

Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Stayton Community Center

Date: December 12, 2013

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), Suzette Boudreaux (North Fork), Mike Kroon (Natural Resources),

General: Tim Sherman (City of Salem)

Council Coordinator: Rebecca McCoun-Travers

Regional Coordinators: Eric Andersen

7:00 PM Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum confirmed.

Brad Nanke Reviewed Mission

Introductions

7:05 PM Public Comment and Announcements

- Jim Crawford has conifer seedlings (Doug fir, hemlock) if anyone is interested. (Bags of 100). He will have them available January through May 2014. Council could possibly set up an Arbor Day event with youth and plant trees. Rebecca will look into it.
- Rebecca announced this month's Operations Meeting will be held at the Shari's in Salem (off of Lancaster) next Wednesday 12/18/13 at 6pm.

7:10 PM Brad brought the November Minutes Approval to the floor. Brad moved to approve the minutes. Jim Crawford 2nd the move. All were in favor – November Meeting Minutes Adopted.

7:15 PM Presentation

Eric Andersen, the Regional Monitoring Coordinator for the North Santiam, South Santiam and Calapooia Watershed Councils provided the North Santiam Watershed Council with an annual update on his monthly water quality monitoring efforts. Since November of 2012, Eric has been sampling ambient water quality conditions in four tributaries to the North Santiam (Marion Creek, Bear Branch, Valentine Creek & Stout Creek). Eric is collecting baseline water quality information in tributaries where the Council has implemented or plans to implement riparian and/or in-stream restoration projects. Eric provided a PowerPoint presentation showing the preliminary results of his first year water quality monitoring data for Temperature, Bacteria, Nitrate/Nitrites, Total Phosphorus, Total Suspended Solids, pH, Conductivity and Turbidity.

He is in the second year of his two year OWEB Water Quality Monitoring grant. Eric will be applying for addition funds to help keep the program going. Rebecca will place his Power Point on the council's website.

7:40 PM

Progress Reports

Treasurer: John Caruso noted he received the November Financial Reports from Cascade Pacific RC&D on time before the Steering Meeting. He said he was grateful. Kelly's expenditures matched his records. He noted two discrepancies in the reporting for Rebecca's expenditures. One was on a reimbursement check request and another on mileage reimbursement. Rebecca explained that Peggy had made two adjustments to correct her errors. Rebecca was under a dollar in one of her reimbursement check requests. Peggy had crossed checked the receipt and adjusted the amount of the check request. Another error was made in Rebecca's mileage reimbursement request. She had not calculated for a round trip mileage cost. Peggy notified Rebecca of the error. Rebecca recalculated her mileage reimbursement form and had it signed again by John. Corrected form was submitted to Cascade.

Operations: Jim Crawford provided update on the November Operations Meeting. Steering approved the purchase of an external hard drive for the coordinators to back up their computer information on. Kelly presented some of the reports/articles she produced for the other regional councils to Operations.

Project Updates:

Bennett Dams:

Rebecca received an email from a council member expressing concerns about the Bennett Dams. Rebecca will research the issues by contacting ODFW and the City of Salem.

2013 ODA Grant:

With assistance from Marion SWCD, Marion County and Sarah Dyrdaahl the NSWC submitted a \$27, 687 ODA Weed grant. If awarded it would fund Clematis vitalba treatment (Old Man's Beard) from the City of Stayton to the Confluence of Cold Creek. In this process Marion SWCD was able to get out and survey both the Eck property and the Chahalpam Wildlife Area for the Clematis vitalba. GPS points were taken.

Dieckman Creek:

Sarah, Lance, Kelly and Rebecca met again with landowner on Dieckman Creek. NSWC will be submitting an OWEB Restoration grant for large wood in-stream structure placement, removal of invasive species (blackberry) and potential to enroll in CREP. NSWC will submit two OWEB grant proposals in April: Little Rock Creek Culvert Replacement and Dieckman Creek Restoration Grant. Rebecca will need to seek funding to match Little Rock Creek.

City of Salem:

Rebecca met with Emergency Management Personal with City of Salem and with the Marion County. Meeting was with METCOM911 (Marion Area Multi Agency Emergency Telecommunications).

Collaboratively working on developing a web based emergency response spill interface similar to what the McKenzie River has in place

New Grants:

Rebecca will apply to City of Albany and City of Salem for match grant funds to assist with restoration in the watershed.

Post Grant Monitoring Reports:

Hatch Side Channel OWEB Grant 205-178 due January 5, 2014

Snake Deford OWEB Grant 208-3034 due January 4, 2014

New Business:

Rebecca presented the idea of possibly changing the monthly Steering Meeting time (possibly starting at 6 or 6:30pm). Group decided to bring it up at the January meeting since only 5 steering voting members were present.

8:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned