

**Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting**

Location: Stayton Middle School

Date: May 8, 2014

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

**Attendance:**

***Role Call for Quorum:*** Brad Nanke (City of Salem-Chair), John Caruso (Marion County-Secretary/Treasurer), Jim Crawford (Timber - Economic 2-Vice Chair), Mike Kroon (Natural Resources), Bill Sanderson (Recreation - Economic 1), Tom Fencl (Middle Sub-Basin), Suzette Boudreaux (Little North Santiam)

***General:*** Amy Crawford, Chris Kowitz, Robert Lusk, Ken Roley, Grady McMahan, Debbie Paul

***Council Coordinator:*** Rebecca McCoun-Travers

***Regional Coordinators:*** Kelly Foley

**7:05 PM      Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order**

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum confirmed.

Council Mission Read

Introductions

**7:05 PM      Public Comment and Announcements**

- June 7, 2014 next Learn the River Trip (Stayton to Green's Bridge)
- May 16-18<sup>th</sup> Detroit Lake Fishing Derby (Flyer on the sign in table)

Bill Sanderson and Brad Nanke discussed the access/garbage issues at Green's Bridge. Rebecca will contact the state legislators regarding the recent gating off of the Green Bridge boat access. Rebecca has been directed to gather information on the access closure and to report the results at the next meeting.

**7:10 PM** Brad brought the April 2014 Minutes Approval to the floor. Bill Sanderson moved to approve the minutes. Mike Kroon 2nd the move. All were in favor – April Meeting Minutes Adopted.

**7:15 PM      Presentation: Upper Bennett Dam**

Ken Roley, Facilities Engineering Program Manager with the City of Salem Public Works Department provided the council with an update on the repair project that is planned on Upper Bennett Dam this summer. The project is currently out for bid. Construction will start as early as July 15 and may go until October 15 (ODFW in-stream work period). The project will result in the closure of the boat slide at Upper Bennett Dam, on the east end of Geren Island, from July 15 until August 30, 2014. The south side of the channel will be closed for six weeks. The Santiam WCD is going to try to improve the Lower Bennett Dam boat ramp. Ken discussed what work is needed, how the project will be managed, and alternatives for navigating around the work area.

8:10

### **Progress Reports**

Treasurer: John Caruso did not receive the April Financial Reports. Rebecca was told by CPRCD that they would be ready by noon. Rebecca did not receive the email with the reports until 6:48 pm, just before the meeting started. Rebecca will print them out and deliver them to John on Monday.

Operations: Jim Crawford arrived late to the Operation's meeting in April. Brad Nanke was unable to attend. Rebecca and Kelly filled John Caruso on they have in on recent project activities. Rebecca will update the council on what was discussed when she provides the Coordinator Report.

### Model Watershed Update:

Kelly Foley, Regional Landowner Partnership Coordinator noted that we may possibly have another Bear Branch landowner signing up for CREP.

Also, the Weed Workshop is coming up on May 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a workshop the council is putting on with Marion SWCD and Marion County Weed Control District.

The Regional Partners will be holding a Regional Retreat in June. The retreat will be facilitated by a hired contractor. With so many new employees since the beginning of the partnership the partners thought it would be a good idea to revisit the goals and vision of the group. We hope to identify what is working, what is not and how we can improve. All NSWC board members are invited to attend.

### Coordinator Update:

- Regional Partnership Retreat Pre-meeting will be June 9<sup>th</sup>. Retreat is scheduled for June 18, 2014.
- Lori LaMarche, Science teacher from Stayton High School contacted the council. She worked with Liz Redon in the past and would like to see if we could work with her and her students for next year. Stayton High School (503) 769-2171
- Education Outreach staff from the Calapooia will be holding a Salmon Watch event in the North Santiam. They have partnered with Mary's River and will be doing several Salmon Watch events with students from Albany. They plan to take them to the NS, SS and potentially Alsea in the Coast Range. I have requested to participate in their event if brought to the NS. I would like to welcome them and potentially assist at one of the booths. We will be working with Marion SWCD and the USFS on our own (separate) Salmon Watch Event this fall. Jenny with Marion SWCD has been implementing Salmon Watch in the NS for the last few years. She has connections with several of the area schools (Stayton, Salem).
- Rebecca will be helping lead an Ivy Pull at the Niagara County Park on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Scott West with ODF will be bringing a Boy Scout Troop out.
- Breitenbush Site Visit – May 20<sup>th</sup> (Potential for Large wood and Riparian Project).
- The OWEB Grant Review Team will be conducting project site visits in the North Santiam on – June 2. Morning Dieckman Slough (9 to 10), Santiam WCD (11 to 12:3) and Little Rock Creek site (2-3).
- Headwaters grant extension needs to be requested – Staff turnover at the FS (PR Jennifer Velez took job with BLM).
- Rebecca is working on the Council's Action Plan. – Rebecca should have a draft to the board soon.

