

**North Santiam Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes**

Joint General Member and Steering Committee Meeting

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

Date: September 11, 2008

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Attendance:

Role Call for Quorum: Present: John Caruso (Marion County Citizen, Chair), Tom Fencil (Middle Subbasin), Bruce Rogers (City of Salem), Suzette Boudreux (Economic) and Mandy Summer (North Fork Subbasin). Quorum confirmed.

General: Chris Wagner

Contractors: Elizabeth (Liz) Redon and Erika Lang.

7:00 PM Steering Committee Meeting Called to Order

Public Comment and Announcements:

- Suzette Boudreux announced that no decision has been made on the Elkhorn Development and some lawsuits have been filed related to landowners not receiving notifications.
- Liz Redon announced that the OWEB conference is coming up in November and is located in Eugene. If there are any members interested in attending, the watershed council might be able to provide scholarships.
- Liz Redon announced upcoming events including a restoration tour of council projects and landowner workshop series with OSU Extension.

Approval of Minutes: Members reviewed June 2008 minutes. Bruce Rogers motioned to approve minutes. Mandy Summer seconded. Members approved.

Decision: June 2008 minutes approved.

7:15 PM Presentation: Work Plan and Action Plan, Liz Redon

Liz Redon handed out draft action plan and draft 2009-2011 work plan for review. She provided an overview in how the action plan was formed from other agency plans along with watershed council information. She emphasized that it is very much a draft and will continue to be a living document. It is intended to provide a framework to strategize restoration and monitoring. She will be continuing to work on it and welcomes edits over the next few months. At some point early next year, she will ask members to approve the document.

Liz also provided a summary of the June 2008 self-evaluation results and how she converted those results into the draft 2009-2011 work plan. This work plan will be used to build the next

council support grant proposal due in December. She encouraged members to review the plan and give edits over the next couple months.

8:15 PM Nomination Committee-

Liz Redon reported that it was time to coordinate a nomination committee to put together a slate of officers for a November election. Bruce Rogers and Mandy Summer volunteered to serve on the nomination committee.

8:30 PM Progress Reports-

Treasurer: Members reviewed reports and expressed difficulty in interpreting the report. Liz offered to work with Cascade Pacific to make changes to make reports more clear.

Projects: Liz Redon and Erika Lang provided the following updates:

- Large wood placements and culvert replacements on the Hatch side channel are underway. Permits were a little slow coming this year and an in-water work period extension has been arranged. Weed control and native plantings will be underway later in the fall and winter.
- Weed control is underway in Stout Creek and will continue. A grant has been submitted for some large wood placement and bank shaping to improve in-stream conditions. Overall, Stout Creek has some areas in very good conditions and project planning is focused on connecting these areas through restoration of impacted areas.
- After stream projects are completed, Liz will be working on lining up Snake Deford for Summer 2009 implementation. Additional funding has been recommended for restoration planning on the Snake portion of the tributary. This will hopefully allow the Council to complete all the stream work in summer 2009.

Pending Proposed Projects:

- Upper and Lower Bennett Dams Fish Passage

8:50 PM Other Business - None

9:00 PM Meeting Adjourned