

Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Stayton Community Center

Date: March 9, 2017

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Attendance:

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

General: Heather Anderson, Robert Gentry, Megan Zarzycki, Stanley Niemiec, Kathy Bridges, Darrin Neff, Grady McMahan, Clair Fiegenger,

Council Coordinator: Rebecca McCoun

Santiam Shared Staff: Not Present

6:00 PM Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order

Council Mission Read

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum Confirmed

Introductions

6:03 PM Brad brought the February 2017 General/Steering meeting minutes to the floor. Deb motioned to approve the February 2017 minutes. Suzette moved to second. No discussion. All were in favor. The February 2017 Minutes were adopted.

6:05 PM Presentation

Megan Zarzycki, Wildlife Program Biologist with the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians provided the council with a history on the Siletz Tribes in Oregon and in the Willamette Valley. She also presented on the Tribe's natural resource departments efforts to protect, enhance and restore culturally important fish, wildlife and plant species and the habitats on which they depend.

6:45 PM Second Presentation

Clair Fiegenger, Conservation Director with Greenbelt Greenbelt Land Trust provided a brief presentation on their North Santiam land acquisition proposal & letter of support request.

Brad brought the letter of support request to the floor. Suzette made a motion to approve providing a letter of support to Greenbelt Land Trust. Dave made a second. Discussion followed. Vote was brought to the floor. All were in favor. A letter of support will be provided.

7:20 PM Announcements & Public Comment

Suzette Boudreaux, Little North Fork Representative provided an update of the recent community meeting she attended up in the Little North Fork. Suzette noted a Marion County representative provided a presentation at the meeting on the grant funding and their plans for improving parking up along the LNF highway. Suzette noted many of the residents are frustrated because more parking will most likely lead to more trespassing onto private landowner property and more garbage. The locals were not included in the planning process and are very worried about overcrowding and unsafe conditions that can result from large crowds.

Rebecca introduced Kathy Bridges. Kathy is a landowner working with the NRCS and Marion SWCD on a wetland restoration project in the Mill Creek subbasin.

Operations Update:

Brad noted the Operations Committee met after the Strategic Planning meeting held on March 4. They went over talking points for the upcoming FSA meeting scheduled for March 15 in Salem. Rebecca asked if she could purchase two \$199 GPS units for the shared staff. Brad and Brent requested the staff do some price & feature comparison before making a purchase.

Steering members then discussed having board “alternates.” Jon Tucker noted that in the past each council member had an alternate. Rebecca noted that at the recent strategic planning meeting the group discussed coming up with a board recruitment process and that we will make sure recruiting alternates will be part of that process.

Secretary/Treasurer Update:

John noted he had just received the February Financials and had not had time to review them. Rebecca stated she just received them that afternoon from Molly.

Council Coordinator Update: Rebecca McCoun:

Rebecca noted the Drought Task Force meeting was held March 8 in Salem. The group went over the Operational and administrative framework chapter and the plan update chapter.

The Partners of the North Santiam group met March 7 in Salem at the ODFW office. The group conducted a mapping exercise to identify where the various Partners are planning to work. The Partners want to document project areas and compare it to the resiliency WATR GIS model.

Rebecca noted she received notice that the NSWC will be awarded for the Drinking Water Partnership Partner’s grant (approx. \$34,000) to help with the Partners planning efforts.

Rebecca noted she submitted the 2017-2019 OWEB Council Support grant application in the beginning of March.

Rebecca noted Joe would be conducting site visits with a few landowners in the Mill Creek subbasin and in the Bear Branch subbasin in the coming weeks.

Rebecca reminded the council the Seventh Annual North Santiam Basin Summit will be Monday, April 17.

Possible Upcoming Grants:

TA for Lower Bennett Dam. Brent and Rebecca will be meeting with Troy Brandt next Friday to discuss project.

Tyler and Rebecca are working on a TA for side-channel reconnection project up in Idanha.

7:45 PM **New Business:**

Rebecca brought up the topic of possible future presenters. She has contacted the USACE requesting they provide an update. Brad stated he would check to see if he could get someone from the City of Salem to provide the council with an update on the Upper Bennett Dam.

7:55 PM **Meeting Adjourned**