

Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Stayton Community Center

Date: April 14, 2016

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Attendance:

Role Call for Quorum: Brent Stevenson (Irrigation District-Vice Chair), John Caruso (Marion County – Secretary/Treasurer), Jon Tucker (Lower Sub-basin), Suzette Boudreaux (Little North Fork Sub-basin), Mike Kroon (Natural Resources), Jan Irene Miller (At Large-Landowner, Deb Paul (At-Large-Linn SWCD), Dave Carpenter (At Large)

General: Darrin Neff, Brandon Krempasky

Council Coordinator: Rebecca McCoun

6:04 PM **Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order**

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum confirmed.

Council Mission Read

Introductions

6:10 PM

John C. brought the March 2016 minutes to the floor. Dave Carpenter made the motion to have the March 2016 minutes adopted. Jon Tucker seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor and the March 2016 Minutes were adopted.

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Public Comment and Announcements

Darrin Neff commented on the “green” color of Detroit Lake. He reminded the group again of the on-going natural slide that is on Short Creek (above the lake) and how with heavy rains the slide sediment is reaching the lake giving it the muddy green color.

Rebecca relayed Bill Sanderson’s request to let the council know now is a good time to book a river trip with him. (Bill Sanderson was unable to make the April meeting.)

Suzette and Rebecca reminded the group of the upcoming SOLVE Little North Fork Clean Up Scheduled for April 30th. Rebecca noted Jenny Meisel will be preparing maps to hand out to the volunteers.

Rebecca noted that Gordon Grant with the USFS will be providing the NSWC with a presentation in June. Topic will be “*How Geology and Climate Conspire to Dictate the Future of Water in the West.*”

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Presentation: No presentation this month.

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Progress Reports

Treasurer: John Caruso received the March financials on time and noted he only found one error on the summary page. The grant summary page balance did not match the financial report balance for the Dieckman Slough Grant. Rebecca noted the summary page had the old beginning balances before the grant was amended. Rebecca will let Molly with CPRCD know we need to update it to show the amendment.

Operations: John Caruso and Rebecca provided the group with a brief summary of the activities from the last Operations Meeting held April 5, 2016 at Shari's. Rebecca will update the group with the topics covered under her coordinator report.

Council Coordinator:

Operation Meeting Topics:

The NSWC and SSWC could use additional project manager/technician support.

Marion County will be donating their free trees from their Free Tree Program to the Pudding WC, NSWC and Marion SWCD restoration projects. Approx. \$4,000 worth of plant material will be donated to the NSWC in 2016-2017.

Drought Planning Update:

We have scheduled the following meetings to develop the first two planning elements of the Work Plan:

- Drought Monitoring Working Group – April 25, 2016 (1:30pm to 3:30 pm)
- Vulnerability Assessment Working Group – April 28, 2016 (10 am to Noon)
- NS Basin Summit — May 12, 2016 (All Day — Tentative 9:30 am to 3 pm)

All meetings will be held at the Marion County Public Works building: 5155 Silverton Rd NE, Salem, OR 97305

Partners of the NS Action Planning Update:

Next meeting will be April 25, 2016 in the morning at the Marion County Public Works Building.

Forest Collaborative Update:

Possible NS Forest Collaborative tour of HWY 46 on May 25th

Grant Update:

The NSWC was awarded the City of Salem Watershed Grant for \$7,500. A grant agreement will be sent for signature soon.

April 2016 OWEB Grant Submission – Valentine Model Watershed Restoration Proposal. Rebecca will present on this project in June.

Grants extended:

Landowner Recruitment Next Priority Areas – 12-31-16,
Snake Deford Confluence 12-31-16

Grants in the Plant Establishment Phase: All existing MW projects in Bear, Stout and Valentine, most of Bird Haven, Dieckman, Snake Deford Confluence

The NSWC has SIP 3 Restoration funds and Meyer Memorial Trust transition funds available to initiate site prep on 11 acres on South Valentine – East. Site prep will begin this summer.

7:45 PM **New Business**

CREP Program Utilization Discussion: The council and guests had an extensive conversation on the FSA CREP program and how it is managed differently throughout the state. As Rebecca previously reported the assignment of payment options was no longer available in Linn County. It is, however, still available in Marion County. The

group discussed the issues the Linn FSA had with using an “assignment of payment” with watershed councils and discussed possible alternatives/solutions to address these issues. Rebecca noted a conversation was taking place at a higher level and will keep the council posted on the outcome.

Lower Bennett Dam Project Proposal Discussion: Brent and Rebecca requested the council approve their submission of an OWEB Technical Assistance Proposal for funding to conduct a restoration alternatives analysis to address the sediment build up and fish ladder issues at the Lower Bennett. Brent explained how the Lower Bennett helps direct water to the Santiam Irrigation District and to Mill Creek in take. Brent also noted the proposal was still in a rough draft format and wasn’t sure if it would be ready by the upcoming deadline.

John Caruso brought the vote to the floor. Suzette moved to have the council approve the submission of an OWEB Technical Assistance Proposal either this April or in the fall of 2016. Jon Tucker and Jan Irene seconded the motion. No further discussion occurred. All present were in favor.

7:30 PM **Meeting Adjourned**