

Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Stayton Community Center

Date: June 13, 2013

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Attendance:

Role Call for Quorum: Suzette Boudreaux (North Fork, Chair), John Caruso (Marion County), Brad Nanke (Salem), Jim Crawford (Economic 2), Jon Tucker (Lower Subbasin), Brent Stevenson (Irrigation District), and Lawrence Schwabe (Grande Ronde Tribe)

General: Grady McMahon, Darrin Neff, Frank Yost, Rebecca McCoun-Travers

Contractors: Lance Wyss, Sarah Dyr Dahl

7:00 PM Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum confirmed.

Suzette Reviewed Mission

Public Comment and Announcements: None

7:05 PM Consent Agenda

Approval of May 2013 Minutes

Financial report – Vendor Balance Detail from Cascade Pacific RC&D

7:10 PM Presentation

Pacific Lamprey Migration Research – Rebecca McCoun-Travers

7:40 PM Coordinator Hire

Suzette mentioned that Rebecca McCoun-Travers did well during the interview process and reference checks came through with high recommendations. Suzette recommended that the NSWC hire Rebecca for the position of Council Coordinator. Jon Tucker motioned and Brad Nanke seconded. During the discussion Lawrence Schwabe and Lance Wyss described past positive experiences working with Rebecca on the Lamprey Project while she was at the Grande Ronde Tribe. Darrin Neff (USFS) described past positive experiences working with Rebecca on a culvert survey while she was at the Grande Ronde Tribe.

Votes in favor: All

Votes in opposition: None

7:50 PM Progress Reports

Treasurer: Report via email from Cascade Pacific RC&D

Operations: Operations will meet on June 26th, 2013, send topics to Suzette

NSWC Staffing: Landowner Partnership Coordinator position closes June 14, 2013. Currently there are 13 applications and it is expected there will be a few more. Suzette recommended that everyone review applications on Dropbox and provide recommendations of their top 3 or 4 candidates for interview by early next week (week of June 17). Interviews will happen shortly thereafter. Council Coordinator will start June 17, 2013.

Office Space: The NSWC office will be moving to the Santiam Water District, hopefully July 1st. This is a bigger office space, more suited to staffing needs.

Mad Creek: Jim Crawford stated that the Mad Creek bridge project has begun with the driving of pilings. Due to construction, there is a delay in getting over the bridge.

Steering: Steering is adjourned for the summer, with the next meeting on September 12, 2013.

Other: Brent Stephens is a representative for Marion County Watershed Councils and serves on the Marion County Water Quality District. He mentioned that they are considering imposing a stormwater fee for service users inside the City of Salem Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), but not inside the Salem City Limits. Brent wanted feedback from council members on support or opposition of enacting a stormwater fee. Brent also explained that either users within the UGB would pay for the regulatory compliance fee or it would have to be paid for by all residents of Marion County. Brad Nanke explained how the City of Salem enacted their stormwater fees. There was discussion about whether this fee should be paid for by the user or be a County burden. Brent mentioned that they were still working on how to calculate fees and there would be a draft recommendation for review.

Brad Nanke asked if the Minto Fish Collection Facility construction was completed and if there would be a tour. Darrin Neff mentioned that the construction is mostly completed and the facility is operational, but they are still completing work. Darrin has been in touch with Greg Grenbemer who manages the facility to see if a tour might be possible. Coordinating a joint tour was discussed.

8:15 PM **Meeting Adjourned**