

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

North Santiam Watershed Council

February 21, 2023

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Our Mission:

Providing opportunities for stakeholders to cooperate in promoting and sustaining the health of the watershed and its communities.

Directors Present:

- Suzette Boudreaux (Director - Little North Fork Subbasin Representative – President)
- Brent Stevenson – (Director - Water Control District Representative – Vice President)
- Kathy Bridges – (Director – At Large)
- Rebecca McCoun – (Director - General)

Directors Absent: Jan Irene Miller– (Director -Lower North Santiam Subbasin Representative-Secretary)

NSWC Staff Present:

- Brandin Hilbrandt (Project Manager)

Technical Advisors: Darrin Neff, USFS Natural Resource Manager, Becky Pineda

General Members & Guests Present: Kevin Dial, Santiam Canyon

Approval of January 2023 board meeting minutes

Suzette made a motion to approve the January 2023 board minutes. Rebecca made a second. All in favor and January 2023 minutes were adopted.

Announcements

Brandin introduced Kevin Dial and noted she was working with Kevin and the Marion County folks to put together a free tree give away and planting event in March. They have the support to help put it together in a short turn arounds time. The board was in favor of the NSWC participating.

NSWC Project Manager Update – Brandin Hilbrandt

See attached below.

Announcements

Darrin Neff, USFS provided the following announcements:

- USFS will be holding a planting event either April 1st or April 29th

- Johan Hogervorst, USFS Forest Hydrologist is moving on from the USFS. He has been a huge help on the Willamette NF.
- ODFW will be partnering with the USFS on phase zero of the Breitenbush floodplain project.
- Fire recovery funding. Approx. 78 million will be coming to the Willamette NF to help in the recovery of the 2020 wildfires.

Adjourn

Next Meeting:
March 21, 2023

NSWC Project Manager Update:

1. 2020 Post Wildfire Riparian Restoration
 - a. Mechanical Treatment on Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs – Little Sweden property (4.5acre site)
 - i. C Lamb Property (waterwheel 0.3 acre)
 - ii. B Bailey Property (2.2 acre sites)
 - iii. T. Behrens Property (12 acre site)
 - b. 9 more LOAs signed – leaves us at a total of 28.5 acres of 31 project acres;
 - c. Acquired Land Use permits for Linn and Marion Counties
 - d. First plantings at Behrens property – 2/22 and 2/23
 - e. Interim Report
 - i. Drafted Post Wildfire 2020 Rip Restoration reports that were past due (2)
 - f. Scott and I met with Rachel Thompson, OWEB PM and Renee Davis. Davis updated next Governor’s Budget, only 1.3 million of the 27 million that was asked/recommended for 2020 and 2021 Post Wildfire Recovery. This will head to the legislative and NRC – budget hearing should occur in late March/Aril. Local partners can comment during hearing.
 - i. February 21, 2023 - Rachel called to update that there is a “high assurance to carry forward post wildfire grant” = will know more in next month and half
2. One Tree Planted Partnership
 - a. Site Visits with A. Silbernagle’s project sites which will plant over 92,000 OTP trees (D. Firs and W. Red Cedars)

- b. Most sites are interplantings. Taylor Park needs a 2nd phase as scotch broom overtook and killed trees. Aaron sprayed during spring 2022. Total acreage that he will plant is ~270acres
3. EDRR Project
 - a. Reviewed presence points logged on iMapInvasives; communications with Beth (OSWB) about the call for data due on February 28, 2023.
 - b. Sent her shapefile and excel files of interns and Amandas points collected to fulfill Call for Data Request
 - c. Past due interim report has been drafted – in communications with Tristen Berg, OWEB PM for this and Aquatics Invasives Project extensions
 - d. reviewed activities and have touched base with Sarah Hamilton about spring/summer activities for this project
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5. Bear Branch Project
 - a. meeting with JP to go over history, activities and possible tasks for Bear Branch
6. LAP Projects
 - a. Barnes LAP - Site visit on 1/17/2023. In communications about upcoming plantings.
 - b. Lackner LAP – completed. Need to close with final report
 - c. Cook LAP – extension to 12/31/2023 to close with final report
 - d. Met with Marion SWCD staff – meet & greet with new staff at MSWCD
7. Marion County – Scott and I met with Stephanie Rosentrater (Environmental Specialist) about their awarded OWEB Weed Management in Right of Ways Project. They set aside \$25K for the NSWC to assist with EDRR on private lands. Storymap on their OWEB project: [North Santiam Watershed Post-Fire Restoration \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com/storymap3/7d309681-8181-4112-9001-000000000000)
8. Property Owner on Elkhorn Woods Circle – Large Woody Debris Dam/Jam – safety concerns. Meeting with ODFW on Thursday (3/23/2023)