

**Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting**

Location: Stayton Community Center

Date: November 14, 2013

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

**Attendance:**

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

***General:*** Grady McMahan, Dani Pavoni, Chris Wagner, Darrin Neff, Amy Crawford

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

***Regional Coordinators:*** Kelly Foley

**7:00 PM**      **Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order**

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum confirmed.

Suzette Reviewed Mission

Introductions

**Council Chair Transition**

Suzette Boudreaux officially passed the Chair Position to Brad Nanke. The council is very grateful for the 2 years Suzette has served as Chair. Rebecca presented Suzette with a gift and card from the board.

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

Rebecca shares with the council the plaque Meyer Memorial Trust (MMT) presented to the council at the October 29, 2013 grantee meeting Rebecca attended in Portland. The plaque is a show of appreciation to the North Santiam Watershed Council for their involvement in the Model Watershed Program in the Willamette. Rebecca passed around a flyer explaining the Riverprize MMT won in 2012:

**Summary:** MMT entered into the Thiess International Riverprize competition on behalf of the many groups and individuals involved in efforts to improve the watershed health across the Willamette Basin, including grantees and other partners involved in the Trust's Willamette River Initiative. The international award was presented to MMT in Melbourne, Australia on Tuesday, October 29, 2012.

Rebecca announced that Sarah Dyrdaahl, Regional Projects Manager will be providing the Salem City Council with an update on how NSWC has leveraged the City of Salem donations to help improve the water quality in the North Santiam River Basin. Sarah D. will present at the City Hall Meeting in Salem on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Kelly Foley and Sarah Dyrdaahl put together a report which will be shared at the meeting.

Rebecca announced the council had 2 DOGAMI Historic Floodplain posters leftover from the Wet Your Whistle in the Watershed 2013 Annual Event. Suzette purchased the laminated poster for \$10 and Mike Kroon purchased the non-laminated poster for \$5. The funds will go into the NSWC unrestricted funds account.

Brad Nanke shared with the council what a Hedgehog Mushroom (*Hydnum repandum*) looks like (He passed one around). He noted how to identify hedgehog mushrooms in the field and how they are very tasty to eat.

**7:10 PM**

Brad brought the October Minutes Approval to the floor. John Caruso noted he did not attend the OWEB October meeting. Rebecca made correction and removed John from the list of board members that attended the meeting. One other change was made brought up by Suzette. Suzette moved to approve the minutes. Jim Crawford 2nd the move. All were in favor – October Minutes Adopted.

**7:15 PM**

**Presentation**

Kirk Shimeall, Executive Director/Stewardship Coordinator of Cascade Pacific RC&D provided the council with an update on the OWEB Capacity Grant the CPRC&D partnered with NSWC and Luckiamute Watershed Council in applying for in August 2013. Good discussion occurred between Kirk and the board. The history of the NSWC fiscal sponsorship, the newly awarded OWEB Capacity Grant and next steps were some of the topics discussed.

**7:40 PM**

**Progress Reports**

*Treasurer:* John Caruso only has September Financial Report. He has not received the October statement from Cascade Pacific. Rebecca will talk to Cascade. Rebecca informed John he should have them before next week Operations meeting. John Caruso would like to have the financials sooner.

*Operations:* Jim Crawford provided update on the October Operations Meeting. The committee reviewed the City of Salem Report Kelly put together. It was approved. Rebecca will possibly put a 4<sup>th</sup> page on it. Rebecca is looking into the costs of a cloud hard drive vs. regular hard drive. She will also be researching leasing a printer. The Operations meeting was short this month (45 mins). Suzette had to leave early to attend a speech by a well-known author. The speech was about Climate Change and was held at Willamette University.

**Project Updates:**

Regional Collaboration: Rebecca briefly discussed the MMT meeting held in Portland and about the Network of Oregon Watershed Council Fall Gathering at the coast. Rebecca passed around the event program and made notations of the meetings she attended. Rebecca learned a lot at the conference. Rebecca was also very impressed with both Lance Wyss and Sarah Dyrdaahl's presentations at the conference.

Kelly Foley updated the board on the Model Watershed meetings the Regional Collaborative Group held in October and in November. The group went through maps and identified next targeted areas in the Model Watersheds. The group looked at the original 10 year restoration activity goals and now that we are at the halfway mark the goals are being re-evaluated. The regional group has focused much of their time in the South Santiam and Calapooia watersheds in previous years because that is where the momentum was at the time. They will now be focusing more on the North Santiam.

**New Business:**

North Santiam Watershed Council still needs someone on the board to represent them on the Cascade Pacific board. Brad Nanke noted he will look at his schedule again and see if he could possibly represent the council.

Brent Steveson asked the NSWC for a letter of support for a Marion County Projects grant application for City of Stayton and the Santiam Water Control District were submitting jointly. The proposed grant project goals include: improved efficiency of water delivery, increased protection from potential catastrophic pollution events, increase protection of downstream agricultural lands from flood and storm events and better management of water flows out of the North Santiam River. Suzette moved to have the council provide a letter of support. Jim Crawford 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor. Rebecca had created a draft letter beforehand. Brad Nanke signed the letter and the letter was given to Brent.

Rebecca discussed BLM Title II and ODA weed grant opportunities. Both grant applications are due mid-December. Rebecca will provide more detail at next week's Operation's Meeting. Suzette reminded group that we want to make sure the projects align with our goals and do not take too much of our time without compensation. Possibly put in for an ODA weed grant focusing on Clematis vitalba (Old Man's Beard) in the Lower North Santiam reaches. Chris Wagner, with the US Forest Service mentioned there is a considerable amount of Clematis vitalba near the Stayton Riverfront Park. Chris noted we should consider including this site in the grant if we follow through with a Clematis vitalba treatment proposal. Rebecca will be meeting with Jenny Miesel, Marion SWCD and Tanya Beard, Marion County Monday to discuss the weed grant idea in more detail.

**8:15 PM**

**Meeting Adjourned**