

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### NORTH SANTIAM WATERSHED COUNCIL

The Board of Directors met on **April 9, 2020**. Meeting held via Zoom Meeting online.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm. The NSWC mission was read and introductions followed.

Directors Present: Woody Jackson (Breitenbush Subbasin Representative); Brad Nanke (City of Salem Representative); Suzette Boudreaux (North Fork Representative); and Jan Irene Miller (Lower North Santiam Subbasin Representative); Brent Stevenson (Irrigation District Representative), John Caruso (Marion County Representative)

NSWC Staff Present: Rebecca McCoun, Executive Director

NSWC Volunteer: Amy Borba

General Members Present: Brandin Hilbrandt

**6:05 PM** Brad moved to approve March 12, 2020 minutes; Suzette made a second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**6:10 PM** Brief check in with attendees on their status and concerns. Everyone is adjusting to the new normal. Jan Irene did a quick tutorial on how to get around on Zoom meeting.

**6:15 PM** Discussion took place regarding OWEB funding being placed on hold until further notice. With video lottery shut down with COVID closures OWEB is not sure of their future revenue stream. To be safe they are putting future funding on hold for the fall 2019 and spring 2020 cycle. They want to wait for May/June revenue projections to decide how much funding is available for the two cycles. Rebecca noted how this will impact both deliveries and submissions. Hopefully, the hold will be lifted by fall 2020. Rebecca noted that back in March, Meyer Memorial Trust gave all their grantees the option to convert their existing remaining project funds to capacity to help weather the current situation.

**6:20 PM** Rebecca added the results of the email vote for US Fish & Wildlife Service letter of support request for their Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program proposal for their "Jefferson Easement Acquisition" into the April minutes. Rebecca noted that on March 30, 2020 Brad Nanke made a motion by email to provide a letter of support to the US Fish & Wildlife. Suzette replied with a second. All other voting members responded with positive support. Motion passed. Rebecca provided Chris Seal with a letter of support.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde presented a request for another letter of support for a Chankawan Restoration Alternatives Analysis Technical Assistance OWEB grant. Brad moved to create a letter of support; Woody seconded, and the motion passed.

**6:30 PM** Rebecca provided an update on the Mid Valley River Connections DEI progress or lack thereof due to social distancing and it was decided to hold off until we have more information and pick up this discussion in May.

**6:35 PM** Suzette led the discussion regarding status of the new logo. Rebecca noted there are options on how donations can be allocated. The board agreed to make the gift to the Chemeketa Community College Foundation for the Visual Art Department.

**6:40 PM** Rebecca noted a draft of our IRS 990 for the 2018-2019 tax year will be circulated via email in the next couple of weeks. It is due 5/15.

**6:45 PM** Executive Director provided an update (attached). Discussion followed regarding current outreach.

**7:00 PM** Given folks being overloaded with zoom meetings the board agreed the next 2 virtual meetings will be business only – no presentations.

**7:05 PM** Brad motioned to adjourn, Suzette seconded, meeting adjourned.

Important Upcoming Date:

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual North Santiam Basin summit will be a virtual Zoom meeting and is still planned for April 30 from 9 to 10:30am.

*Suzette Bondurant*  
Secretary NSWC

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