

Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Stayton Community Center

Date: March 10, 2016

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Attendance:

Role Call for Quorum: Brad Nanke (City of Salem – Chair), John Caruso (Marion County – Secretary/Treasurer), Jon Tucker (Lower Sub-basin), Suzette Boudreaux (Little North Fork Sub-basin), Lawrence Schwabe (Grand Ronde Tribe), Jan Irene Miller (At Large-Landowner), Dave Carpenter (At Large)

General: Darrin Neff, Robert Lusk, Chris Wagner, Ken Hetsel, Stanley Niemiec, Jim Bayuk, Chris Kowitz, Brandin Krempasky, Erik Petersen, Tim Ernster, Jane Dalglish, Gary Pullman

Council Coordinator: Rebecca McCoun

6:04 PM **Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order**

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum confirmed.

Council Mission Read

Introductions

6:05 PM Brad brought the February 2016 minutes to the floor. Dave Carpenter moved to have the February 2016 minutes adopted. Suzette Boudreaux seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor and the February 2016 Minutes were adopted.

6:10 PM **Public Comment and Announcements**

Darrin Neff noted the Hwy 46 EIS scoping efforts were under way. Rebecca put the USFS notice on the NSWC website. Individuals can go to the link to find out how to comment.

Rebecca handed out NSWC water glasses to all present.

6:15 PM **Presentation**

Erik S. Petersen, Operations Project Manager, Willamette Valley

US Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District provided the council with an update on the USACE's activities in the North Santiam Watershed and throughout the Willamette.

7:25PM **Progress Reports**

Treasurer: John Caruso just received the February financials and had not had time to review them yet.

7:26 PM

Operations: Brad Nanke provided the group with a brief summary of the activities from the last Operations Meeting held March 1, 2016 at Shari's. Most of the items Rebecca will cover under the Coordinator Report.

7:30 PM **Council Coordinator:**

Letter of support for EWEB supplied: US Endowment for Forestry and Communities Healthy Watersheds Consortium Program Grant. (Funding to develop a framework for a watershed Conservation Fund). In EWEB's proposal the 2nd year would involve exporting the framework to the North Santiam and Middle Willamette Watersheds. Rebecca drafted a letter of support and Brad Nanke signed it.

Letter of support for City of Detroit supplied: City of Detroit reapplying for an Oregon State Parks grant for recreation facility improvements in Detroit.

John Caruso and Rebecca met with Allison Hensey (MMT) and Todd Reeves to discuss the Model Watershed Program and funding in the North Santiam.

Rebecca submitted the City of Salem healthy watershed grant application and City of Albany donation request letter.

A Partners of the North Santiam Action Planning meeting was held on February 29th. (22 in attendance). We have a lot to do in a short amount of time.

Rebecca is working on the final grant report for the Lower NS Floodplain Restoration Alternatives Analysis project. She will be submitting a final report to OWEB and one to Meyer Memorial Trust.

7:45 PM New Business

Steering Position Discussion: With Bill Sanderson not present this item was put on hold.

Rebecca noted she will be creating “Bottle Drop” account for the NSWC.

Presentation Topics: Rebecca asked for meeting presentation suggestions. It was suggested to possibly have some of the groups working in the extended service area come talk to the council and share what work they have been doing in their areas. Also, possibly have Marion SWCD provide an update on their weed surveys in the North Santiam.

Additional Announcements:

Robert Lusk announced the Learn the River Trip information. The next trip is scheduled for April 2nd (Stayton to Greens Bridge). More information can be found on the NW Steelheaders Association –Salem chapter webpage. Rebecca will add this information to the NSWC events webpage.

Suzette Boudreaux announced the upcoming Travel Oregon meetings that will be held at the Gates Fire Hall on March 29th and April 12th. If anyone is interested in learning more about the North Santiam Canyon’s tourism development they should attend.

8:08 PM Meeting Adjourned