

Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Stayton Community Center

Date: March 13, 2014

Time: 7:00 to 9:30 PM

Attendance:

Role Call for Quorum: Brad Nanke (City of Salem-Chair), John Caruso (Marion County-Secretary/Treasurer), Jim Crawford (Economic 2-Vice Chair), Suzette Boudreaux (North Fork), Mike Kroon (Natural Resources), Bill Sanderson (Economic 1), Lawrence Schwabe (Grande Ronde Tribe), Tom Fencil (Middle Sub-Basin), Jon Tucker (Lower Sub-Basin), Brent Stevenson (Irrigation District)

General: Amy Crawford, Jim Bayou, Jan Irene Miller, Chris Kowitz, Robert Lusk, Robert & Mary Freater.

Council Coordinator: Rebecca McCoun-Travers

Regional Coordinators: Sarah Dyrdaahl & Lance Wyss

7:00 PM Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum confirmed.

Council Mission Read

Introductions

7:05 PM Public Comment and Announcements

Brad announced the Saturday, March 15, 2014 will be the Native Planting Event in Jefferson. Also, the Niagara Ivy Pull has been moved to Saturday, April 5, 2014.

7:05 PM Brad brought the February Minutes Approval to the floor. Jim Crawford moved to approve the minutes. John Caruso 2nd the move. All were in favor – February Meeting Minutes Adopted.

7:15 PM Presentation: Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde - History of the Tribes in the Willamette Basin. Presented by Lawrence Schwabe, Hydrosystem Compliance Specialist. David Harreslson, Cultural Resource Specialist was sick and unable to present. Lawrence filled in and presented David's PowerPoint.

7:50 PM Progress Reports

Treasurer: John Caruso noted he received the February Financial Reports from Cascade Pacific RC&D. He said everything was up to date.

Operations: Jim Crawford provided update on the February Operations Meeting. Operations approved Rebecca applying to other funding sources for the Little Rock Creek Bridge project. Operations approved Rebecca putting together an OWEB TA grant for prioritizing projects in the Lower North Santiam.

The Council was given additional \$5,000 to the BLM Title II project. Funds will be spent on clematis vitalba treatment around the BLM property in the Lower North Santiam.

Project Updates:

Updates from Lance Wyss, Regional Project Coordinator:

Lance noted they are making progress in Bear Branch. He is currently in the process of recruiting another landowner in that watershed. Lance noted it most likely will not be a CREP project but possibly a smaller project linked to the Model Watershed Grant.

Lance is moving forward with the Dieckman Creek project. Friday he will be meeting with Josh Togstad from NRCS to do a site eligibility assessment.

Lance noted he had received word earlier from Darrin Neff that he will be getting the Snake Deford designs needed for permitting soon. He hopes to submit the permit applications next week.

Updates from Sarah Dyrdaahl, Regional Project Coordinator:

Sarah noted her crews are almost completely done with planting for the season. All the CREP projects have been planted. She has a few sites left to do that are not currently accessible in the Calapooia Watershed. To ensure crew safety she wants to wait until the water levels are lower.

Updates from Rebecca McCoun-Travers, Council Coordinator

City of Albany Donation: \$2500 Received. These funds are used as match for the Council Support Grant. We receive this funding because the city of Albany's intake is just below the confluence of South Santiam on the mainstem Santiam. (South Santiam also receives this funding).

ODA 2013 Weed Grant – NSWC 2013 Grant Proposal was not awarded.

Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center Meeting: Rebecca met with Katie Ryan, the Executive Director of the Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center. They discussed possible ways organizations could partner. Katie is interested in starting a water quality monitoring program for visiting youth. Rebecca connected her with Eric Anderson.

City of Gates: Rebecca will be meeting with Marty Olsen from ODFW on the 20th. They will be going on a site tour of the City of Gates drinking water facility. They will discuss the potential for an OWEB grant proposal that could fund the screening of Gates intake facility. ODFW Cost share program would pay for 60% of the potential project. The NSWC could possibly assist by applying for an OWEB grant to come up with the additional 40%.

North Santiam Basin Summit IV Scheduled

The next North Santiam Summit IV (Focusing on Emergency Management, Research and Monitoring Data) has been scheduled for April 18 (9-3pm) at Marion Public Works. Event is posted on website. I am working with Patricia on lining up presentations for the event.

- Dam Safety and Flood Inundation Maps (Erik Petersen, Operations Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)

- Oregon Silver Jackets and the Rapid Assessment of Flooding Tool (Ryan Cahill, Hydraulic Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)
- Preliminary findings for developing a North Santiam Watershed Emergency Response System (Tyler Bax, Mason Bruce and Girard)

Emergency Responder Survey was sent out. Still waiting for responses.

Little Rock Creek: Partial Barrier...not full barrier. ODF fish data shows fish passing the 4 foot perched culvert with presence absence data from 2004 showing Steelhead a mile above the perched culvert. I am going to go out and take a look this coming weekend.

National Forest Foundation Grant

Submitted mid-year project report. USFS has already supplied \$10,842 of in-kind match into the project (employee time and resources). Thank you. Next Steps: I will be meeting with Lyn Medley on Friday to do a mapping exercise of potential projects and areas stakeholders have identified as important.

May 2014 Council Meeting will be held at the Stayton Middle School cafeteria.
Address: 1021 Shaff Road, Stayton, OR 97383

8:20 PM

New Business:

Watershed Council Boundary Extension/Service Area Extension Discussion.

Brent Stevenson presented several maps showing the extent of the Santiam Water Control District service area. Brent identified the Upper and Lower Bennett Dams and how each dam is 2/3 owned by the City of Salem and 1/3 owned by the Santiam WCD. Brent also identified the location of the Salem Ditch and the location of where the Salem Ditch flows into Mill Creek. Brent discussed the fish issues related to the Salem Ditch and Mill Creek and how it has been designated by the state as Essential Salmonid Habitat. The City of Salem has a large water right for the water flowing into the Salem Ditch (1000cfs) for recreation and esthetic uses for Mill Creek. Another 20cfs flowing into the Salem Ditch is designated for consumptive and irrigation purposes. Brent noted it would be beneficial if the North Santiam Watershed Council extended its service area to include areas such as Mill Creek given it is North Santiam water flowing into it most of the year.

Sarah Dyrdaahl brought up the boundary discussion that has been taking place at OWEB and how she has participated in the service area boundary discussions both at the South Santiam Watershed Council and at the Calapooia Watershed Council. Sarah pointed out several of the positive aspects of considering extending the NSWC service area.

Suzette noted that OWEB is not requiring any of the councils to extend their service area or boundary. Suzette also noted that it is important to consider the NSWC future vision and to have organizational resilience in a time of change.

Board members continued to exchange ideas about the idea of extending the council's service area. Suzette asked if it was brought to a vote now how would the board feel about extending the council's service area. Bill Sanderson stated he was not in favor of the idea given he felt it would take the council's focus away from the concerns he has related to the

Bennett Dams. Tom Fencil also noted he was also not in favor of the idea because he felt it would spread the NSWC resources too thin.

Jon Tucker responded by stating he feels the NSWC needs to be looking five years out to be successful. Jon noted the council should be positioning itself to look attractive to funders. Jon also noted that we would want to reach out to current organizations in the area and offer our assistance. Building partnerships will benefit all involved.

Suzette suggested we form a subcommittee to further research possible options/alternatives and to gather more information in order for the group to make a more informed decision. Rebecca will send out an email Friday March 14, 2014 to the board to see who on the board would be interested in participating on a NSWC Service Area Extension Subcommittee.

9:25 PM

Meeting Adjourned