

**Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting**

Location: Stayton Community Center

Date: May 12, 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), Mike Kroon (Natural Resources), Jan Irene Miller (At Large-Landowner), Debbie Paul (At-Large-Linn SWCD), Dave Carpenter (At Large)

**General:** Darrin Neff, Grady McMahan, Robert Gentry, Chris Wagner, Chris Kowitz, Gary Pullman, Ken Hetsel

**Council Coordinator:** Rebecca McCoun

**6:04 PM**      **Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order**

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum confirmed.

Council Mission Read

Introductions

**6:10 PM**      Brad brought the April 2016 minutes to the floor. Suzette made the motion to have the April 2016 minutes adopted. Debbie seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor and the April 2016 Minutes were adopted.

**6:10 PM**      **Public Comment and Announcements**

Suzette reported on the 2016 Little North Fork Clean Up event. Over 50 volunteers participated. The volunteers covered close to a 17 mile stretch of the road. Individuals as far away as Lebanon and Salem participated. Chuckwagon, a search and rescue service provided food for the volunteers after the event. The food was very good. Rebecca noted close to 840 tons of trash was picked up along with 5 tires. The event was held at a perfect time given the Marion County Roads crew had not yet mowed along the sides of the road.

Debbie Paul reported that close to 7200lbs of chemicals/pesticides was collected at the Harrisburg pesticide clean up event.

**6:15 PM**      **Presentation:** Dave Carpenter, North Santiam Watershed resident, Fishing Guide, Native Fish Society Steward for the North Santiam and a North Santiam Watershed Council At-Large member presented on the *Native Fish Species of the North Santiam Past, Present and Future*.

**6:20 PM**      **Progress Reports**

**Treasurer:** John Caruso received the April financials on time and noted the Bird Haven OWEB grant seemed to have a lot of money still in the grant. Rebecca noted she had submitted invoices to CPRCD and that the balance had not yet reflected the winter and spring planting and maintenance expenses.

Operations: Brad provided the group with a brief summary of the activities from the last Operations Meeting held May 5, 2016 at Shari's. Brad reported that after careful review of the council's needs a decision was made to terminate the shared Santiam Project Manager.

Council Coordinator:

The North and South Valentine Restoration OWEB April 2016 grant proposal site visit is scheduled with the OWEB Review Team and OWEB Project Manager for Friday, June 3, 2016.

The April 21<sup>st</sup> Willamette Valley Habitat Symposium hosted by the Salem Audubon Society had a great turn out. About 45 people attended. Rebecca provided a 15 minute presentation on Riparian Habitat Restoration...R3 Method.

Rebecca noted again that the April 30<sup>th</sup> Little North Fork Clean Up had a good turnout. Over 50 people attended.

The North and South Santiam Watershed Council's submitted their 2016-2017 MMT grant work plan jointly. The \$116,200 grant award was just recently announced. Twenty thousand will go to each council for 2016-2017 capacity funding and \$38,100 to each council for new Model Watershed projects. The entire \$38,100 must be spent on on-the- ground implementation (it cannot be used toward project management or administrative costs).

Rebecca met with Meredith Hoffman, new hire at the Marion SWCD. They went over the NS Drought Contingency Planning efforts and the Partners of the North Santiam Resiliency Action Planning process.

Rebecca submitted a WRI Basin Wide Impact Grant in April. The NSWC asked for funds to cover the expense to hire a GIS Analyst (10k) and a technical writer (10k) for the Partner's Action Planning process. Plus CPRCD's 10% Admin costs. Rebecca noted we should hear back in late June or early July. The NSWC currently has \$2,000 in Meyer current grant funds that can be used to initiate the contracting and analysis process.

**Drought Planning Update:**

Rebecca reported the NS Basin Summit was held earlier in the day (May 12, 2016). Once again there was a great turnout. The focus of this year's summit was the North Santiam Drought Contingency planning efforts. Topics included an update on the stakeholder "Drought Monitoring Framework" development and "Vulnerability Assessment" efforts. The group also discussed lessons learned from the long hot summer of 2015.

The Drought "Monitoring Assessment" Work Group next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2016 2:30 to 4:30pm

The Drought "Vulnerability Assessment" Work Group's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2016 10:00am - 12:00 pm

**Partners of the NS Action Planning Update:**

The next Partners meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2016 in the morning at the Marion County Public Works Building.

**Upcoming Events**

A Hwy 46 Field Tour hosted by the US Forest Service and the North Santiam Forest Collaborative will be held Wednesday, May 25, 2016. They will be meeting at the Detroit Ranger Station at 9am. A link to the US Forest Service Hwy 46 project can be found on the council website on the side bar located on the right side of the page.

**7:30 PM**      **New Business**

**Steering Position Change**

With Bill Sanderson absent this item was put on hold.

**Santiam Collaboration**

The council members briefly talked about the South Santiam and North Santiam Operation Committee's getting together to talk more about possible ways the two groups could increase efficiencies. Rebecca noted she was meeting with Eric Andersen next week to brainstorm options. Rebecca will share the ideas they come up with the group at the next council meeting.

**7:40 PM**      **Meeting Adjourned**