

**Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting**

Location: Stayton Middle School

Date: October 8, 2015

Time: 6:00 to 7:30 PM

**Attendance:**

**Roll Call for Quorum:** Brad Nanke (City of Salem), Brent Stevenson (Water Control District) John Caruso (Marion County – Secretary/Treasurer), Debbie Paul (Linn SWCD), Jon Tucker (Lower Subbasin), Mike Kroon (Natural Resources), Bill Sanderson (Recreation)

**General:** Grady McMahan, Ken Hetsel, Chris Kowitz

**Council Coordinator:** Rebecca McCoun

**Santiam Project Coordinator:** Joe Thompson

**6:09 PM      Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order**

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum confirmed

Council Mission Read

Introductions

**6:10 PM**      Brad Nanke brought the September 2015 minutes to the floor. Debbie Paul moved to have the September 2015 minutes adopted. Brent Stevenson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor and the September 2015 Minutes were adopted.

**6:12 PM      Public Comment and Announcements**

Ken Hetzel announced he was going to be putting in for a City of Salem Neighborhood Grant in October. He discussed his proposal of getting local urban schools/classes and the local communities to adopt urban stream reaches and to teach youth how to be good land stewards. Discussion followed. Ken requested a letter of support from the council for the grant. Brent and Brad both noted the council should wait to see if the Marion County Commissioners approve the NSWC boundary extension request before providing a letter of support given the council currently has no jurisdiction in Salem.

Brad noted the Straub Environmental Learning Center was hosting an Edible Mushroom Retreat at the Drift Creek Camp on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**6:25 PM      Presentation**

Joe Thompson, the new North Santiam and South Santiam Watershed Council Project Manager introduced himself to the council and provided a brief presentation on his education background and gave some examples of the projects he has worked on.

**6:50 PM      Progress Reports**

Treasurer: John Caruso noted he had just received the September 2015 financials and had not yet had a chance to review them.

Operations Update: Brent provided the group with a brief summary of the activities from the last Operations Meeting held October 1, 2015.

1. Operations approved having Rebecca proceed with helping facilitate the Partners of the NS Watershed group.
2. Operations approved Rebecca putting in for a Forest Collaborative grant in November.
3. Operations requested Rebecca research appropriate language for adding the Master Services agreement option to the NSWC Operating Policies.
4. Operations approved Rebecca attending the Carpe Diem event in Eugene.
5. Operations approved Rebecca attending the Oregon Forest Collaborative Workshop in Redmond this coming November.

Council Coordinator Update:

Salmon Watch: Rebecca assisted with 4 of Marion SWCD's Salmon Watch classes up at Packsaddle Park (Riparian, Water Quality and Macroinvertebrates). Very few Chinook were seen spawning this year at Packsaddle. A lot of pre-spawning mortality was observed in the Willamette and in the Santiam this last summer.

<b>Willamette Falls Fish Counts</b>		<b>As of Date</b>
Spring/Fall Chinook	51,048	8/15/2015
Fall Chinook Adults	2,205	10/8/2015
Summer Steelhead	3,722	10/8/2015
<b>Upper Bennett Dam</b>		
Hatchery Chinook	5,757	9/30/2015
Wild Chinook	806	9/30/2015
Hatchery Steelhead	487	9/30/2015
Winter Steelhead	784	9/30/2015

UPRIVER Event: Not a whole lot of traffic through the tables. Approx. 100 watched the film at the Salem Waterfront Park. We should look into purchasing the film to show at the local schools and in the small communities.

SOLVE Cleanup event: We had 29 adults and 15 youth with a total of 44 volunteers. 12 tires were removed, toilets, lots of garbage. We picked up approximately 300lbs of garbage, 23 car tires and 5 truck tires. Lunch was donated by Dean O'Donnell who owns Mt. High Grocer in Detroit. Kevin Cameron and his wife participated. He was amazed at the amount of garbage. Stayton Boy Scout Troop 50 also volunteered.

Boundary Extension Update: Brent and Rebecca will be providing the Marion County Farm Bureau with a boundary extension presentation on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

USFS Lower Breitenbush Hot Springs Visioning Session scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Gates Fire Hall. So far we have had 75 people complete the online Survey Monkey. Rebecca has received 5 emails with people expressing what they would like to see at the LBHS. We have 12 individuals so far who have RSVP'd.

Rebecca met with a new landowner who lives off Fisherman's Road who would like to do a restoration project around her slough. Rebecca is working on setting up a site visit with the landowner and NRCS/Linn SWCD to see what programs may be available. Bill Sanderson noted he had some great historical information about that area and would be interested in contacting the landowner. Rebecca noted she would contact the landowner and let her know of Bill's offer.

#### Grants Update

Heritage Grant did not get awarded

Forest Collaborative Grant – Due November 13, 2015.

OWEB SIP Transition Grant is Due November 19, 2015.

Fall site prep and maintenance work underway.

#### **7:15 PM      New Business**

Officer Nominations: Both Brad Nanke and Brent Stevenson noted they would like to hold their current positions of chair and vice chair into the next 2015-2016 year. John Caruso noted he would be open to having someone fill his current secretary/treasurer position. The group discussed whether the position could be split into two having someone fill the secretary and the other the treasurer. The NSWC By-laws have both ways listed. Jon Tucker noted they meant to clarify the position language in the by-laws in the past but had not gotten around to it. Rebecca will draft and send out two versions of the "secretary/treasurer" position description for the council to review before the next meeting. Jon Tucker motioned to adopt the current officers for the next year's slate and to close the nominations. Motion carried.

Deb Paul thanked Rebecca and her ODF partners on helping her get two new CREP contracts signed by the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Brent Stevenson noted he was able to get the Drought Contingency Plan Bureau of Reclamation Water Smart Grant agreement signed just before the deadline.

John Caruso noted he wants the council to make sure Rebecca takes a vacation soon before she burns out.

#### **7:30 PM      Meeting Adjourned**