

Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Stayton Community Center

Date: September 12, 2013

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Attendance:

Role Call for Quorum: Suzette Boudreaux (North Fork, Chair), John Caruso (Marion County), Brad Nanke (Salem), Jim Crawford (Economic 2), Tom Fencl (Middle Sub-Basin), Jon Tucker (Lower Subbasin), Brent Stevenson (Irrigation District), Mike Kroon (Natural Resources) and Lawrence Schwabe (Grande Ronde Tribe)

General: Grady McMahan, Dani Pavoni, Jan Irene Miller, Jim Bayuk

Council Coordinator: Rebecca McCoun-Travers

Regional Coordinators: Lance Wyss, Sarah Dyrdaahl, Kelly Foley

7:00 PM Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum confirmed.

Suzette Reviewed Mission

Public Comment and Announcements: None

7:05 PM Public Comment/Announcements

Sarah Dyrdaahl mentioned the “Wet Your Whistle in the Watershed” will be next Friday September 21, 2013. Event time has changed. Will start at 5 and end at 8pm at the Calapooia Brewing Company in Albany.

Suzette brought up the Minto Fish Collection Facility Tour will be September 21st. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Suzette noted we are going to try to have carpools available. Possibly meet in Stayton and carpool to the facility. Rebecca will help make arrangements.

7:10 PM Consent Agenda

Approval of June 2013 Minutes

Financial report – Vendor Balance Detail from Cascade Pacific RC&D

7:15 PM Presentation

Kelly Foley, new Regional Landowner Partnership Coordinator shared her background with the council. Kelly shared short PowerPoint presentation.

Kelly noted that on September 27th the NSWC in partnership with Marion SWCD will be holding a CREP tour in the canyon (9 to 1pm)

7:25 PM Rebecca provided a project update:

PROJECT UPDATE:

OWEB Council Support Grant 2013-2015

We did not have to submit a new application. Previous grant amended.

Total amount \$108,775 annual

(Budget Breakdown: Overhead costs, Coordinator salary and fiscal admin)

Mad Creek Bridge –Email from Chuck Knoll August 30th

Expected completion date of the Bridge is October 15th. A review of expenses for this project indicates that all funding will be used. An additional \$50,000 of Linn County Road Department funding will also be required to complete project.

Little Rock Creek

Council will apply for an OWEB Little Rock Creek Culvert Replacement grant in the spring 2014. Linn County will be the project managers on the grant. Chuck Knoll will supply the council with approximately \$40,000 worth of in-kind support in the form of engineer drawings, biological reports, hazardous materials report, a corridor assessment report, a geotechnical report and engineering estimates.

Cold Creek Project

We were able to achieve substantial cost savings through effective partnerships with USFW, Santiam WCD, and USFS in 2011. As a result, there are considerable funds remaining that are being invested in additional habitat restoration on this site. (Approx. 24,000 left). This fall additional large wood (donated again by the USFS) will be placed, weeds treated and more riparian reaches planted with native buffer species. Also, re-establishment of a historic alcove/pond will take place to improve Oregon Chub habitat

Snake Deford Project (Yost)

This OWEB grant has been extended a year. Originally, the grant was going to take place this summer. Do to staff turnover both at USFS and at the council work is now scheduled to take place next summer.

National Forest Foundation Grant – Breitenbush Stewardship Area

The council was awarded another grant from the National Forest Foundation. This grant titled: *Stewardship Contracting for Industry Development and All-Lands Approach to Restore Watershed Health*.

The grant will provide capacity for the North Santiam Watershed Council:

- The council will work with the Detroit Ranger District to convene Breitenbush Watershed stakeholders for an all-lands planning approach to agree on projects that will restore this watershed.

First stakeholder gathering will be next Wednesday September 18th: Breitenbush Watershed Tour. The council sent out invites. Forest Service specialists will educate potential stakeholders on the issues and opportunities present in the Breitenbush Watershed.

