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Glenn and Gibson Creeks Watershed Council Meeting Notes for February 18, 2016 Salem towne – Breezeway Meeting Room

Members present: Glenn Creek resident **Ken Bierly (GGWC Chair)**, **David Simmons (Vice Chair)**, **Linda Bierly, (GGCWSC Secretary)**, City of Salem Representative **Keith Bondaug-Winn**, coordinator **Lucas Hunt**, Salem towne resident **Kenn Carter**, Salem towne resident **Esta Carter**, Salem towne resident **Jim Scott**, WSNA representative **E.M. Easterly**, Westhaven HOA and Turnage Brook representative **Stacey Kline**

Presentation by Keith Bondaug-Winn, City of Salem Stormwater Quality Supervisor “Stream Clean-Up in Salem”

Keith’s presentation covered the history of the Salem Stream Cleaning Team, team training and safety measures, program goals, progress toward achieving the goals, and challenges faced by the program. This very interesting presentation led to discussions about possible partnerships with the City of Salem toward stream restoration and habitat preservation and enhancement.

Treasurer’s Report

Ken Bierly and Lucas Hunt made a verbal report of the written report sent by Treasurer Jim Castle. Jim e-mailed reports of the status of HIP funds and discretionary funds. Lucas distributed copies of the fiscal agent statement of the OWEB council support grant.

Coordinator’s Report

Lucas Hunt reported on the following activities:

Eola Ridge Park Grant Application – Lucas has submitted this grant application to the OWEB small grant team. The OWEB small grant team meets on March 1, 2016 and will make a decision at this meeting.

Sally White’s back yard – Lucas is working with Sally White, a landowner in the watershed to construct a rain garden to capture and filter drainage through her back yard. They are also working through the City of Salem’s Watershed Stewardship Program. Ms. White is willing to use the project for demonstration and education purposes.

Watershed council insurance – Lucas is gathering information about possible liability insurance coverage for the Directors and Officers of the watershed council. A group rate is available through the Network of Oregon Watershed Councils.

Rickreall / Glen-Gibson Joint Membership in Network of Oregon Watershed Councils – Lucas is checking.

Citizen contact - Lucas has been contacted by Tom Ferran, a citizen interested in habitat restoration in Wallace Marine Park.

Grand Ronde Intern Program – They are looking for projects, possibly Ivy pull – Lucas will check on the possibility of work in Holman Park.

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Old Business

Events

- Wallace Marine Park Ivy Pull February 20, 9:00 am – noon
- Wallace Marine Park Ivy Pull March 19, 9:00 am – noon
- Wallace Marine Park Ivy Pull April 23, 9:00 am – noon
- Wallace Marine Park Ivy Pull May 21, 9:00 am – noon

New Business

Council Reports

Polk Soil and Water Conservation District – David Simmons

Polk SWCD has adopted their annual work plan. Claudia the fish is getting a face lift.

Small Grant Team – Ken Bierly – the small grant team will meet March 1

West Salem Neighborhood Association – E.M. Easterly brought a concern and an invitation from Janet Spingath. Her property extends from Wallace Road east to City property. The Marine Drive ROW crosses the Spingath property and Ms. Spingath is concerned about possible environmental impacts caused by future road construction and wishes to be proactive to address those concerns. Ms. Spingath would like the GGCWSC to visit her property to see the natural values.

Salem Audubon Society – Jim Scott talked about the recent planting of Milkweed at the Audubon Nature Preserve to provide for the Monarch Butterfly. He also explained that the Nature Preserve now has a Facebook page.

Next Meeting Information

March 17, 2016 5:30pm -7:00pm
Salem towne Breezeway Room

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Bierly, Secretary
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