

South Santiam Watershed Council
Approved Meeting Minutes
Tuesday April 16, 2019

Attendance: Eric Andersen, Ann Leschen, Nancy MacHugh, Norm Kaldahl, Diane Kaldahl, Ken Crouse, Eric Kuster, Lori Kuster, Lee Peterman, JP Zagarola, Edie Dooley, Nancy Gilmore

The meeting started at 3 pm with welcome and introductions.

The board approved the SSWC 990. Eric will contact our accountant for follow up.

The board approved the Jan-March 2019 financials. Eric suggested the finance committee evaluate options for short term CDs to maximize returns on Council savings.

Eric gave an update of SSWC education. Mike Vernon could not attend because the Lebanon Outdoor School is currently underway (April 16-18). The Lebanon ODS was rescheduled from the planned March dates due to excessive snow at Camp Tadmor. The Outdoor School for Sweet Home school district went well in March with sunny and warm weather. Youth Watershed Council is having regular Wednesday meetings. Activities for the spring and summer are in planning. Edie Dooley suggested researching the Oregon Future Natural Resource Leaders for potential opportunities for students. Mike will give an education program update at the May council meeting.

Eric gave an update on current grants. Two restoration grants were closed and final reports submitted at end of march and reimbursement requests have been ongoing. We received \$15,000 from the One Tree Planted Foundation and \$6,000 from Meyer Memorial Trust in the recent quarter. The Council has been recommended for the highest funding for the upcoming council capacity grant. One small grant may be submitted in April. Technical Assistance grant(s) will be submitted in fall to OWEB. Education grants will need to be submitted in spring and summer.

There are 2 components to this. SSWC is continuing to participate with the 5 mid-Willamette Council collaborative. The groups are working with Converge for Impact consulting group to formalize rules of the road of the emerging collaborative. One outcome is a shared staff person to serve as outreach in a diversity equity and inclusion role. The existing OWEB stakeholder engagement grant is ongoing through 2019.

Jean Paul Zagarola gave an update on recent planting and older planting projects. Over 55,500 total trees and shrubs of 38 different species were planted in 2019. Sites were mostly interplanted in 2019. Plant establishment activities of mowing and spraying will be ongoing in 2019. R. Franco Restoration installed plants and is performing plant establishment activities.

Permits are underway for Dragonfly ranch turtle habitat enhancement project expected to occur in August or September of 2019.

The SSWC will elect board members at the June 18 meeting. An application for board members will be advertised on the council website, list serve and through local distribution.

Upcoming council meetings will occur on May 21 and June 18 at the Lebanon Library. On May 23, there will be an eat out to support Linn Benton Salmon Watch at Barsideous brewing with a portion of the evens sales being donated to fund salmon watch program. A tour of the Foster fish collection facility is being arranged for later this spring. Timing is dependent on Army Corp of Engineers availability.

Lee Peterman will be featured in an Oregon Department of Forestry film on his use of non-timber products (e.g. broom stick handles) from his 80 acre forested property. Nancy Gilmore will be signing in the choir at 3pm on Sunday May 5th

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.