

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**NORTH SANTIAM WATERSHED COUNCIL**

The Board of Directors met on **October 8, 2020** via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm. The NSWC mission was read and introductions followed.

Directors Present: Jan Irene Miller (Lower North Santiam Representative, President); Brent Stevenson (Irrigation District Representative – Vice President), John Caruso (Marion County Representative - Treasurer); Woody Jackson (Breitenbush Subbasin Representative),

NSWC Staff Present: Rebecca McCoun, Executive Director  
Technical Advisors: Deb Paul - Linn SWCD

NSWC Volunteer: Amy Borba

General Members & Guests Present: Jay Hennigan, Dan Melvin, Glen Ahrens, Mona H - OSU student

**6:08 PM** With the recent post wildfire activities the August minutes are not yet ready for review. Rebecca will send out the draft August minutes for review before the November 2020 meeting.

**6:10 PM** Announcements: OSU Extension is having regular weekly post fire webinars through October. The most recent webinar had two local arborists who presented on hazard trees. Recorded webinars can be found on the OSU Extension website. FEMA approved wildfire debris clean up in the canyon. OWEB requested feedback from watershed councils impacted by the fires. OWEB staff asked what folks on the ground were seeing as short, mid-term and long-term needs.

**6:15 PM** Post Wildfire Program Proposals

Rebecca announced the Marion SWCD board approved at their last meeting a reimbursed based funding opportunity for the NSWC. Funds for up to 30k for post wildfire erosion control efforts in Marion County. Funds would cover River Design Group time to assess sites and the development plans to implement erosion control efforts and for the cost of materials and supplies for post fire mitigation efforts. Jan Irene entertained the motion to approve Marion SWCD funding opportunity. Woody so moved to approve. Brent made a second. No further discussion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

The City of Salem offered another grant opportunity for the NSWC. Grant funds of up to 50k would be made available for post wildfire restoration efforts. We would propose funding to cover staff time, River Design Group contracted services to help landowners in both Marion and Linn County. Funds would also cover erosion control supplies and materials. Jan Irene entertained the motion for Rebecca to apply for the City of Salem grant funds. Brent so moved. John made a second. No further discussion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**6:30 PM** Breitenbush Summer Homes: Woody asked if we had heard anything about when EPA/DEQ clean-up will be allowed up at the Breitenbush Summer Homes. Post fire conditions have made access to the Summer Homes hazardous. There is concern potentially hazardous waste will sit through the winter. Rebecca noted she will ask Jaimie with the USFS for an update.

**6:45 PM Hazard Trees** – Glen Ahrens with OSU Extension raised concern that there was a real need for certified arborists up in the canyon to assess hazardous burned trees. Rebecca noted she would ask for help pulling together information on the topic from Nicole Maness with the Willamette Partnership. Information is also needed on rules related removing hazardous trees from riparian areas. Jan Irene noted a fact sheet with illustrations would be very helpful to be able to give to landowners.

**7:15 PM Board Nominations Discussion:** Jan Irene entertained the motion to open the floor to board of director nominations. Woody made the motion. Brent made the second. Brent Stevenson is up for re-election. John nominated Brent for another 3-year term. Woody made a second. No discussion. All in favor of the nomination. Woody moved to close the nominations. John made a second. Elections will be held in November 2020. Board Officer elections will be made in January 2021.

**7:20 PM Governance Committee Update:** Jan Irene noted the new website should be up in about 10 days. Jan Irene will also be resending out the draft Social Media policy for review.

**7:28 PM Meeting Adjourn**

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2020.

Signature of Executive Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_