

Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Stayton Community Center; 400 Virginia Ave; Stayton, OR

Date: May 13, 2010

Time: 7:00 to 8:35 PM

Attendance:

Role Call for Quorum: John Caruso (Chair, Marion County Citizen), Bill Sanderson (Economic), Bruce Rogers (City of Salem), Tom Fencil (Middle Sub-Basin), Mike Kroon (Natural Resources),

General: Glenn Dolphin, Darren Cross (Willamette USFS) and Herb Hoffer (City of Albany Public Works)

Contractors: Elizabeth (Liz) Redon and Pamela Archer

7:00 PM Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order

Meeting Call to Order—Review Mission

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum established

Public Comment and Announcements:

- Fundraiser event June 11th at Calapooia Brewery in Albany, 6-9 PM
- Last night was Open House for USACE Biological Opinion in Stayton. Next meeting Monday at Mill City.
- LifeSource donated \$1286.33 of their profits from their Earth Day/NSWC shopping day

—Upcoming Events

May 26: Operations Meeting 8AM Neufeldt's

June 10: Steering/General Meeting, 7PM Stayton Community Center

June 11: Fundraiser, Calapooia Brewery, 6-9PM

June 19: MMT Basin Tour, Stout Creek, 1PM location TBD

—Learn the River Trip Mehama to Stayton. Goes by outtakes for irrigation districts and passes diversion dam.

Approval of Minutes: Members reviewed minutes for April 2010. Bruce Rogers motioned to approve, Tom Fencil seconded.

Decision: Minutes for April 2010 approved.

7:10 PM Presentation: Aquatic Invasive Species, Oregon Marine Board, Glenn Dolphin, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator

- Invasive species 101: Zebra/Quagga Mussels
 - Threats to environment, economy, and recreation
 - Types of boat contamination (aquatic weeds, NZ mud snails, live bait, attached mussels, standing water in boat)
 - Mussel Biology
 - Size of thumbnail when adults
 - Females can release approximately 1 million eggs/year
 - Densities can reach into the hundreds of thousands per square meter
 - Can tolerate wide range of water temps, can exist frozen winters
 - Can survive out of water for extended periods of time 10-21 days
 - Can filter up to 1 liter of water per day per mussel (can starve out food)

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 - Originally from Caspian and Black Seas, transported in 1980's
 - Mussel movement: attach to boats, anchors, line, and vegetation, waders, vegetation
 - Economic Costs—need to maintain any equipment/structures in water to remove mussels
 - Recreational costs
 - Can intercept boats from other states
- Aquatic Weeds: Eurasian water milfoil/Hydrilla
- New Zealand Mud snails, several 1000 snails per square meter, disrupt food chains
- AIS Distribution Maps: Aquatic weeds, zebra/quagga mussels, NZ mud snails
- AIS prevention program
 - Formed in 2009 by OR Legislature. Modeled after Idaho, implemented by the OR State Marine Board and the OR Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
 - GOAL: Protect environment
 - New permit fees \$5 annual fee (+\$2 service fee) per boat collected during boat registration
 - Mobile boat decontamination equipment
 - Inspection teams (Salem, Clackamas, La Grande, Central Point, Madras)
 - Signage (billboards)
 - Educational materials
 - Training
 - Law enforcement
 - One permit carried per boat over 10'
 - Permits have nothing really to do with cleanliness of boat, is a mechanism to raise funds for program
- West coast planning efforts
 - 100th Meridian Initiative: Columbia River Basin Team structured under incident command system similar to forest fire plans
 - Watercraft inspection trainings—regionally in western states
 - Statewide trainings
- Oregon boat inspection trainings/boat decontaminations
- Clean launch law passed in 2009—illegal to launch boat with visible aquatic species
- Education and outreach activities
 - Signs
 - Report at 1-866-INVADER
 - West coast campaign “Clean, Drain, Dry”
 - Don't allow contaminated water to re-enter waterways—go to gravel pad or commercial car wash
 - 10'x5' border highway sign “Watercraft: State Law Requires Invasive Species Permit”
 - Marine board outreach campaign 2008-2009 cartoon characters
 - 2010 more outreach
- Question: cleaning felt boots/waders: scrub boots down before leaving site (dish scrubber). Best to leave them in the sun to dry.
- Will have stakeholders committee in July to take in feedback and improve program further.

8:15 PM Discussion: Fiscal Policy, Liz Redon

- Liz is serving on an OWEB committee for restructuring the council support grant application. There was discussion on a question regarding fiscal policies and councils that use a fiscal agent. OWEB staff said that even though there is a fiscal agreement outlining roles and responsibilities, OWEB wants councils to have a fiscal policy that says the watershed council has read the agents policy and approves. Liz Redon suggested starting discussion at the following meeting since attendance was low.

8:30 PM Progress Reports-

Note: Pam has been making outreach materials—NSWC “Business Cards”, posters, steering committee manual on website.

Treasurer:

- Report on back of agenda. Received 43% of funding, financially “good.”

Operations:

- Contract reviews last month for Liz, Erika, Sarah and Pam. Each are on track with their work plans.
- MMT Model Watershed
 - Calapooia, North, and South Santiam watersheds are officially part of Meyer Memorial Trust’s Willamette Model Watershed and the Memorandum Of Understanding is on the way
 - Interviewed for monitoring coordinator to be hired through South Santiam WC
- Next Ops meeting at May 26th 7:30 AM at Neufeldt’s.

Projects:

- **Snake Deford:** Assessment and restoration plan report draft is completed and River Design Group is completing additional survey work to finish the report.
- **Hatch/Greenwoods:** Jon Tucker is working on bridge installation. Will have maintenance crews for vegetation projects.
- **Mad Creek/ODOT:** Working on routing dollars efficiently. It does not look like OWEB will be an option so trying to contract directly with Linn County.
- **Weed inventory and control (Partnership w/Marion County):** Received over 60 phone calls in response to mailing.
- **Water Supply Planning (City of Salem):** Will provide report “Options Paper” when it is available.
- **Stout Creek:** Will be working on in-stream projects with 2 landowners over summer 2010.
- **Upper Bennett Dam:** Bill is going to talk with groups about donations. Need to address fish mortality. Can look at diversion dam, boat slides, other sites on river trips.

8:35 PM Other Business

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