

**South Santiam Watershed Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 15, 2016**

Present: Nancy MacHaugh, Angela Clegg, Tyler Pedersen, Rob Emmons, Joseph Deardorff, Katie Kohl, Lance Gatchell, Lee Peterman, Eric Andersen

Meeting started at 3 pm with welcome and introductions. Meeting was held at Dos Arbolitos restaurant.

The October meeting minutes were approved. The financials (balance sheet and P&L) for the fiscal year through end of October were approved.

Angela Clegg gave an education update. The Sweet Home students are participating in the Sweet Home winter parade and are creating a float. Angie, the Sweet Home YWC and the Lebanon YWC are creating posters for the upcoming within our Reach Conference to be held Dec 8 and 9 at OSU. This will be the student's first attempt at creating a poster. The SH students are doing a fundraiser to purchase T-shirts. Students are monitoring the water levels at the old Knife River ponds in Sweet Home.

Joseph Deardorff discussed the Studhorse Creek project with Ann Forsman and Jonathan Mang. He visited the site and will be providing information to Rosario for an additional fall spot spray. He is also visiting additional sites and reaching out to landowners where the Council has existing projects. With staff transition in the last year it was difficult for the Council to maintain regular communications with all the different landowners with projects. It is important for the Council to re-engage with the landowners to let them know they are still on our radar and their projects haven't been forgotten. Joe is still getting up to speed on existing projects as he has been here for a few weeks.

Tyler Pedersen gave a projects update. He is taking over several projects in the middle Crabtree area. Crabtree phase 1 and Crabtree phase 2 are both in midstream. The Council extended the grants due to some of the landowners not participating due to selling of property or not wanting to enroll in the CREP program. Eric has been working with OWEB on grant extensions and alternatives to complete the projects as close as possible to the intent of the grant proposal. Tyler is taking over the Thomas Creek - Crabtree grant that was recently awarded to the Council. The project has CREP as a major portion of the project. CREP projects in our region have been delayed due to transition of staff archeologists at the NRCS. This has delayed the start date of the project from Sept 2016 to an anticipated January 2017. Tyler has been with the Council about a month and is getting up to speed on existing projects.

Eric Andersen gave a grants update. The Council was awarded \$148k for the Thomas Crabtree grant which involves 3 landowners. The project revolves around riparian reforestation, riparian fencing and instream habitat enhancement. The Council was awarded \$10k from Meyer Memorial Trust for capacity building. The grant funds will be used towards strategic planning, exploring partnership opportunities with the North Santiam WC, donor outreach strategy and creating a Santiam basin fund to augment restoration funds. Eric and Tyler submitted a restoration grant to OWEB for instream habitat enhancement along Scott Creek. The project is partnering with Weyerhaeuser and has received materials match from Oregon Department of Forestry and the army Corp of Engineers. Angie has submitted an Outreach grant to OWEB to support the Youth watershed Councils in Lebanon and Sweet

Home. Her Siletz grant proposal was not accepted. Eric has submitted the first round of paperwork for the OWEB Council capacity grant. The Council capacity grant funds the coordinator and, to a limited extent, staff. It pays for bills, accountant fees etc. The final grant will be due in spring of 2017.

There will be no Council meeting in December. The next Council meeting is Tuesday, Jan 17 from 3 - 5 pm at the Lebanon public library. Speaker TBD.