

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### NORTH SANTIAM WATERSHED COUNCIL

The Board of Directors met on November 12, 2020 via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm. The NSWC mission was read and introductions followed.

Directors Present: Jan Irene Miller (Lower North Santiam Representative, President); John Caruso (Marion County Representative - Treasurer); Brent Stevenson (Irrigation District Representative – Vice President); Suzette Boudreaux (Little North Fork Subbasin Representative - Secretary); Brad Nanke (City of Salem Representative); Woody Jackson (Breitenbush Subbasin Representative); Kathy Bridges (At-Large)

NSWC Staff Present: Rebecca McCoun, Executive Director

Technical Advisors: Jamie Sheahan- Alonso (USFS Hydrologist)

General Members & Guests Present: Fred Levitan (USFS BAER Coordinator), Don Tesdale (Detroit Resident), Michele Tesdale (Detroit Resident), Gail Oberst (Journalist for Capital Press), Jay Hennigan (President of the Breitenbush Summer Homes Association), Michael Bradley (City of Stayton), Karen Hans (ODFW), Shawn Morford (LNF Landowner), Jim Quiring (LNF Landowner)

**6:09 PM Presentation:** Jamie Sheahan Alonso, Hydrologist with the Detroit Ranger District and Fred Levitan, Regional BAER Coordinator provided the council with a presentation of the USFS Burned Area Emergence Response (BAER) report results for both the 2020 Lionshead and Beachie Creek Fires. In depth discussion followed.

#### **7:18 PM Board Business**

##### **Executive Director Update**

Plant material available for those impacted by the fire:

R. McCoun noted she was able to get some native trees and shrubs reserved to give out to landowners impacted by the fire. There is a limit to the number each landowner can have. It will be on a first come first serve basis.

Erosion Control Material Update: Numbers as of November 3, 2020.

Number of landowners reached: 122, In Linn County = 20, In Marion County = 101. Number of landowners who obtained weed free straw: Over 106 (some landowners obtained straw for others): Linn County = 15, Marion County = 91.

Total amount of weed free straw distributed:

284 Rounds – 550lbs = 156,200 lbs  
1690 Bales – 50lbs = 84,500 lbs  
Total = 240,700 lbs

Post Wildfire Site Visits:

R. McCoun is continuing to work with landowners (site visits, site advice, plants, straw). She is working with River Design Group on site and reach erosion potential assessments.

She is assisting Jenny Meisel, with Marion SWCD with the Beachie Creek Invasives ETART assessment. Jenny is helping lead the local effort.

R. McCoun asked the board about the two OWEB Post Wildfire Grant offerings of 75k each. Rebecca noted that OWEB wants one lead for each fire to be the applicant. There will be a call tomorrow with all those entities impacted by both fires. Discussion followed regarding whether the NSWC offers to lead both OWEB grants.

R McCoun noted we have spent out the 13k PPP Loan. Citizen's Bank sent Rebecca and Jan Irene the necessary paperwork to request for loan forgiveness.

R McCoun updated the board on the status of the 2019-2020 - 990 & CT 12 tax reports. Given the crazy fall season we had the accountant file an extension for both federal and state. Goal will be to get it submitted in early 2021.

R. McCoun noted Marion County submitted a sponsor letter to NRCS Emergency Watershed Program. This program would potentially provide funding for projects that protect the next big disaster. Focus has to be on protecting life and structure and the value of any given project can not exceed the value of that which it is protecting.

Bobby Cochran, with Willamette Partnership is working on getting information filled out for the Marion County BRIC FEMA grant. I will update the board as I learn more.

R McCoun noted regional folks (Luckiamute WC, Marion SWCD, Polk SWCD, Yamhill SWCD) are planning a Native Plant Webinar. We are partnering on this effort and will help advertise.

Plan for Your Land – Sarah Hamilton with the Marion SWCD is working on leading another PFYL workshop series. This year it will be online. The agenda is set and will be a webinar series. It will be advertised soon.

R McCoun requested the 25<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup> off.

**8:05 PM August & October 2020 Minutes**

Jan Irene made a motion to approve the August 2020 NSWC board meeting minutes. Brent so moved and Woody made a second. No further discussion. August 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

Jan Irene made a motion to approve the October 2020 NSWC board meeting minutes. We did not have a September meeting because of the fires. Brent made a motion and Woody made a second. No further discussion. The October 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

**8:08 PM 2021 Board Elections**

In November, Brent Stevenson and Kathy Bridges were both nominated to be on the board. Brent Stevenson’s term will expire 12-31-20. Kathy Bridges is a new member. Suzette made the motion to approve their November nomination. Woody and Brad made a second. No further discussion. Both Brent and Kathy will serve on the board for the next three years (2021-2024).

Rebecca asked Brad if he will be staying on as a City of Salem representative. Discussion followed. It was agreed upon that no adjustment to the by-laws would be needed by keeping Brad on as a Salem representative. Nothing currently exists in the by-laws saying the City of Salem needs to approve who holds the position.

Executive Committee position elections were held. Jan Irene reported she would not be the board President for the coming year. Jan Irene nominated Suzette Boudreaux to be President. Suzette accepted the nomination. Vote was held. All were in favor. No discussion. Suzette will serve as the board President in 2021. Brent agreed to be Vice President again, John Caruso agreed to be Treasurer and Brad Nanke offered to hold the Secretary position. No further discussion. All were in favor and the new Executive Committee positions.

**8:35 PM Social Media Policy**

Jan Irene made a motion to pass the new Social Media Policy that had been sent out to the board. Suzette so moved. John made a second. No further discussion. Motion passed and the NSWC has a new Social Media Policy.

**8:45 PM Adjourned**

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2021.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_