

Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Stayton Community Center

Date: January 14, 2016

Time: 6:00 to 7:45 PM

Attendance:

Role Call for Quorum: Brad Nanke (City of Salem –Chair), Brent Stevenson (Water Control District – Vice Chair), John Caruso (Marion County – Secretary/Treasurer), Jon Tucker (Lower Sub-basin), Suzette Boudreaux (Little North Fork Sub-basin), Bill Sanderson (Recreation/Economics), Lawrence Schwabe (Grand Ronde Tribe), Mike Kroon (Natural Resources), Deb Paul (At Large- Linn SWCD)

General: Grady McMahan, Jamie Sheahan-Alonso, Robert Lusk, Chris Wagner, Darrin Neff, Ken Hetsel, Gary Pullman, Steve Eck, Ramon Alanso, Michelle Caviness, Randy Bentz, Troy Brandt, Dave Carpenter, Stanley Niemiec

Council Coordinator: Rebecca McCoun

Santiam Project Coordinator: Joe Thompson

6:04 PM Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum confirmed.

Council Mission Read

Introductions

6:10 PM Brad brought the December 2015 minutes to the floor. Suzette Boudreaux moved to have the December 2015 minutes adopted. Jon Tucker seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor and the December 2015 Minutes were adopted.

6:12 PM Public Comment and Announcements

Lawrence Schwabe announced the Grand Ronde Tribe has their draft Chahalpam Management Plan ready for public view. He will send a copy to Rebecca.

Rebecca read ODA’s announcement regarding the Gypsy Moth. Rebecca will forward the email to Steering Members and guests.

Rebecca announced Marion SWCD’s Mill Creek Ag Water Quality Town Hall scheduled for February 18th at the Stayton Community Center. Date and times are at the bottom of the agenda.

Suzette Boudreaux announced that land owners living on the north end of Lebanon have reported contaminants in their residential wells. The Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) is offering free testing. If anyone wants more information Suzette can provide them with the DEQ contact.

Brad announced the NSWC received Marion County recognition for the extended boundary. Rebecca passed out the new council boundary map. The NSWC can now work in Pringle Creek, Mill Creek and along the mainstem Willamette from the confluence of the Santiam up to Salem.

Brad also noted the City of Salem recently passed a stream bank mitigation program. He will provide more information on it in the coming months.

Rebecca mentioned again that the North Santiam River Guides Annual Dinner is scheduled for this Saturday, January 16th and will be held at Trexler Farm

6:10 PM Presentation

Troy Brandt, Principle Fish Biologist with River Design Group, Inc. provided a PowerPoint presentation on the NSWC Lower North Santiam Floodplain Restoration Alternatives Analysis project. Troy discussed the projects goals and objectives, study design, implementation process, technical team input, modeling results and possible restoration alternatives. The project was funded by three grants obtained by the NSWC: an OWEB Technical Assistance Grant, a Meyer Memorial Grassroots grant and a Spirit Mountain Community Fund donation.

7:00PM Progress Reports

Treasurer: John Caruso noted the December 2015 financials looked good. He had a few questions regarding grant funds needing to be spent down. Rebecca answered his questions just before the meeting. John noted he received the reports a few days in advance which he liked but that he knows the January meeting fell later in the month and he hopes CPRCD can get them to him just as early next month. Suzette asked if Rebecca could send out a summary of the financials. Rebecca said she would send out the grant summary page to the Steering Committee.

7:05 PM

Operations: Brad Nanke provided the group with a brief summary of the activities from the last Operations Meeting held January 6, 2016 at Shari's. It was free pie night.

Operations Meeting Summary:

1. Operations decided to put on hold releasing an article about the boundary extension. Brad noted we should provide a presentation to the City of Salem this year.
2. Ops requested Rebecca schedule to have the USACE present to the council in either Feb or March 2016.
3. Rebecca requested Ops approve spending \$25 unrestricted funds for her to attend the North Santiam River Guides Association annual dinner on January 16, 2016. The Operations Committee approved.

