

**South Santiam Watershed Council
Operations Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2017**

Present: Angela Clegg, Nancy Gilmore, Lee Peterman, Katie Kohl, Nancy MacHugh

The meeting started at 3:00. Angela Clegg facilitated while Eric Andersen was at a CREP meeting. The meeting was held at Dos Arbolitos in Lebanon.

January meeting minutes were approved by the Board.

Angela gave an education update: See addenda 1 for the details. She also asked for the board's approval to work 4-10 hours days for 8 weeks so that she could take a class. They approved the schedule change.

Angela read the project updates from Tyler and Joe. The Board asked to have copies of the notes. See Addenda 2 and 3. Lee Peterman asked for the definition of a 'cultural resource survey'. It was mentioned in Tyler's updates regarding the Thornton project.

For the general council updates Angela read Eric's email. See Addenda 4. Eric will send out a draft agenda and terminology for the strategic planning being held on March 4, 2017 from 8-12.

During the Round Robin Nancy mentioned that she and Eric met with the Strategic Planning facilitator to plan out the day and review topics to talk about. Lee asked about being a Board member and having a conflict of interest with having a project with the SSWC. It was discussed about how many of the Board members also have projects on their properties.

The next regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 21. 3-5 at the Lebanon library. There will be a speaker from the Siletz tribe.

Addenda 1

Outdoor School Update

1. Angela gave a funding update: Received \$200 from RDL Northwest and put in the Sweet Home Community Foundation Grant for \$2,500.00. Angela still has a couple of meetings to talk to potential funders and will report back when that has happened.
2. All of the sessions have been filled with leaders except archery and nature art. We are just waiting to hear back.
3. Angela has put together a handbook with the help of Lindsay and Ethan to give to all of the counselors and chaperones at camp. It is still in draft form, but Angela will provide a copy of the handbook when the final is complete. The handbook includes rules, schedules, guidelines, emergency contact info, etc.
4. Angela and Ethan will be providing counselor trainings on the 22nd and 24th to cover what is expected at camp, answer any questions, etc.

Youth Watershed Council

1. The SHHS YWC went out to the Knife River pond site and started their photo point monitoring. At the next meeting they will be learning how to input, interpret, and report their data. It was noted that Hawthorne, Scotch Broom, and Blackberry are coming back thick.

2. The LHS YWC will be going to Had Irvine park on the 22nd to learn photo point monitoring. Angela hopes to make this our revolving project park. Angela is putting together a small write up to send Rob Emmons and the Build Lebanon Trails group about the students working at the park. Nancy mentioned that there should be pictures of the work that the SSWC did possibly pre-2010. Should be in the office somewhere. Angela will try to locate for reference.

LHS Environmental Science Field Week

1. Angela has decided to use Had Irvine Park as the field week location. She will get approval from the teacher. It is close to the school and will be easy to get classes bussed back and forth, plus it will tie into what the YWC does on the site. Angela will be working with OSU StreamWebs coordinator throughout March to secure volunteers and equipment to use during the field week.

Addenda 2

Tyler Pedersen - activities in the last month

(Tyler just became a father to a baby girl named Willow.)

- 1) Site visits with Deb Paul and Levi Hopkins to Hendricks and Doornenbal CREP projects on Thomas Creek - 2/10. Planting plans are in process. No wetlands found on Hendricks property after survey. I need to talk with Joe Doornenbal about adjusting his CREP acres/35-foot buffer width/fence due to the big cottonwood stand offset ~100 feet from creek. I've coordinated with Oregon Tilth, so we are on the same page for the protocols with spraying near organic farms. The Thornton project is on hold because it was flagged for a cultural resources survey. No work can be done here until the survey is performed. Heather Tritt has passed along to the State office and will keep me posted.
- 2) River Design Group Survey of Hendricks alcove Large Wood placement off Thomas Creek - meeting with Pete from RDG & Kenny Hendricks on 2/17.
- 3) Potential/developing projects: Site Visits with Eric and Joe to Dragonfly Ranch on One Horse Slough on 2/3 and Springbank Farms on Hamilton Creek on 1/13 & 1/18.
- 4) Met with Kelly Albers from NRCS at Glen Soltau's property to survey cattle crossing/boat ramp planks on 1/17. In the process of filling out Joint Fill/Removal permit and coordinating with NRCS/Army Corps/DSL. Will try to get Linn County land use sign off this week. Permit review for DSL takes a minimum of 120 days and the anticipated start date is July 15th.
- 5) Worked on informational flyer for 2014 McDowell Creek RBA Survey data. Coordinate with Brian Bangs, Luke Schultz and Rebecca McCoun to get additional photos & data.
- 6) Met with Kent Doerfler to walk Crabtree Creek & sign Cooperative Agreement on 1/10. Coordinate with Joe before and during planting on 2/2. Inspect planting on 2/7. Follow up with Kent to discuss interest in using OWEB funding to plant upstream 32-acre property on Crabtree on 2/13. He is interested if he doesn't need to provide match. He is already providing \$20K over 5 years for smaller 2-acre site planted on 2/2. Working with Eric to reduce OWEB budget so we'll have enough match without CREP (\$192K to \$150K).

7) Met with Mike Kroon at ODF Seed Orchard on 1/12 to inspect plantation trees that were donated for large wood placement projects, namely the Thomas Creek alcove project and potentially others (Scott Creek). There are 150 trees left with a size range of 13-20" diameter and 35-40' long. They look good considering they have sat for 2 years. All of the logs must be hauled out on or before August 2017 or they will be burned.

Addenda 3

Joe Deardorff - activities in last month

1. I've mostly been facilitating planting at Doerfler, Mang, Peery and Henry. So far we've planted about 22,000 with about 6,000 to go.
2. We also recently installed live stakes at Gilbert on an eroding section of bank there. I've attached that before and after picture in case anyone on the council wanted to see that.
3. We visited and walked Dragonfly farm as a potential new site. Tyler and I visited Kermit Atkinson (this will not likely become a project)
4. We implemented a winter Ivy spray treatment out at our newly established project Springbank farm where I've put together a few draft budgets/work schedules. We have begun working on the Hamilton Creek section of the property and will likely do some work along the South Santiam portion of the property this summer.
5. In the coming days and weeks, I'll be directing Rosario's crews to install the last of our remaining bare root plants, the majority of which will go out at John Hill's property where he is experiencing rapid erosion of his bank (see attached photo).
6. Preparing for spring / summer site maintenance schedule

Addenda 4

1. Eric up date - oweb fund requests, MMT 2016 final report, new Council support grant, new project identification (Dragonfly ranch, Springbank, other), yearly 990 (taxes), strategic plan
2. Strategic plan reminder: March 4. Saturday. 8am-12pm Lebanon Public Library. see attached hand out terminology on strategic planning and draft agenda.
3. Next meeting March 21. Tuesday. 3-5pm at Leb Library speaker from Siletz tribe.