

**Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting**

Location: Stayton Community Center

Date: April 10, 2014

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

**Attendance:**

***Role Call for Quorum:*** Brad Nanke (City of Salem-Chair), John Caruso (Marion County-Secretary/Treasurer), Jim Crawford (Economic 2-Vice Chair), Mike Kroon (Natural Resources), Bill Sanderson (Economic 1), Lawrence Schwabe (Grande Ronde Tribe), Tom Fencl (Middle Sub-Basin), Jon Tucker (Lower Sub-Basin), Brent Stevenson (Irrigation District)

***General:*** Amy Crawford, Chris Kowitz, Robert Lusk, Joyce Doezler.

***Council Coordinator:*** Rebecca McCoun-Travers

***Regional Coordinators:*** Kelly Foley

**7:00 PM      Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order**

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum confirmed.

Council Mission Read

Introductions

**7:05 PM      Public Comment and Announcements**

- Rebecca reminded the group about the Forest Service Special Places Mapping Link. She passed around a flyer and reminded everyone there is a link on the NSWC website.
- Reminder: May Steering meeting will be held at the Stayton Middle School.
- OHA will be having their Detroit Power Line Habitat Restoration Event again this year - Saturday May 3, 2014. Starts at 8am. Rebecca passed around a flyer.
- Brad informed the group about the work that the City of Salem has planned for the Upper Bennett Dam this summer. He mentioned the City of Salem is looking into the cost of repairing the boat ramp. Brad Nanke, Bill Sanderson and Brent Stevenson briefly discussed the issue of out migrating fish at the Upper Bennett Dam.

**7:05 PM**      Brad brought the March Minutes Approval to the floor. Brent Stevenson moved to approve the minutes. Lawrence Schwabe 2nd the move. All were in favor – March Meeting Minutes Adopted.

**7:15 PM**      **Presentation:** Kelly Foley, Regional Landowner Partnership Coordinator for the North Santiam, South Santiam, and Calapooia Watershed Councils provided an overview of restoration progress in Model Watersheds and the next priority areas. Kelly shared the current recruitment numbers and project implementation progress in the three watersheds as well as how certain outreach methods work in some areas and not others. The team is going to take a more organic approach to reaching out to landowners.

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**Project Updates:**

Kelly informed the group that Sarah Dyr Dahl and Lance Wyss were working on putting together a Dieckman Creek OWEB Restoration Grant to submit this April.

**Updates from Rebecca McCoun-Travers, Council Coordinator**

April 5<sup>th</sup> Ivy Pull. John Caruso, Kelly, Rebecca and Russ Dilley participated in the event. The group worked from 9 to around 11 am.

Kendra Smith with BEF prepared a DEQ 319 Grant proposal for the Model Watershed groups. It would help fund Eric Anderson's efforts. Each council provided BEF with a letter of support. Sent to Kendra 3/27/14

Lower NS Grant – Modifying proposal and adding additional landowners. New proposal we will be asking around \$12,000 less (SMCF donation & revised SOW from contractor)

Working on arranging a meeting with Chuck Knoll and Jon Tucker to possibly get the Little Rock Creek budget reduced.

NSWC will apply for R&E funds for the Little Rock Creek project in July. Due to grant funds needing to be spent out within 6 months of award we are going to apply in July.

Operations has approved for the NSWC to apply for another NFF grant to help continue the Breitenbush Collaborative. This will be submitted in July.

Regional Partners (Calapooia WC, South Santiam and North Santiam) will be providing a project tour for MMT (Pam Wiley & Eric Jones) on April 16<sup>th</sup> – All day. We will be providing them a tour of our projects

Rebecca met with Marty Olson and Gates Water facility manager. They do currently have a screen on their intake. It is not to ODFW standards. They have to manually clear it. Marty is looking into cost estimates of an upgrade of the system.

Rebecca has ordered sign decals for the Stout & Bear Creek Restoration signs.

Mill City Earth Day Event April 22, 2014. Oregon Environmental Council contacted the Council. Rebecca and Kelly will participate in the event.

The City of Salem will be presenting at the Council meeting in May. Ken Roley will be discussing the repairs that will be taking place this summer at the Upper Bennett Dam.

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**Progress Reports**

*Treasurer:* John Caruso noted he received the March Financial Reports from Cascade Pacific RC&D. He brought up to Rebecca that the Council Support funds are being used rather rapidly and was concerned about having enough to cover the next 14 months. He noted that Rebecca informed him that other grant funds will be utilized to cover her wages

in the coming months. John also noted an account error on the March Reporting. Rebecca will have Cascade Pacific correct the error.

Operations: Jim Crawford noted that Rebecca has already covered the March Operation items he was going to cover.

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**New Business:**

Santiam Water Control District Support Letter Request

Brent Stevenson asked the board if they would provide a letter of support for the OWEB grant the City of Stayton and Santiam Water Control District are submitting. They are seeking funds to automate the Santiam Water Control Districts facility. This will help them be more efficient with water releases. They have already received cash support from Marion County, Marion SWCD and Santiam WCD board. They will be asking OWEB for around \$250,000.

Brad brought motion to the board to provide a letter of support to the Santiam WCD. Jon Tucker motioned to provide and letter. Jim Crawford 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor. Rebecca will put together a letter and get it to Brent by next week.

Update on the Extended Service Area Subcommittee

Brad is working on talking with folks from the Mill Creek and Pringle Creek watersheds. After some further research and after his budget meeting commitments are over he will be able to spend more time on this task.

Further Announcements

Bill Sanderson noted that the April Learn the River trip went really well. They had good attendance. The next trip will be Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Bob Lusk announced that Alex Sarrand will be presenting at the next Steelheaders meeting at Neufeldts in Aumsville.

**8:30 PM**

**Meeting Adjourned**