

## **Glenn and Gibson Creeks Watershed Council**

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## **Glenn and Gibson Creeks Watershed Council Meeting Notes for April 21, 2016 Salem towne – Breezeway Meeting Room**

**Members present:** Glenn Creek resident **Ken Bierly (GGWC Chair)**, **Linda Bierly, (GGCWSC Secretary)**, coordinator **Lucas Hunt**, **Salem towne residents Jim and Jeanette Scott**, homeowners representative, **Dorald Stoltz**, City of Salem representative, **Keith Bondaug-Winn**

### **Presentation – Birding Hot Spots in the Watershed – Jim Scott**

Jim Scott discussed the Audubon web site ebird.org and explained the term “birding hot spot” He showed photographs of birding hotspots in the Glenn and Gibson Creeks watershed. Most are city parks but some are natural areas accessible to birders such as the Audubon Sanctuary off of Eola Drive and the Salem towne property. It appears that West Salem has many birding opportunities. Thanks to Jim Scott for this very beautiful and educational presentation!

### **Treasurer’s Report**

Lucas Hunt reported on the Council Capacity grant. Lucas distributed copies of the fiscal agent statement of the OWEB council support grant and explained the report.

### **Coordinator’s Report**

Lucas Hunt reported on the following activities:

**Eola Ridge Park Grant Application** – Friends of Trees have cut the blackberry vines along Turnage Brook, cut English Ivy and Scotch Broom. City of Salem and Polk SWCD are working through an intergovernmental agreement for the small grant to pay for the restoration work being done in the park. The next step will be to spray the regrowth of blackberries and to cut the cherry trees. The adjacent landowner and the Eola Ridge HOA are both interested partners in this project. Fall 2016, Lucas will work with Myers Elementary School for environmental education using this project. In December, Friends of Trees will be planting native trees and plants.

**Watershed council insurance** – Lucas is gathering information about possible liability insurance coverage for the Directors and Officers of the watershed council and general liability. OWEB has informed Lucas that as long as RWC and GGWSC have separate boards, they need separate insurance policies. Without objection, GGCWSC members asked Lucas to proceed with purchasing insurance. GGCWSC’s council support grant will be able to cover the cost of liability insurance through June 2017.

**Holman Park Ivy pull** with Rickreall WSC and Grande Rhonde youth crew is in the planning process. Lucas will work on a date and partners for a work day pulling ivy at Holman Park.

**NW Youth Corps** – looking for projects. .

**West Salem school contacts** – Lucas is working with Myers Elementary for possible school involvement in the Eola Ridge Park project. He will also be working with Kalapuya Elementary School.

### **Old Business**

#### **Events**

- Wallace Marine Park Ivy Pull April 23, 9:00 am – noon
- Wallace Marine Park Ivy Pull May 21, 9:00 am – noon

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**New Business**

Council consolidation for support from OWEB

Ken Bierly, Jenniffer Bakke and Lucas Hunt have been meeting to write and submit a grant application for an OWEB Technical Assistance grant for organizational restructuring. GGCWSC members asked the committee to balance council representation and if possible to include the watershed councils that make up the Alliance, the greater Salem area councils. Consider makeup of the technical advisory council and make sure all projects continue on the radar.

**Council Reports**

Polk SWCD – Claudia the fish is being refinished, Polk SWCD wishes to assist in the council consolidation project. (David Simmons was not at the meeting but phoned in this report)

City of Salem-Keith is hiring stream team interns for the summer. The GoodWill project in West Salem will choose a payment in lieu of onsite stormwater treatment . These funds will provide a rain garden with educational signage in Wallace Marine Park.

**Next Meeting Information**

May 19, 2016 5:30pm -7:00pm  
Salem towne Breezeway Room

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Bierly, Secretary  
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