

Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Stayton Community Center

Date: November 10, 2016

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Attendance:

Role 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), Suzette Boudreaux, Mike Kroon, Lawrence Schwabe. (Note: Brent Stevenson called in to meeting and was put on speaker phone)

General: Stanley Niemic

Council Coordinator: Rebecca McCoun

Santiam Shared Staff: Tyler Pedersen

6:08 PM Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order

Council Mission Read

Rebecca called Brent Stevenson and put him on speaker.

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum Confirmed

Introductions

6:10 PM Brad brought the September & October 2016 General/Steering meeting minutes to the floor. Suzette motioned to approve the September and October 2016 minutes. Jan Irene moved to second. All were in favor. The September and October 2016 Minutes were adopted.

Brad brought October board officer nominations to the floor (Brad – Chair, Brent- Vice Chair and John C. Secretary/Treasurer). Suzette moved to accept officer nominations. Mike Kroon moved to second. All were in favor. Board officers will stay the same for 2017.

Brad brought adjusting the Operating Procedures and NSWC By-Laws to reflect the October vote of changing the months the council holds General/Steering council meetings. In October the council voted to now hold General/Steering council meetings in July and August and to not hold a meeting in December. Council documents will be changed to read “(September through June)” to “(January through November).” This will add one more meeting a year to the council calendar. Jan Irene made the motion. Suzette moved to second. No discussion. All were in favor. Rebecca will make the change in the NSWC council documents.

6:15 PM

Presentation

Rebecca provided a power point presentation showing the overall results of the council self- assessment. The council needs to improve in multiple areas. Rebecca noted the grant capacity funding we recently received from Meyer Memorial Trust for Strategic Planning will help the council address the identified weaknesses. Rebecca and Eric will be meeting with Allison Handler from Solid Ground in early January. The Strategic Planning meetings will be held in late winter or early spring.

7:20 PM

Follow Up Discussion

Council Meeting Attendance:

Brad, John C, Jan Irene and Suzette discussed the notable recent poor council meeting attendance. Brad suggested we should be asking council members to make sure they have alternatives available to attend in their place. Brad asked Rebecca to send him the volunteer tracking spreadsheet to him to see who we need to contact regarding their interest in staying on the council.

John C. noted he never remembers having two meetings in a row without having a quorum like was seen this fall.

Lawrence liked the idea of having the option of calling into the meetings. Rebecca will call Stayton and see if having a conference line at the community center for the future.

7:35 PM Steering/General Member Updates:

John Caruso/Steering Member noted he attended the Bird Haven Partner Tour and lunch held November 9th. The event had a good turnout. John stated he was amazed with the amount of progress made at Bird Haven over the last 2 years.

John also noted he just received the financials and is still working on reviewing the October financials and the September/October Coordinator work plan.

Brad Nanke/Steering Member shared the City of Salem was going to have a farewell celebration for the three city council members not returning. This year there will be three new councilors and one that will stay the same.

Mike Kroon/Steering Member noted ODF will be holding several public information meetings to go over the new state stream buffer rule changes for small and medium streams. Mike will send Rebecca more information on the meetings to share. Mike noted the rules have already been adopted and the meetings are to go over the new rules not for public comment.

Suzette Boudreaux/Steering Member shared that she recently talked with Marion County traffic engineer. Suzette informed the council that the county recently received grant funds to pay for signage along the Little North Fork Road. Suzette noted the number of road signs and mile markers had increased substantially over the fall. New graveled areas for parking have also gone in. Suzette is part of a neighborhood association that is very concerned about the new changes and how those changes are

going to impact the local landowners. Annually the residents up the Little North Fork Road have to deal with a large influx of summer visitors who often leave trash and are disrespectful to home owners property and property boundaries. Suzette noted no new trash cans or public bathrooms have been put in place with the new changes which is concerning to the locals.

Lawrence Schwabe/Steering Member noted the Grand Ronde Tribes efforts to reintroduce Pacific lamprey above the Fall Creek Dam, on a tributary to the Middle Fork Willamette. Lawrence noted a solution to downstream passage had taken effect which involves flushing out the juvenile lamprey as a way to pass them downstream. The tribe has been releasing adults above the dam to encourage spawning. Having downstream passage could potentially restore the lamprey populations in that watershed.

Lawrence also noted they are removing and recycling all but one of the building at the Chahalpam Wildlife Area on the Lower North Santiam as part of their restoration efforts.