- Rebecca is also working on the online Work Plan required by OWEB. Needs to be submitted by June 30, 2014.
- Rebecca will be sitting on a pre-solicitation stewardship contract meeting in Detroit Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Rebecca will let contractors know she is available for assistance.
- Rebecca has received the decals for both the Stout and Bear Branch Restoration signs. Rebecca will be going out next week to put up

7:50 PM

**New Business:**

Bird Haven Project Proposal

Rebecca presented the Bird Haven project proposal Sarah Dyrdaahl prepared. She will email a copy to everyone after the meeting. Project was brought to a vote. Suzette moved to support the project and asked that as project details develop Sarah D. come to the council and present the proposal. The council would like to be able to provide input. John Caruso seconded the motion. Mike Kroon abstained from the vote given he is assisting with the Bird Haven management plan. All other voting members present were in favor. Sarah may proceed with the project.

City of Gates Water Intake Facility

Rebecca presented Marty Olson's proposal of the NSWC assisting the City of Gates with bringing their water intake facility up to code:

Marty Olsen with ODFW contacted the Council regarding a fish screen project in Gates, Oregon. Currently, the City of Gates water intake facility has an outdated fish screen that does not meet ODFW standards. Marty Olsen with ODFW would be able to set up a cost share program with the City of Gates which would pay for 60% of the project. The total estimated cost of project would be \$8,906. ODFW would be able to cover \$5,343.60 through the cost share program. The City of Gates will be able to contribute \$1,160 in-kind support in the form of man hours and use of equipment (backhoe). ODFW would like to know if the NSWC would be able to help the City of Gates come up with the remaining \$2,402.40.

Suzette and Brad suggested the council approve Rebecca researching potential funding opportunities for the project. Jim Crawford made a motion for Rebecca to research funding sources. Suzette Boudreaux seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NSWC Operating Policies & By-Laws

Rebecca sent out to Steering by email the draft Operating Policy and By-Law's with edits/changes OWEB is requiring.

- John Caruso noted in the by-laws under membership it should read that we have a "maximum" of 12 members and not "minimum." Rebecca will make the change.
- Suzette noted that it looked like an addition to the length of service was made. Rebecca stated OWEB was requiring a length of service. After some discussion the group agreed that the Steering Member length of service should read "four year term with unlimited renewal extensions allowed." Rebecca will add the length of service term into both the by-laws and operation policies.

- Suzette noted in the Operation Policies it stated we had monthly meetings. She noted we needed to add that we take July and August off each year and meet September through June. Rebecca will make the change.

With the edits Rebecca has provided and the stated additions, Brad moved to amend both the NSWC By-Laws and Operating Policies. Suzette seconded the motion. All were in favor. Amendments to the NSWC By-Laws and Operating Policies were adopted.

#### Whitewater Hydro Project

Rebecca asked Grady McMahan, Detroit District Ranger to provide the council information on the Whitewater Creek Hydroelectric project proposal that has been submitted by David Harmon. David Harmon is proposing putting in a hydroelectric power system on Whitewater Creek, on USFS land in the headwaters of the North Santiam Watershed. The proposed system would potentially produce 12 megawatts of power and be fed directly into the grid. Grady noted that an updated study plan has just been recently submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). FERC is reviewing the plan. If FERC approves the plan then there will be a two year detailed environmental study conducted. Grady will keep the council posted on the project.

8:35 PM

Meeting Adjourned