

Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Stayton Community Center

Date: September 14, 2017

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Attendance:

Roll Call for Quorum: Brad Nanke (City of Salem – Chair), John Caruso (Marion County – Secretary/Treasurer), Mike Kroon (Natural Resources), Dave Carpenter (At Large-Landowner), Lawrence Schwabe (Grand Ronde Tribe), Suzette Boudreaux (Little North Fork), Jon Tucker (Lower North Santiam Subbasin)

General: Robert Gentry, Ken Hetsel, Kent Westbrook & Zach, Samantha & Melanie, Brandin Krempasky, David Atkin

Council Coordinator: Rebecca McCoun

Shared Santiam Project Manager: Not Present

NSWC OSU Volunteer Intern: Heather Anderson

6:05 PM **Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order**

Council Mission Read

Roll Call for Quorum: Quorum Confirmed

Introductions

6:10PM Brad brought the August 2017 meeting minutes to the floor. Suzette Boudreaux moved to approve the minutes with the correction of “200 plus signs” not 20 signs under her comments on the Little North Fork Road. Mike Kroon seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor. The August 2017 Minutes were adopted.

6:15 PM Business Meeting – Becoming a Nonprofit Discussion.
Rebecca provided a brief power point highlighting the differences between the NSWC’s current fiscal arrangement and that of a nonprofit. Pros and cons of each arrangement were discussed in depth by the group. Dave Atkin, Attorney with Atkin & Associates Center for Nonprofit Law was present for questions regarding the process and requirements.

Jon Tucker made the motion to proceed with the process of incorporating the North Santiam Watershed Council to be a stand-alone nonprofit. John Caruso made a second. No further discussion. All voting members present were in favor. Rebecca will begin to work with David Atkin and start the process of incorporation. Brad requested Rebecca send an email to Deb Paul and Bill Sanderson to get their input on the motion to incorporate.

A discussion followed regarding the transition process. David Atkin noted the council would want to pick a date in which Cascade Pacific RC&D hands over the books. There will be a transition period where the council and Cascade Pacific will need to work together to close out certain projects and get grant agreements transferred to the new non-profit.

7:25 PM Announcements & Public Comment

Rebecca noted Marion County issued a level 3 evacuation for the Breitenbush Hot Springs area. Rebecca also noted they canceled the Detroit Lake Shoreline and Riverside SOLVE cleanup scheduled for September 30.

7:35 PM Secretary/Treasurer Update:

John Caruso just received the financials and has not yet reviewed them. He did notice the new Council Support Grant beginning balance was not on the summary sheet. Rebecca noted CPRCD has received the grant agreement and would request the report to be updated.

7:40 PM Coordinator Report: Rebecca McCoun

Rebecca noted she and Eric Andersen with the South Santiam WC have been working on the budgets for their shared project manager. Currently we have 18 grants funding the position over the next 9 months. Rebecca noted we are going to need to get additional funding to secure Tyler's position for the 2019-2020. The NSWC and the SSWC will be putting in several grants in November which if funded will help but that more grants and fundraising will need to be done.

Rebecca and Eric met with Rosario Franco earlier in the week. As of January 1, 2018 Rosario will be raising his contractor rates. Costs on average will be going up \$20/acre. Rebecca noted Rosario has not increased his rates in a while and that the increase is reasonable.

Rebecca noted she attended the Marion SWCD Board Meeting on September 6. She provided presentation and requested 10k for OBCCI project titled: Building a Business Case for investing in projects that build watershed resiliency. Rebecca also noted they submitted an application to the Marion SWCD new OWEB Grant Match funding opportunity available to the watershed councils working in Marion County. The match funds Rebecca requested would be for the Valentine Creek Headwaters project. Rebecca noted she should find out about both funding requests in October or early November.

Rebecca met with Danielle Gonzalez with Marion County, John Audley and Jeremy Rogers with OBC on Monday, September 11. Rebecca reported Danielle and the county are very supportive of the Building a Business case project. Danielle stated the county would match whatever the City of Salem contributes toward the project.

Rebecca noted Heather Anderson, OSU intern started on September 11. Heather will be assisting the council until December and hopes to stay on longer if possible. Rebecca noted she is a huge help.

Rebecca noted she attended the City of Salem's Stream Team Symposium on September 13. She was not able to stay the whole time but was very impressed with the work they are doing. The crews are not only cleaning up the city's streams but also collecting valuable ecological data.

Heather and Rebecca will be helping Marion SWCD with Salmon Watch next week. Heather will also be going down to the South Santiam Watershed Council to help Angie with their Salmon Watch in Sweet Home.

7:45 PM **New Business:**

Rebecca noted this coming weekend is the Rivers2Ridges Environmental Fair. The NSWC will be receiving the first annual Ripple Effect Award. The award presentation is scheduled for 2pm on Saturday. Rebecca asked if anyone on the council would be able to attend to accept the award. John Caruso noted he would be available on Saturday to accept the award.

Rebecca reminded the council about the newly formed Teams/Committees. She passed around a sign-up sheet. The joint NSWC & SSWC Education & Outreach group that will be meeting at Bird Haven on October 9 at 10am.

7:55 PM **Meeting Adjourned**