

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

North Santiam Watershed Council

January 17,2023

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)
- Jane Irene Miller – (Director - Lower North Santiam Subbasin Representative)
- Rebecca McCoun – (Director - General)

Directors Absent: Kathy Bridges – (At Large)

NSWC Staff Present:

- Scott Mischke (Executive Director)
- Brandin Hilbrandt (Project Manager)

Technical Advisors: Darrin Neff, USFS Natural Resource Manager, Michelle King, USFS District Ranger at Detroit

General Members & Guests Present: Anna Rankin, Pudding River WC, Asako Yamamuro, Molalla River Watch, Michelle

Approval of November 2022 board meeting minutes. The Minutes were approved as written

Welcome

Brandin Hilbrandt started working this month as the new watershed council new project manager. Everyone is excited to have her on board. She noted she was also excited to get started.

Financial Report

Scott noted given Kathy was not able to attend he will wait to provide the financials.

Brent asked if Scott had some sort of financials for the board to review in the interim. Scott noted he did not at this time but would get something for the board.

Jan Irene noted being kept up to date on his milestones with regards to the financials and the process would be very helpful.

Old Business

Wildfire Adaptive Management Grant: Scott noted the South Santiam Watershed Council will be housing a Wildfire Adaptive Management grant that will fund a Wildfire Adapted Community Specialist position for 2 years to be shared between both the South and North Santiam watershed councils. Scott noted the intent of the grant is for community "Fire reduction Fire Prevention, Fire resilience." Scott noted that next Tuesday he and Shannon will be holding interviews for the new position. Scott will keep the board informed on how it goes via email.

New Business

Fundraising with Earth Share. Should the board proceed or not. Scott sent overview information by email what Earth Share has to offer. Jan Irene noted it is a platform and we would still need to do a lot of the work. Scott noted that we would need to be part of Earth Share to get on the state fundraising campaign. Jan Irene noted we need to determine if it would be cost benefit. Scott did note that he did not get any funds from Giving Tuesday or the end of the year campaign. Multiple factors may be at play. Regarding whether it was "worth it," Scott noted the more we get our name out there the better. Discussion followed.

Anna noted the Pudding WC is focusing on the big grants to get the main funding. More cost effective for their group

Asako noted Molalla Riverwatch mailer fundraising effort was successful for their smaller watershed. She noted it is a form of community outreach for them. They do it once a year.

Additional discussion followed regarding different fundraising approaches, strategies, timing of campaigns, etc.

Suzette made a motion to create an annual strategy/calendar that will satisfy the fundraising questions we have presented tonight and sign up for Earth Share. Have the calendar submitted to board by the next meeting. Rebecca seconded the motion. Brent asked if Scott thought he could do it by the next meeting along with getting the financials together. Scott responded yes. All were in favor and motion passed.

Executive Director/Staff Update:

Scott deferred to Brandin, to provide update on her first week at the council. Brandin noted she is getting orientated and started working on the active grants. She has been out with Rosario to look at some of the sites for the post wildfire riparian OWEB grant.

Suzette noted she wants to have from both Brandin and Scott by next month a written report on where we stand on all existing grants.

Scott provided information on some of the other activities he has been working on:

- Looking for Sites for hybrid meeting next month. Looking at Stayton Fire Stayton. Marion County SWCD is okay with us using their facility but the Marion SWCD liaison would not be able to let us in and give us access all the time. Decided to find another location.
- Participating in 11 different collaborative meeting groups. Getting to know a lot of people.

- Consolidating files from computer. Moving files from Rebecca's profile to his profile.
- Working on converting to Outlook. Taking time.
- Working on fundraising plan similar to Luckiamute's.
- Working on an on-boarding process.
- Working on fundraising efforts. Took some time to get PayPal button working. Giving Tuesday Campaign, End of Year campaign, researching Earth Share program
- Working on website review and cleaning up.
- Confirmed the additional OWEB Capacity Grant funding 17k. Completed the paperwork.
- Started working on the 2023-2025 OWEB Council Capacity Grant
- Talked to Marion County about their Stream Tree program.
- Talked with Stephanie with Marion County on their new post wildfire OWEB grant application. There is some money for NSWC staff time built into the grant. Waiting to find out if they get the grant.
- Possible Mid Valley River Connections collaborative grant to treat knotweed.

Suzette asked about the Panther Creek culvert replacement grant. Darrin will have the permits for that project. He just needs to get the application in within 90 days before the project starts. Darrin noted it is a super simple and fast process. It will not be a problem.

Announcements

Rebecca noted she will be providing a presentation to the Hood River Watershed Group regarding the new Forest Practices Act rules. She offered to provide a presentation to the NSWC if there was interest.

Darrin Neff noted NMFS will be changing their culvert replacement requirements from 1.3 to 1.5 times the channel width. Just giving us a heads up.

Scott noted he attended the USACE information session on the draft EIS for the Willamette Project. He was hoping for more information. Scott will send out the link again to the group. Brent noted important to note the key changes. Green Peter will be less likely to be at risk less opportunity to fill. Will use it in the spring for flush flows. Not much threat to Detroit.

January 25th OSU Starker Lecture Series on 60 years retrospect on the Douglas Fir Region. Jan Irene put a link into the chat.

Darrin noted the USFS is looking into working with a juvenile correctional facility to help collect seed and plant grow out. Jan Irene noted they are working with them now on oak seedlings.

Adjourn

Next Meeting:

February 21, 2023