Annual Basin Summit is tentatively scheduled for May 12th

Last, the NS Forest Collaborative may have a tour of HWY 46 on May 25th

7:15 PM

Santiam Project Manager Report (Joe Thompson):

Joe’s Accomplishments January –Feb 11, 2016

- Planted 3 new projects: Bird Haven, Bear Branch, and Dieckman and interplanted two projects: Bear Branch and Snake Deford.
 - Planted 24 acres between and adjacent to the North Santiam river and Bird Haven Slough, including 11,566 trees and 36,175 shrubs (51,991 total plants).
 - Planted 5.95 acres on Bear Branch Creek, including 3738 trees and 6508 shrubs (10,246 total plants).
 - Planting ongoing on 20 acres on Dieckman Creek. So far, have planted approximately 19.25 acres with 0.75 acre to go. So far, we have planted 11,550 trees and 32,815 shrubs (total 44,365 plants).
 - Interplanted 2.4 acres on Bear Branch Creek with 200 trees and 400 shrubs (600 total plants). Crew also cut willows on-site to stabilize a portion of the north bank.
 - Interplanted 4.3 acres on Snake Creek, with 234 trees and 820 shrubs (1,054 total plants).

- Joe managed inventory of Stayton Cooler on a semi-daily basis (depending on planting activity) for the North and South Santiam and Calapooia Watershed Councils. This activity included ordering replacements and substitutions for shortages.
- Joe attended project manager training and in-field planting training in Albany
- Joe assisted in recruitment of potential new landowners in restoration projects.

7:10 PM **New Business**

Little Sweden

Rebecca provided a power point presentation summarizing the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs letter of support request for their Willamette BPA/ODF Wildlife Mitigation Little Sweden spring 2016 proposal. Suzette moved to approve Rebecca writing a letter of support. Jon Tucker seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Lawrence Schwabe, Grand Ronde Tribe representative noted he was abstaining from the vote. All other Steering members present were in favor. Rebecca will provide a Kelly Warren with the Warm Springs Tribe a letter of support from the NSWC.

Idanha Project – Coordinator Time Request

Rebecca provided a power point presentation on the potential restoration project in Idanha and the issues associated with the large dike present at the site. After a good discussion Jon Tucker stated he did not feel Rebecca had enough time available to put towards the Idanha project at this time. Jan Irene Miller seconded the motion. Steering voted Rebecca not commit time to this project at this time. Darrin Neff offered to go look at the site to see what the instream habitat looked like in that stretch of the Upper North Santiam.

Membership Position

Brad Nanke brought Bill Sanderson’s request to be moved to the Middle Reach Sub-basin Steering Position to the floor. Brad noted that Brent Stevenson who was not present voiced concern that this action would potential create a heavy “drift fishing interest” representation on the council if another river guide/fish interest representative filled Bill’s vacant “Economic” position. Others present agreed. Bill Sanderson understood the concern and was going to see if he could find a replacement for his Economic Position that represented a different interest (Education, Economic, Small Cities, and Forestry). Suzette also noted she would look into it as well. Steering agreed to put this action on hold.

Little North Fork Clean Up

Rebecca noted the Little North Fork Clean Up event final date had not yet been decided. She sent out a Doodle poll to partners to see what dates would work best. Once a date is determined Rebecca will send out a Save the Date announcement.

8:07 PM **Meeting Adjourned**