

Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Stayton Community Center

Date: September 10, 2015

Time: 6:00 to 7:45 PM

Attendance:

Role Call for Quorum: John Caruso (Marion County – Secretary/Treasurer), Suzette Boudreaux (Little North Santiam), Jan Irene Miller (At Large-Landowner), Debbie Paul (Linn SWCD), Jon Tucker (Lower Subbasin), Mike Kroon (Natural Resources), Chris Kowitz (City of Salem – Alternate)

General: Dave Carpenter, Jason Balderston, Ken Hetsel, Gary Pullman

Council Coordinator: Rebecca McCoun

6:05 PM Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum confirmed.

Council Mission Read

Introductions

6:08 PM John Caruso brought the September 2015 minutes to the floor. Debbie Paul moved to have the September 2015 minutes adopted. Suzette Boudreaux 2nd the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor and the September Minutes were adopted.

Public Comment and Announcements

None

6:10 PM Presentation: Rebecca McCoun, Council Coordinator provided to the group a Power Point presentation on the watershed restoration, outreach and education activities that took place over the summer of 2015. Rebecca announced for those who had not yet heard that Sarah Dyrdaahl, the regional shared Cal-San Project Manager took a job with the Middle Fork Watershed Council as the new Executive Director. The North Santiam and South Santiam advertised a shared Santiam Project Manager position in early August. Rebecca noted they hope to have someone hired before the end of October.

Jan Irene Miller added that she was in contact with the company that makes youth education watershed tables (EnviroScape) and the company may be able to make a prototype to scale model for the watershed council. Jan Irene will keep the group posted as she finds out more.

The group also discussed the issues surrounding the summer activity up the Little North Fork. Someone noted that it would be nice to be able to provide printed maps to the public showing all the other possible river public access locations all throughout the canyon. This might help reduce the pressure on the Little N. Fork public areas.

7:20 PM Progress Reports

Treasurer: John Caruso noted he received the July 2015 financials and that they looked good. He had not yet received the August 2015 reports.

Operations: John Caruso provided the group with a brief summary of the activities from the last Operations Meeting held September 1st

The Operations Committee decided not to pursue an Oak Outreach Grant with the Calapooia and South Santiam WC's. Upland restoration is not a high priority in the NSWC Action Plan. Possibly they can partner on this in the future.

Rebecca will be attending the Marion County Farm Bureau meeting scheduled October 14th. She will present the council boundary proposal idea to the bureau. Brent is going to see if he is also able to attend.

Rebecca handed out the 11 project manager applications to the Operations committee to review.

John Caruso also reminded the council that we will be holding nominations for the 2015-2016 Officers at the October Meeting.

7:35 PM New Business

Rebecca met with the Marion County Commissioners in August. They would like to get feedback from the Marion County Farm Bureau before making a decision on the NSWC request to extend their watershed council boundary. Rebecca has scheduled to provide a presentation to the Marion County Farm Bureau in October.

Rebecca informed the council about Linn County Farm Services decision to no longer allow CREP assignment of payments to watershed councils. The landowners will have to come up with the CREP cash flow on their own starting next year. Discussion followed.

Rebecca proposed adding a "Master Service Agreement" option to the NSWC current Operating Policies. Rebecca will research possible wording for amending the current policy.

7:45 PM Meeting Adjourned