Jan Irene Miller/Steering Member spoke of the Bird Haven Tour held yesterday, November 9th. She noted how grateful she and Jim are for all the hard work the project partners have put into the restoration efforts at Bird Haven. The tour and lunch was a way to highlight everyone's efforts and as a way to say thank you. She noted how Trout Mountain, the Watershed Council Staff, Joe Arbow with from ODF and others provided brief presentations as they toured the property. Jan Irene ended by stating "anything is possible when people come together."

Rebecca McCoun (Coordinator Update)

Partners of the North Santiam:

USGS Meeting: Rebecca, Kendra Smith and Sandra Covney met with Rose Wallick & Team on October 24, 2016. Rebecca noted she learned about a lot of research USGS has done on the North Santiam. Rose and her team sent links to the information.

The next Partners of the NS meeting will be December 5, 2016 (9-12pm) at the NRCS office in Salem

Bird Haven:

Rebecca mentioned again the Bird Haven Partners Tour & Lunch was held Wednesday, November 9, 2016 (10 to 2pm). Tyler put together a nice handout for the event summarizing the project efforts to date.

Rebecca also met with Jan Irene and discussed student internship program in October. Jan Irene offered to assist with researching Santiam Basin Fund potential donors.

Rebecca also provided an update on the Bird Haven restoration efforts. The NSWC is implementing the second year of site prep on 15 acres. Slash piles were burned in late fall. Planting & inter-planting is schedule for early 2017.

ODA Local Ag Water Quality Plan:

Molalla-Pudding, French Prairie North Santiam Agricultural Water Quality (Local Advisory Committee) Meeting was held planning meeting On November 4th the LAC meeting was held at the Oregon Farm Bureau in Salem on November 4th. Jo Morgan requested recommendations for new LAC

members. Rebecca recommended Ed Beitel. Ed Beitel was invited and accepted invitation and attended the November meeting.

Marion SWCD: Rebecca was invited to assist with reviewing the Marion SWCD Landowner Assistance Program (LAP) applications. The full review team met on October 21, 2016 to collectively go over proposed projects and make recommendations.

Greenbelt Land Trust: Rebecca met with Clair Fiegenger with the Greenbelt Land Trust and discussed ways the NSWC and Greenbelt Land Trust could partner on landowner outreach.

NS Drought Contingency Planning Meetings:

On October 19, Rebecca and Brent attended a drought management team meeting in preparation for the November Task Force Meeting.

The third Drought Task Force Meeting was held November 2, 2016. Consultants with GSI briefly reminded the group of the Drought Monitoring and Vulnerability chapters. The Drought Response and Drought Mitigation chapters were also brought up and the consultants asked for additional input on those two chapters.

Community Involvement:

Rebecca attended the North Santiam Wastewater Feasibility Study, Lands Inventory and Health Assessment Community Feedback meeting was held November 9, 2016 (5:30 to 7pm) (Transportation/Broadband and Wastewater Treatment Facilities) Kevin Cameron helping with Danielle Gonzalez.

Idanha: Rebecca noted she is assisting with a possible mitigation project in Idanha. Mark Allen, landowner is working with Andrew Allison, consultant, on determining the potential for implementing a wetland restoration project on his property which is located on the Linn County side of the Upper North Santiam River.

OWEB Grant Submitted: Tyler and Rebecca submitted an OWEB Restoration Grant for the Bear Branch Prairie, Oak & Stream Restoration project located in one of the three Model Watersheds.

OWEB Small Grants Team: Rebecca assigned Joe D. with the task of reviewing the OWEB Small Grant applications. Rebecca and Joe went over the application scores together and discussed review team process. Joe attended the review team meeting held October 28, 2016.

Meyer Memorial Trust:

Meyer Memorial Trust Additional Capacity Funding Grant Awarded: Eric and Rebecca put in an application to help fund the facilitation for creating a strategic action plan for each council, research creating a donor database and research putting together a Santiam Basin Conservation Fund.

Model Watershed Projects Update: Meyer Memorial funds will be spent on the new 11-acre restoration project on S. Valentine. Site prep has been completed and planting will take place in early winter 2017.

General Meeting Question:

Stanly Niemic asked the Steering Committee, given the NSWC has extended its boundary, when it planned to start restoration efforts in the Mill Creek basin. Rebecca responded by noting the council extended the boundary so it could assist those already working in the Mill Creek Watershed. The NSWC did not have the intention of taking the lead on the efforts, at least not at this time. Brad and John concurred and added the NSWC already had plenty of work in North Santiam Watershed outlined in its current action plan.

Rebecca also noted the Marion SWCD's current focus area is the Mill Creek Watershed. Rebecca suggested Mr. Niemic contact Meredith Hoffman with the Marion SWCD.

7:50 PM Meeting Adjourned