

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

The Board of Directors met on April 8, 2021 via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Suzette Boudreaux. The NSWC mission was read, and introductions followed.

Directors Present: Suzette Boudreaux (Little North Fork Subbasin Representative - President); Brent Stevenson, (Irrigation District – Vice President), Brad Nanke (City of Salem Representative - Secretary); Jan Irene Miller (Lower North Santiam Representative, Past President); John Caruso (Marion County Representative - Treasurer); Kathy Bridges (At-Large); Woody Jackson (Breitenbush Subbasin Representative)

NSWC Staff Present: Rebecca McCoun, Executive Director

Technical Advisors: Brandin Hilbrant (City of Salem)

NSWC Staff: Amy Borba

Announcements:

Jan Irene Miller noted she was going to need to leave the meeting a bit early.

Kathy Bridges asked about the Western Rivers Conservancy request for a letter of support. Rebecca noted they were able bring the motion to the Executive Committee and a letter was provided.

Board Business

Board Minutes:

Rebecca noted given she was not able to get the March minutes out to the board until that afternoon she suggested we wait to vote on the March minutes until April. Plus, she needed to make some additional edits.

Rebecca also noted she would have the revised NSWC Employee Handbook and new NSWC Driving Policy sent out for the board to review and vote on at the May 2021 board meeting.

Executive Director Update:

Rebecca presented the Executive Director Projects Update via Power point presentation (See attached).

Additional Discussions:

Brent noted it was important that we reinitiate the Bureau of Reclamation outreach portion of the WaterSMART grant. Rebecca agreed. We need to get folks aware of the various water topics currently being discussed both locally and regionally.

Brad asked about natural regeneration of plant material in the burned areas. Rebecca noted how multiple groups are working on identifying the best available seed sources for native seedlings and how practitioners are discussing “assisted migration” given the shift in climate regimes we are seeing the watershed. Rebecca also noted the major concern related to invasive weeds getting established in the burned areas with all the newly exposed soils.

Brent noted the Santiam WCD has been getting a lot of calls related to the ice storm tree damage that is impacting Mill Creek and the canals. A lot of debris down causing issues. Currently, the cities and county

are making little progress and are waiting on possibly funding assistance through disaster declaration. Rebecca noted she would keep a look out for additional funding sources to assist with clean up.

Adjournment & Next Meeting Date

The meeting was adjourned by President Boudreaux at 7:00 p.m.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2021.

Signature _____ Date: _____