

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

The Board of Directors met on February 11, 2021 via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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 Representative – Vice President), Brad Nanke (City of Salem Representative - Secretary); Jan Irene Miller (Lower North Santiam Representative, Recent Past President); John Caruso (Marion County Representative - Treasurer); Woody Jackson (Breitenbush Subbasin Representative); Kathy Bridges (At-Large)

NSWC Staff Present: Rebecca McCoun, Executive Director

Technical Advisors: Brandin Hilbrant (City of Salem); Deb Paul (Linn SWCD)

General Members & Guests Present: David Stone; Jody Christensen (Regional Solutions)

**Announcements**

The United Way check presentation event took place today at 3:30pm up in Lyons. Rebecca will post when video is available. The NSWC received a \$150,000 check and a three-year commitment. We are all very grateful and excited.

**Board Business**

**6:06 PM: Approval of draft January 2021 Minutes**

Motion by Jan Irene Miller to approve the January 2021 minutes; second by Kathy Bridges. Motion passed unanimously.

**6:08 PM: Executive Director Update**

Rebecca presented the Executive Director Update (see Attachment 1)

**6:34 PM: Other Board Business**

Discussion on an Erosion Control Efforts Volunteer Recognition Event. Jan Irene made a motion to approve funding for certificates, snacks, etc. for an event at Bird Haven; seconded by Brad. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on joining Nonprofit Association of Oregon. Jan Irene made a motion to expend \$215 per year which includes two trainings per board member; seconded by Suzette. Motion passed unanimously.

Brent provided an update on his volunteer efforts to get the board and staff set up with Microsoft Office 365. Brent will be sending each board member more information.

**Update on Wild & Scenic Legislation**

Woody and David Stone commented that Wild & Scenic legislation is pending. They suggested individuals send a thank-you to Senators Wyden and Merkley. David will send SB# and "Alert" to Rebecca for distribution to the board for individual members who may want to send correspondence.

Rebecca noted that folks on the board can send a note on their own personal behalf but not on behalf of the council.

Jody left the meeting at 6:53, Woody and David left the meeting at 7:00.

**Self-Assessment Review**

Rebecca presented the self-assessment results. Discussion on having a meeting on issues identified in the assessment and having annual refresher prior to self-assessment process. We can use the information gathered from the process in the update to the strategic plan. Rebecca will send out the final assessment that will be submitted.

**New Items**

**Other Business**

Suzette commented that we need to get someone hired as soon as possible. Rebecca will send posting to board to expand distribution. We will look at an update to the strategic plan after grants are completed at the end of June.

**Adjournment & Next Meeting Date**

The meeting was adjourned by President Boudreaux at 7:34 p.m.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2021. Future Topics Suggestion: ETART for Beachie Creek and BARE for Lionshead.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachment 1

### **North Santiam Watershed Council Executive Director Update February 11, 2021**

#### **United Way Grant – Capacity Funding 150k:**

United Way check presentation was today in Mill City. Was streamed live on Facebook.

United Way sent a press release out last Friday. We announced it in our February eUpdate that went out Monday.

Watershed Restoration Specialist job announcement went out January 29<sup>th</sup>.

NSWC Website/Facebook Page

NSWC eUpdate

OWEB ListServ

Conservation Job Board

Oregon Conservation Partnership Website

Network of Oregon Watershed Councils

LinkedIn

As of today, we have received 1 application. Please spread the word.

#### **Oregon Department of Forestry E-Board Funding.**

In January the Oregon Legislative Emergency Board (E-Board) approved additional funding for the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) for the remainder of the current biennium (ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021). The majority of funds were requested by the Protection Program in order to prepare for the upcoming 2021 fire season. An additional request of \$5 million was made by the Partnership and Planning Program to work collaboratively across boundaries to continue ODF's Shared Stewardship approach for implementing land management activities that create fire adapted communities and restore and maintain resilient landscapes across all ownerships.

In 10 days local ODF offices, partner organizations and sister agencies submitted a combined total of 95 project proposals with over 15 million dollars in funding requests.

We submitted an application jointly with 5 private landowners and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. We submitted an ask of over 518k to treat approx. 471 acres across 7 sites. We are super excited to find out we have been awarded 250k and will adjust the project acres accordingly. All treatments need to be complete by 6-30-2021.

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## **Post Wildfire Native Plant Distribution**

As of today, we have 58 landowners signed up to receive plants.

We will be having volunteers help pull plant orders together on February 19<sup>th</sup> up at the Taylor Park Campground. Randall Tinney is allowing us to use his property for the distribution. Let me know if you can help on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>. Email Rebecca: **northsantiamwc@gmail.com**

We have let folks know they can come pick up their orders on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

\*We still have straw bales, waddles and jute netting available.

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## **Marion SWCD Landowner Assistance Program Grants**

2 New Marion SWCD Awarded: Lackner & Cook – Grant agreements will be signed next week.

2 Existing LAP's: Trexler & JR Beitel – Planting at JR's, Spring site prep at Trexler.

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## **Grant Status Update**

OWEB Council Support Grant due March 11<sup>th</sup>.

OWEB Post Wildfire Grants due May 25<sup>th</sup> (Beachie Creek & Lionshead)  
City of Salem Grant

Farm Service Agency EFRP Funding – Over 100+ applications came in between Linn, Marion and Clackamas. Mike Thompson is setting up a joint meeting to figure out how best to coordinate efforts between ODF, NRCS, FSA, WC, Landowners, etc.

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## **Erosion Control Efforts – Recognition Event – Request**

### **Organizational Development**

- Committees – Suzette sent out email. The Executive Committee/Governance will meet the first Tuesday of every month. The Finance/Fundraising Committee will be holding their first meeting this coming Monday.
- Nonprofit Association of Oregon Membership (\$215/year) & Trainings (Allotment per board member?)
- Office 365 – Brent developing framework.
- Website Status – soft launch. Need to update. Brad is working on.
- Social Media – Amy B. (Next Steps)