

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NORTH SANTIAM WATERSHED COUNCIL

The Board of Directors met on May 10, 2018 6pm - 7:40pm

The meeting was held at the Stayton Community Center: 400 W. Virginia Street, Stayton, Oregon 97383.

Brad Nanke, Board President called the meeting. The NSWC mission was read and introductions followed.

Directors Present: Brad Nanke-President (City of Salem), Brent Stevenson-Vice President (Irrigation District), John Caruso -Treasurer (Marion County), Suzette Boudreaux (Little North Fork Santiam Subbasin Representative), Dave Carpenter (Aquatic Resources Representative), Jon Tucker (Lower Subbasin)

A Quorum Present: Six out of eight of the Directors were present. Jan Irene Miller - Secretary (Landowner Bird Haven Farm) and Bill Sanderson (Recreation & Economics) were absent.

Technical Advisors Present: Lawrence Schwabe (Grand Ronde Tribe), Timothy Ernster (USACE), Darrin Neff (USFS)

CPRCD/NSWC Staff Present: Rebecca McCoun, Executive Director

NSWC Volunteer Intern Present: Beth Tanner

General Members Present: Woody Jackson (Breitenbush Subbasin), Stanley Niemic (Beaver Creek, trib to Mill Creek Landowner), Jay Hennigan (Watershed Resident), Eric Stelzer (Watershed Resident)

I CORPORATE ACTIONS

6:03pm Minutes to Previous Meeting: Minutes of the previous meeting held on April 12 2018 were brought to the floor. Dave motioned to approve the April 2018 minutes. John Caruso seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Rebecca noted she would remove the highlight on the two items on the draft minutes. No further discussion. The April 2018 minutes were adopted. We will have Jan Irene sign them at the June meeting.

II BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

6:10 pm Partners of the North Santiam OWEB FIP Application Update

Rebecca handed out the draft list of projects the Partners of the North Santiam have put together for their upcoming OWEB FIP grant proposal. Rebecca reminded the board the Partners chose the board approved priority focused on actions that would help restore Aquatic

Habitats for Native Fish. The Partners have been meeting since the fall of 2015 and have developed a draft North Santiam Resiliency Action Plan. With support from Ethan Rosenthal with David Evans and Associates they are putting together an OWEB Focus Investment Partnership (FIP) Implementation proposal due June 29th.

6:20 pm NSWC Shared Services Discussion

Rebecca informed the council the Marion SWCD board of directors did not approve the draft shared services agreement between the Marion SWCD and the NSWC at the SWCD's May 2nd monthly meeting. The board had concerns with the duration of the agreement. The contract will be put on the agenda at their June 20, 2018 meeting. Rebecca noted she will be working with Jane to address the contract duration. In the meantime, Rebecca will continue to do the project management work for projects on the Marion County side of the watershed. Rebecca noted NSWC has contracted with Jean Paul with Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF) for Project Management assistance in Linn County.

6:30 pm Detroit Fish Passage & Temperature Control Structure Round Table Discussion Update

Rebecca noted the NSWC was invited to participate in a roundtable discussion with Congressman Kurt Schrader and Col. Aaron Dorf, Commander of the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to discuss the Detroit Dam Fish Passage and temperature control structure project. The congressman convened the meeting in response to feedback from stakeholders around the region and is interested in a robust and productive conversation on the many challenges we face moving forward. Rebecca noted Dave Carpenter, Brad Nanke, Jon Tucker and Tim Ernster were also in attendance. Discussion followed.

6:45 pm Nonprofit Transition Discussion

Rebecca noted given the delay in contracting Marion SWCD staff, and with the big OWEB FIP grant due on June 29th she would like to request the NSWC extend its contract with Cascade Pacific RC&D for 3 months with a new end date of September 30, 2018. Rebecca noted she did not think she could successfully get QuickBooks up and running, mapped over from CPRCD and have a new bookkeeper in place by July 1. NSWC contract extension was brought to the floor. Brent motioned to approve, Jon Tucker seconded the motion. John Caruso noted he would abstain from the vote given his frustration with CPRCD. Five voted yes and one abstention. Motion passed.

Rebecca requested the NSWC purchase QuickBooks software. She noted they were unable to go through TechSoup given the NSWC was not yet recognized by the IRS as a nonprofit. Purchasing QuickBooks software was brought to the floor. Suzette made the motion and Dave seconded the motion. No discussion and all were in favor. Motion passed. Rebecca will purchase QuickBooks Software.

6:55 pm the Value of Water Economic Analysis Update

Rebecca provided the council and update on ECONorthwest's work on the Value of Water in

the North Santiam Watershed. She handed out ECONorthwest's Phase 1 summary and Phase 2 Scope of Work. The board reviewed the various data sources collected to date. Discussion followed. Rebecca documented additional data source ideas provided by the group and will pass them along to Sarah with ECONorthwest.

III UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

7:15pm NSWC Treasury Report

John noted he received the financials that morning. He reviewed them briefly and reported the unrestricted funds account is back in the positive with the recent reimbursements received.

7:20 pm Executive Director Report

Rebecca noted she along with David Sawyer with the City of Turner, Justin Boyington with the City of Salem and Chris Seal with the USFWS Partners Program visited Stanly Niemic's property on Beaver Creek, a tributary to Mill Creek. The City of Turner recently received funding from FEMA to do a flood inundation study. They are interested in learning more about easement programs that provide incentives to landowners who allow their property to flood for the benefit of fish and wildlife. Stanly Niemic is looking to sell easement rights to a good part of his property for fish and wildlife, Rebecca noted the site had a range of habitats given its location on the landscape. It has Doug Fir and Oak upland that transitions into an Oregon ash wetland forest and then to an open prairie. Rebecca noted that once they are able to get additional project management help they will work with Stanley to bring to the council an official "request for time" for grant project development.

Rebecca also noted she had met with Judy Beebe an accountant/bookkeeper who worked with Luckiamaute WC's nonprofit transition. Judy has agreed to help the NSWC with its transition.

Rebecca announced the Network of Oregon Watershed Council's will be holding their quarterly meeting in the North Santiam July 12 -13th. Rebecca noted the NSWC will serve as a host and Rebecca will provide a brief presentation on the work the NSWC is currently working on in the watershed.

7:30 pm Board of Director & Technical Advisor Updates & Announcements

Suzette noted she missed last month's meeting to attend the North Fork Road Community Meeting. Suzette provided copies of the meeting minutes and Rebecca placed printed copies on the table. Suzette noted the residences of the North Fork Road were overall very happy with the changes the USFS and Marion County made during the 2017 summer recreation season. Suzette noted there was a big improvement in how much better behaved the visitors were in 2017. Not allowing alcohol in some of the areas and the greater presence of USFS staff made a significant difference.

Darrin Neff noted the USFS will be holding their annual free fishing day event at the Hoover Camp Ground on Detroit Lake on Saturday, June 2nd. The event is from 10 am to 2pm.

Rebecca noted she would like to help out as well and will have a NSWC informational table at the event.

Lawrence Schwabe announced the Grand Ronde Tribe just recently closed on their BPA WWMP Chahalpam Phase 3 land acquisition of 33 acres on the Linn County side of the North Santiam River. The tribe's Chahalpam Property in the North Santiam watershed now totals 462 acres.

7:40 pm Meeting Adjourned

Signature of Secretary


Jan Irene Miller

Date:

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