

North Santiam Watershed Council Meeting Minutes

Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Stayton Community Center; 400 Virginia Ave; Stayton, OR

Date: October 10, 2009

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Attendance:

Role Call for Quorum: John Caruso (Chair, Marion County Citizen), Bruce Rogers (City of Salem), Dave Embleton (City of Salem Alternate), Jon Tucker (Lower Sub-Basin), Suzette Boudreux (Economic), Bill Sanderson (economic), Larry Trosi (Irrigation District), Mike Kroon (Natural Resources) and Tom Fencl (Middle Sub-Basin). Quorum confirmed.

General: Darren Cross, Chris Bailey and Dani Aleshire.

Contractors: Elizabeth (Liz) Redon and Erika Lang

7:00 PM Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order

Public Comment and Announcements:

- Liz Redon announced that the first region quarterly meeting to discuss Calapooia-Santiam Collaboration work is Nov 11 and will be hosted by Calapooia in Brownsville.

Approval of Minutes: Members reviewed minutes for September 2009. Suzette Boudreux motioned to approve, Jon Tucker seconded.

Decision: Minutes for September 2009 approved.

7:15 PM Decision: USFS Project Proposal

Darren Cross explained that the US Forest Service is continuing to implement stream restoration work in the Upper North Santiam to implement prioritized projects in their action plan for this area. US Forest Service was hoping to partner with the Watershed Council again on an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grant proposal to implement the following actions:

- Tree tipping to increase in-stream large wood
- Additional gravel enhancement on Horn Creek to build on previous work completed Summer 2009 with local student volunteers
- Hazards to Habitat program which removes large wood from the reservoir and relocates them to streams to increase habitat complexity. It is expected that some of these logs could be donated to watershed council projects also.

The grant request will be for under \$100,000 and would benefit Chinook Salmon that are trucked around the dam. Jon Tucker motioned to approve project partnership and for the Council to serve as applicant on an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grant proposal. Suzette Boudreux seconded.

Decision: Partnership with US Forest Service on Upper North Santiam Restoration grant proposal approved.

7:45 PM Decision: Hiring an Assistant Coordinator

Liz Redon passed out a proposed work plan for an assistant coordinator contractor position that she has been discussing with Operations as there is funding to hire someone on a part time basis to assist Liz with some of the tasks she tends to not have time for. Members discussed how the position would be managed with Liz providing oversight and requested that a contract review with the Operations Committee would be conducted at the halfway point in the contract. Jon Tucker motioned to approve the assistant contract with the contract review requirement. Suzette Boudreux seconded.

Decision: Assistant coordinator contract approved.

8:00 PM Officers: Nominations for November Election

Liz Redon explained that it was time to elect officers in November and that October is typically when the Council decides to form a nomination committee or sees if there are any volunteers. The following slate of officers volunteered:

- Chair- John Caruso
- Vice-Chair- Suzette Boudreux
- Treasurer/Secretary- Bruce Rogers

8:15 PM Decision: Region Agreement for Calapooia-Santiam Collaboration

Liz Redon explained that she has been working on an agreement that explains roles and responsibilities of each partner for the region collaboration with Calapooia and South Santiam Watershed Councils. Even though the Council has approved this partnership, she and the Operations Committee wanted to bring the agreement to get additional review on it. Members did not have comments, but wanted to read through the agreement again after Cascade Pacific information was added.

8:00 PM Progress Reports-

Projects:

- **Snake Deford-** Tom Fencil is working on CREP process.
- **Stout-** Liz Redon reported that the project was underway on Philippi Lane.
- **Hatch/Greenwoods-** Jon Tucker reported that he had opportunity to secure materials for a concrete bridge for the same cost of the original wood bridge design. This new design will have longer life.
- **Respect the River-** Darren Cross reported that project work completed is looking very good.
- **Fish Passage Barrier Inventory-** Liz Redon reported that the grad student is analyzing data and will be presenting at the December meeting.
- **Water Supply Planning-** Liz Redon reported that Oregon Consensus is updating the report and she will post it on the website when it is ready.

8:50 PM Other Business –

- Liz Redon asked if the committee would prefer a restoration tour in November or sometime in the Spring. Members agreed they wanted a Spring tour.

9:00 PM Meeting Adjourned