

Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Stayton Community Center

Date: November 9, 2017

Time: 6:00 to 8:35 PM

Attendance:

Roll Call for Quorum: Brad Nanke (City of Salem – Chair), Brent Stevenson (Irrigation District-Vice Chair), John Caruso (Marion County – Secretary/Treasurer), Dave Carpenter (At Large-Landowner), Lawrence Schwabe (Grand Ronde Tribe), Suzette Boudreaux (Little North Fork), Jon Tucker (Lower North Santiam Subbasin), Jan Irene Miller (At-Large-Landowner)

General: Jeremy Mills, Kevin Bladon, Ken Hetsel, Gary Pullman, Grady McMahan, Beth Tanner, Karen Darnell, Kent Westbrook, Woody Jackson, Jay H., Guest ? (Did not sign in)

Council Coordinator: Rebecca McCoun

Shared Santiam Project Manager: Not Present

NSWC OSU Volunteer Intern: Heather Westbrook

6:07 PM Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order

Council Mission Read

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum Confirmed

Introductions

6:10PM Brad brought the October 2017 meeting minutes to the floor. Dave Carpenter moved to approve the minutes. Suzette Boudreaux seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor. The October 2017 Minutes were adopted.

6:15 PM Announcements & Public Comments

Rebecca reminded the NSWC about the upcoming meeting at Trexler Farm Cafe on November 17, 2017. Ed MacMullen with ECONorthwest and John Audley with OBC will be sharing with the North Santiam stakeholders background on the Building a Business Case for Investing in Watershed Resiliency analysis.

Brent Stevenson reminded the council of the recent email notice Rebecca sent out regarding the USACE Willamette Basin Review Feasibility Study. The USACE will be having an open house in Salem in December. Brent encouraged everyone to look at the document. Discussion followed.

6:30 PM Presentation: Dr. Kevin Bladon “Drinking Water & Forest Fires”

Dr. Kevin Bladon, an Assistant Professor of Forest Ecohydrology and Watershed Science in the Forest Engineering, Resources and Management Department at Oregon State University (OSU), presented on the following:

a) forest hydrology and the importance of water from forests

- b) a convergence of threats to forests and water supply
- c) wildfire effects on source water quantity and quality
- d) drinking water treatability challenges due to the effects from wildfire.

Dr. Bladon’s research focused on catchment and hillslope-scale studies investigating effects of natural disturbances (e.g., wildfire) and land use (e.g., forest harvesting) impacts on hydrology, water quality (nutrients, carbon, stream temperature, sediment), and aquatic ecosystem health.

8:20 PM Coordinator Report: Rebecca McCoun

- Rebecca shared with the council the letter of support request from Danielle Gonzalez with Marion County sent. The letter of support would be for the “North Santiam Canyon Brownfields” grant proposal. The Operations Committee approved the request and Rebecca provided a letter of support.
- Rebecca reported the Santiam team submitted two OWEB grant applications at the first part of November.
 - 1) North & South Valentine Stream Buffer Restoration Grant: Proposed restoration of 25.3 acres of riparian reveg & 5 years plant establishment. OWEB ask is \$157,661. Total Project Cost \$217,716.
The NSWC submitted a restoration grant before for this site in 2016 and it was not recommended for funding. At that time, the review team suggested to resubmit with changes. Tyler and Rebecca revised the proposal and resubmitted.
 - 2) South & North Santiam Project Development Grant: OWEB ask is \$51,863 OWEB. Total project would be \$70,853. The grant was submitted by the SSWC.
- Rebecca noted she met with two Marion County law enforcement officers and took them out to the South Valentine site as part of Marion County’s ODEQ SEP project. Marion County Corrections has a \$6,500 ODEQ fine, which is equivalent to 10 days of inmate crew work at \$650 a day. They would like to work on one of the council projects to work off the fine.
- Rebecca announced the Marion SWCD approved a 15k match for the North & South Valentine Stream Buffer project pending OWEB approval. Important to note, if OWEB does not approve the NSWC restoration proposal Marion SWCD will not contribute the match funds to the project.
- Rebecca noted the Partners of the North Santiam plan to meet on November 13th in Salem. Consultant and Partners are working on the draft North Santiam Resiliency Action Plan.
- Rebecca noted Heather Anderson recently went out with R. Franco crews and talked with landowners as the crews treated knotweed found along Stout Creek.

8:25PM Nonprofit Discussion - Documents

Rebecca handed out the most recent bylaws with everyone’s edits incorporated. Rebecca also handed out a draft copy of the “Board Job Description” and “Statement of Agreement for Board Members of the Board of Directors.” The council went over the suggested edits to the bylaws. Rebecca will send out a revised document before the January 2018 meeting.

8:30 PM Open Comments

Brad Nanke introduced Karen Darnel. Brad invited Karen Darnell to come back to the NSWC in the future to present on mining in the canyon.

8:35 PM **Adjourn**