

**Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting**

Location: Stayton Community Center

Date: June 9, 2016

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM

**Attendance:**

**Role Call for Quorum:** Brad Nanke (City of Salem-Chair), Brent Stevenson (Santiam WCD-Vice Chair), John Caruso (Marion County – Secretary/Treasurer), Suzette Boudreaux (Little North Fork Sub-basin), Bill Sanderson (Economic 1/Recreation), Lawrence Schwabe (Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde)

**General:** Chris Kowitz, Gordon Grant

**Council Coordinator:** Rebecca McCoun

**6:05 PM**      **Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order**

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum confirmed.

Council Mission Read

Introductions

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

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

Lawrence Schwabe noted the Grand Ronde Tribe will soon add 125 acres on the North Santiam (Marion County side upstream of Bird Haven) to their holdings. Lawrence offered to provide the council a tour of the site sometime in the future.

Brent provided a brief update on the NS Drought planning process. Contracted consultants and stakeholders just completed the Draft Monitoring and Vulnerability sections of the plan. Drought planning meetings will be held over the summer and will cover “Drought Response Action” and Drought Mitigation Actions.” Rebecca will post the dates on the Drought Planning page on the NSWC website.

**6:15 PM**      **Presentation:** Gordon Grant with the USFS provided the NSWC with a presentation on “How Geology and Climate Conspire to Dictate the Future of Water in the West.”

Excellent presentation. Rebecca noted we would like to invite Gordon back to present again.

**6:20 PM**      **Progress Reports**

**Treasurer:** Presentation ran long and treasurer report was put on hold. John will report in September.

**Operations:** Will report in September.

**Council Coordinator:** Rebecca will present in September.

**7:50 PM**      **New Business**

Shared Services Model: Rebecca briefly brought up the idea of having BEF house the new Project Manager and Technician. The Operations Committee met just before tonight's meeting and spent the entire hour discussing utilizing the shared services model. No decision was made. Rebecca will continue to work with the Operations Committee, Kendra Smith with Bonneville Environmental Foundation and with Eric Andersen with the South Santiam Watershed Council on coming up with a viable and sustainable structure for hiring shared staff.

The group briefly discussed the possibility of having a summer picnic at the new Grand Ronde Tribe property possibly after a tour. Rebecca noted she would talk more with Lawrence and send out a Doodle Poll.

**7:56PM**      **Meeting Adjourned**