

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

The Board of Directors met on **February 13, 2020** at the Stayton Community Center, Stayton, Oregon. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. The NSWC mission was read and introductions followed.

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

NSWC Staff Present: Rebecca McCoun, Executive Director

NSWC Volunteer: Amy Borba

Technical Advisors Present: Tim Ernster - USACE, Darrin Neff - USFS

General Members Present: Jay Hennigan - Watershed Resident, Michael Bradley - City of Stayton, Caleb Yann – ODFW Intern

Presenter: Karen Hans – ODFW STEP Fish Biologists

### **I. PRESENTATION**

#### **6:05 PM Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Update**

Karen Hans, STEP Fish Biologist with the ODFW provided an update on the salmon and steelhead returns in the North Santiam, the Oregon chub recovery efforts, the latest on the Detroit Dam temperature & fish passage structure and all things fish. Questions and discussions followed.

### **II. CORPORATE ACTIONS**

#### **6:54 PM January Minutes**

Jan Irene entertained the motion to approve the January 2020 minutes. Brad moved to approve, and Suzette made a second. No discussion. All were in favor and the January 2020 minutes were adopted.

Announcement: Darrin Neff noted June 6 & 7 is ODFW free fishing weekend at Detroit. Also, the 2020 Detroit Lake Fishing Derby is planned for Friday, May 15 through Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**7:30 Executive Director Update:** Rebecca handed out her February update. (Summary below and full update attached)

- Plan for Your Land Workshops Series with Marion SWCD in Salem and with SSWC in Lebanon went well. Many private landowner plans were developed, and site visits conducted.
- Mid Valley River Connections Collaboration (Luckiamute, SSWC, NSWC, Calapooia WC and Mary's River WC) MOU has been signed by all groups. Luckiamute WC (houses MMT Grant) will contract with Maria Chavez-Haroldson. She has agreed to revise scope of work to meet our budget restriction of 30k. Rebecca will share the scope of work and project next steps at the next board meeting

- Marion County Water Quality Advisory Committee meeting was held 2/12/2020. Storm water focus. (Education & Outreach). Brent serves on the committee representing Irrigation Districts. Rebecca represents Watershed Councils.
- Rebecca participated on grant review teams in January for both Marion SWCD LAP program and OWEB Small Grant East Team
- Partners of the North Santiam: OWEB TA Partnership Grant awarded at OWEB Board Meeting held January 21, 2020. A PNSW meeting was held on 1/29/2020. A PNSW steering committee meeting was held 2/13/2020. We discussed the grant schedule and next steps. Results chain workshop will be held March 3, 2020 at ODFW classroom in Salem.
- City of Salem Collaboration – NS Basin Summit. Rebecca participated in several NS Basin Summit Planning meetings. Save the date notice has been sent out. I will be reaching out to folks to request if they will provide 3 to 5-minute updates.
- Upper Willamette CREP Partnership Group: Rebecca participated on CREP Partnership group call on January 30, 2020. FSA is accepting sign ups now. They want to get folks into FSA by August. OWEB CREP Partnership grant funds available to NSWC to assist with CREP outreach and project development.
- Upcoming grant proposals: Bennett Dam Complex OWEB Technical Assistance Proposal & WWMP/MMT Proposal.

#### **7:40 PM Mid Valley River Connections MOU Discussion**

The Mid Valley River Connections (MVRC) draft MOU was sent out before the meeting. The group discussed the MOU and the purpose behind it. A motion was made to have Rebecca sign the MOU. Brent moved to accept, Brad seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Rebecca handed out a DEI draft scope of work provided by the consultant the Mid Valley River Connections group has chosen to work with. She has come highly recommended. Funding provided by a shared MMT grant housed at the Luckiamute Watershed Council is funding the consultant and ED staff time. One of the objectives for this next year will be for each of the participating watershed councils involved in the MVCR to develop an organizational DEI statement. Jan Irene noted she has a list of several books that she has read this year on this topic she will share with the board.

#### **7:45 PM Development of New NSWC Logo**

Suzette noted that she, Jan Irene and Rebecca would be meeting with the Chemeketa media class on February 24th. The students will be presenting their draft logo designs and will be requesting feedback.

#### **7:50 PM “How does the General Public value us?”**

Jan Irene Miller noted she will be working with the Executive Committee to start infusing conversations into our monthly meetings where we have a five minute presentation or talk about some statistics about our demographics and this area that we serve, just so we better understand who we're serving.

#### **7:55 PM Council On-Boarding Discussion**

Jan Irene has a draft board member job announcement provided by Middle Willamette WC she will be sharing with the Governance Committee. She will work with the committee on revising it for our council.

8:00 PM Adjourned

Signature of Secretary  Date: 3/12/2020