

**Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting**

Location: Stayton Community Center

Date: June 8, 2017

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM

**Attendance:**

**Roll Call for Quorum:** Brad Nanke (City of Salem – Chair), Brent Stevenson (Irrigation District -Vice Chair), John Caruso (Marion County – Secretary/Treasurer), Jan Irene Miller (Landowner At-Large), Debbie Paul (Linn SWCD), Mike Kroon (Natural Resources), Dave Carpenter (At Large-Landowner), Jon Tucker (Lower North Santiam), Lawrence Schwabe (Grand Ronde Tribe)

**General:** Grady McMahan

**Council Coordinator:** Rebecca McCoun

**Shared Santiam Staff:** Tyler Pedersen

**6:00 PM      Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order**

Council Mission Read

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum Confirmed

Introductions

**6:02 PM**      Brad brought the May 2017 meeting minutes to the floor. John Caruso requested his name be removed from the draft minutes since he was not in attendance. Deb moved to approve the minutes with the correction of removing John’s name. Jon Tucker seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor. The May 2017 Minutes were adopted.

**6:05 PM      Announcements & Public Comment**

Grady McMahan with the USFS noted a Public Open House meeting regarding the Detroit Area Visitor Portal, Bikeway and Day Use Enhancement project is scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2017 at the Detroit Ranger District Office from 5:30 to 7pm. The USF is seeking public comment on the proposed project design. Rebecca noted she reposted the announcement on the NSWC Facebook page.

Rebecca noted the Straub Env. Center will be hosting EcoFest “Party for the Planet” event at the River Front Park in Salem on June 22. Tyler and Rebecca will have a table at the event highlighting the NSWC restoration projects and programs.

Jan Irene Miller noted the international fish passage conference will be held in Corvallis this June. Brian Bangs, with ODFW asked her if a group of conference attendees could visit the Bird Haven culvert replacement project as one of their North Santiam tour stops. Jan Irene agreed. The tour is scheduled for June 22.

Jan Irene also noted she recently met with Janet Johansen the new head of Camp Taloali. The Camp Taloali is working on rebranding its services.

**Secretary/Treasurer Update:**

John Caruso brought up his continued concerns with CPRCD. Rebecca noted she felt they are understaffed. Group discussion followed. Council requested Rebecca ask CPRCD for just a 6-month extension to the current council contract, which expires 6-30-17. The council agreed to look into what it would take to become a non-profit entity rather than have a fiscal sponsor. Rebecca will research and gather information to present to the council.

**Shared Santiam Staff Update: Tyler Pedersen, Project Manager**

Tyler provided an update on the Sandner Bear Branch wet prairie, oak savanna, riparian and instream . He is currently working with the project partners on scheduling the site prep work for the prairie and riparian sites. Tyler also noted he is working with Steve Smith on getting the necessary permits needed for the instream large wood placement.

**Council Coordinator Update: Rebecca McCoun:**

Rebecca informed the council Joe Deardorff, Santiam Project Technician recently accepted a job with the City of Albany. Rebecca noted the position pays significantly higher than what the North and South Santiam Watershed Councils are able to offer and will be a great opportunity for him. He gave the council a three- week notice and his last day will be June 23, 2017.

CPRCD has recently moved their office from Tangent to Corvallis. They also recently hired a new contract manager. Connie Barnes took a job with the non-profit –Corvallis Environmental Center. New contract person is Courtney Schwartzbeck.

Allison Hensey with Meyer Memorial Trust recently introduced Rebecca to John Audley, a consultant with Sustainable NW & Oregon Business Council. Rebecca will be meeting with John Audley in Eugene to discuss possible project alignment related to the Partners of the NS work and efforts of the Oregon Business Council. Rebecca noted she will have more information to provide to the council after their meeting.

Danielle Gonzalez, with Marion County is assisting the local canyon stakeholders with a collaborative wastewater treatment improvement planning effort. The group just had another meeting last night. Grady noted he attended the meeting. Rebecca noted she attended the meeting in May but was unable to attend the June meeting. Rebecca will keep the council updated on the project progress.

**6:50 PM**      **New Business:**

Rebecca handed out the draft strategic planning document Allison Handler put together after the NSWC March 4, 2017 Strategic Planning meeting. In preparation for the upcoming June 28, 2017 joint strategic planning meeting Rebecca went over the draft goals and strategies with those in attendance.

**7:30 PM**      **Meeting Adjourned**