BLM Title II - Possible funding: Workshop (spring)

The NSWC, Marion SWCD & Marion County – Put in for a Title II funding last fall to do additional weed survey work in the watershed. We did not get near the amount we asked.

The original amount the NSWC requested was **\$73,925** and the amount available to apply for now is approximately **\$4,750**. With this reduced amount NSWC and partners Marion SWCD and Marion County have agreed to seek available funding to carry out the education portion of the grant proposal.

Chahalpam / Dieckman Creek Project

Moving forward on grant application for Lower North Santiam Floodplain Restoration Alternatives Analysis.

Sent out emails to potential technical team participants. Have received positive feedback from USACE, BLM, TNC, USGS, and ODFW. USACE, CTGR, Santiam WCD

Working with West Consulting and River Design Group – Joint proposal –Scope of Work and Budget.

Regional Collaboration

OWEB put out a Capacity Building Grant at the end of July. We were given a two week turn-around time for a pre-proposal. Regional group chose to wait until spring.

Our council & Luckiamute WC sponsored Cascade Pacific RC&D with their OWEB Capacity grant proposal.

Seeking funds to help with efficiency with regards to fiscal sponsorship of Watershed Councils. Pre-application, interview, full application....award. September 19th we will be the interview. Suzette, Jon Tucker and Rebecca will attend the interview.

Stout Creek Knotweed Treatment

Notices went out to landowners in late August. Sarah will walk the creek with contractors and spray for Knotweed.

Evans Creek Slide

A number of local landowners have expressed interest in attending a tour. Patrick Hawe with BLM would present (Planning for October).

Mid-Willamette Weed Cooperative

Rebecca brought up notice that went out regarding the council needing a representative for the Mid-Willamette Weed Cooperative. The group meets twice a year. Suzette will fill in if no one steps forward.

Sarah Dyrdaahl stated she would like to represent the council. Suzette made a motion to have Sarah represent the council at the Mid-Willamette Weed Cooperative meetings. John Caruso seconded the motion. The council all agreed. No objections.

Sarah will represent the council. Rebecca will send Sarah information on their next meeting.

7:35 PM Progress Reports

Treasurer: Report via email from Cascade Pacific RC&D. John Caruso noted all looked good and report was easy to read. The latest financial report he has is for July 31, 2013. Rebecca noted Peggy at Cascade was sick and that she will get John the August financial report as soon as it is ready.

Operations: Jim Crawford gave Operation's Report on what occurred over the summer.

MMT Model Watershed & CREP Update:

Sarah gave update for the model watershed:

Sarah reported CREP project went in on Bear Branch (livestock fencing, etc.). Knotweed inventory and treatment on Stout Creek was going to take place in September. She noted she has one CREP project on Valentine. Also, Stout Creek has one new recruit (Fief's).

Sarah noted that ODF accepted watershed council comment's on the proposed stricter herbicide requirements. Sarah provided them with her feedback.

Lance Wyss reported Steve Eck was on board with working with council on restoration projects on Dieckman Creek. CREP project yet to be determined.

Other: Group discussion on how to show Liz Redon our appreciation for the 40+ hours she donated to train Rebecca. Several suggestions were made. Group decided on framed picture of projects she worked on. Rebecca will work on gathering photos.

Officer Elections: Suzette reminded group of upcoming elections. Suzette asked about possibly of having Vice Chair and Chair positions begin in December rather than November. Group decided to table vacancy issue until October/November.

Suzette would like to leave Operations this coming year and focus more on Little North Fork Santiam. John Caruso is willing hold the Treasurer/Secretary position again next year.

US Army Corp Notice: Suzette brought up email sent out by Scott Clemans, USACE Public Relations Specialist, regarding the temperature and fish passage issues at Detroit Dam. The Corp will be holding public hearings to get public input on the proposed projects. Rebecca will send out an eUpdate and will post notice on the council's web.

7:50 PM Meeting Adjourned