7:10 PM

Council Coordinator Report:

1. Rebecca noted Brent Stevenson, Brad Nanke, John Caruso, Ken Hetsel and she attended the Marion County Commissioners meeting on 12-30-15. The Marion County Commissioner's resolution approving the NSWC request to extend their boundary passed. Ken Hetzel provided positive public comment at the beginning of the meeting and Brad and Matt Knutson presented to the board before the commissioner's voted.

2. Rebecca sent a request to Marion County to have John Caruso's appointment renewed for another 2 years. This has been put on the commissioner's agenda for Wednesday, January 20th at 9am.
3. Rebecca is assisting Brent with the BOR Drought Planning Grant – Stakeholder Kick-Off Meeting was held 1-7-16. We had a good turnout.
4. Rebecca noted the NSWC did not get the OWEB/ODF Forest Collaborative Grant. Rebecca noted we will try again in the spring.
5. The NSWC was awarded the OWEB SIP Transition Grant for \$66,711 SIP PE Grant. Funds will be used to continue to maintain the Model Watershed sites until they are free to grow.
6. Rebecca submitted final monitoring report for OWEB grant 208-3034 Snake Deford Restoration – Fencil's project.
7. Rebecca requested scope change, budget amendment and time extension on the Snake Deford Confluence grant. OWEB approved of the change and extension.
8. Santiam-Calapooia BEF contract grow plants are arriving at the Stayton cooler this week and next. Thank you to all the helpers. We had a delivery on the 12th, tomorrow the 15th and again on the 19th. All plants need to be in the ground by March 15th. (2016 Order: 283,800 Trees & Shrubs – BEF Contract Grow)
9. Kendra Smith provided Rebecca, Joe and Collin revegetation management training in Albany this last Monday. Jan Irene lent Rebecca use her recorder and Rebecca was able to document the morning half of the meeting.
10. Rebecca met with Brenda Sanchez with the Marion SWCD to go over the Partners of the North Santiam Action Planning.
11. OWEB Board Meeting is in the Willamette Valley this month. On January 26th - Reception time is 5:15 to 6pm. McMinnville Ballroom 325 NE Third St, McMinnville, Oregon. The NSWC will be one of the host's. (Display table etc).

VOTE: Rebecca asked the council if they would like to contribute funds to help cater the January OWEB board meeting. Other Councils and SWCD's co-hosting the OWEB reception are offering \$50 contributions along with volunteer help.

Suzette Boudreaux motioned to approve the NSWC donating \$50 to the OWEB board meeting reception. Lawrence Schwabe seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor. Rebecca will get a check request out to donate \$50 to the OWEB board meeting reception.

7:15 PM

Santiam Project Manager Report:

1. Joe Thompson, Shared Santiam Project Manager reported he has been working on documenting the Model Watershed sites and assessing their maintenance needs.

2. Joe noted the Cal-San 2016 plant orders are beginning to arrive at the Stayton cooler. The nurseries are reporting shortages and are having to adjust for the shortages both numerically and ecologically by substituting with other native species.

3. Joe reported he had a good conversation with a gentleman with TNC regarding restoration work at Kingston Prairie. They want to develop a partnership with the council. Joe noted a nearby neighbor of the TNC property reported a cow out grazing on the prairie. Joe plans to go out on the weekend and see if he sees anything odd and report it back to TNC.

7:20 PM New Business

Rebecca passed out the by-law draft change which removes the word “consecutive” from the membership section. Brad brought the change to the floor. Jon Tucker moved to approve the change. Brent seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Rebecca brought up adding Dave Carpenter to the steering committee. Suzette asked Dave to tell the council a little bit about himself. Dave noted he works for the telephone company and that he is an independent North Santiam River Guide. He lives in Lyons and his primary interest is in fish. Brent motioned to have Dave join the steering committee. Brad seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor. Dave Carpenter was welcomed to the council.

7:30 PM Comments

Bill Sanderson noted he was really excited to hear Troy’s Lower North Santiam Floodplain Restoration study presentation regarding restoring side channel habitat. Bill also noted we should be looking at other side channel/tributary issues up on Stout Creek, Rock Creek and Mad Creek. Bill noted there was a gravel bar barrier at the confluence of Stout this last summer he felt could have been preventing fish from getting up into Stout.

Bill also noted that they are working on the Learn the River Trip schedule and should be coming out with details soon.

7:45 PM Meeting Adjourned