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Meeting Notes for July 16, 2015

West Salem High School

Members present: Glenn Creek resident **Ken Bierly (GGWC Chair)**, Belvedere Brook resident **David Simmons (GGWC Vice Chair)**, Glenn Creek resident **Linda Bierly (GGWC Secretary)**, homeowner's and Audubon Society's representative **Dorald Stoltz**, environmental groups representative **Jim Castle (GGWC Treasurer)**, West Salem Neighborhood Association representative **E.M. Easterly, City of Salem Representative Keith Bondaug-Winn, West Salem resident Nick Bondaug-Winn**

Guest: Lucas Hunt, Rickreall WSC

Minutes Without objection, the June 18, 2015 minutes are approved.

Treasurer's report / Mid Willamette Watershed Alliance and GGCWSC: Jim Castle

Jim presented reports on the OWEB Council support grant and the GGWC discretionary funds and HIP fund.

The 2013-15 OWEB Council Support grant agreement, including the budget, is on file at Mid-Willamette Watershed Alliance, our fiscal agent. Current financial reports for GGWC funds are on file and available upon request from Treasurer **Jim Castle** jimacastle@comcast.net

David Simmons resolved the outstanding prepayment for the last biennium and gave Jim a check for \$1,085.54. Jim will deposit the check into the discretionary account.

Old Business

Wallace Marine Park Raingarden: Dorald Stoltz is working with a landscape maintenance service to have the raingarden kept free of weeds. To prepare the site for maintenance a weeding work party was scheduled for Monday July 20, 2015 at 9:30 am. Keith will check with Randy Funke to determine if the roof drain to the raingarden works.

New Business

Council Capacity Contracting: Ken Bierly presented options for the council to share services with the Rickreall Council and use the Polk SWCD to provide the services. For the work remaining from the current biennium, Ken proposed a letter of agreement with Polk SWCD. The Board approved without objection. Ken also proposed an agreement with Rickreall Watershed Council for cooperation in the coming biennium in the form of a Memorandum of Agreement. This form of agreement is required by OWEB for councils with joint funding. The council approved the agreement without objection.

Lucas provided the council with information on a possibility for fiscal services through a retired Wetlands Conservancy bookkeeper. The Board asked the chair to continue conversations with Lucas and others to develop an approach that had least cost impact to the grant funds.

Lucas put together a series of fund use alternatives based on different fiscal fees that illustrated the effect of

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such fees on available funds.

Lucas provided a cost justification from the Polk SWCD for office and other support costs. The review resulted in a reduction from the last year.

Lucas also provided a copy of the form of agreement that was used with Rickreall last biennium to be considered for adaption to the coming biennium.

The Board appreciated the work and transparency of the potential arrangement and asked the chair to work with the Rickreall Council and Polk SWCD to develop a specific agreement for consideration.

Council Reports:

City of Salem – Keith discussed a project along the VanKleek property that involves clearing poison oak and weeds to allow access for the police to evict unauthorized campers. He expressed an interest in involving other elements of the City to develop a long term management plan for the corridor from the Wallace Road Bridge to the cul de sac

Polk SWCD – David Simmons reports that the Licksillet Project where the District is proposing to purchase a conservation easement is highly ranked and will likely be funded. There is much work to be done to finalize the transaction.

Small grant team – no meeting

Audubon Society – nothing to report. Lucas will contact Lee Slattum and Dorald to finalize the work under the OWEB small grant.

West Salem Neighborhood Association – E.M. reported on the issue of a possible underpass at 2nd Street and development at the corner of Wallace Road and Edgewater Street.

Work Plan priorities

GGWC members have established the following work plan priorities:

- 1 Completion of the CREP TA grant - very high, current grant **Completed**
- 2 Wallace Marine Park Urban Rain Garden – **Completed**
- 3 Urban Rain Garden at the old West Salem City Hall – **Postponed indefinitely**
- 4 CREP follow-up – high **completed**
- 5 School based events – **completed** – November 14, 2014 visitation of 3rd class at Chapman Hill Elementary
- 6 Audubon Site - high, current grant **in progress**
- 7 Fall Leaf Haul – **2014 event** completed, but with very low turn-out – reconsideration in progress
- 8 Invasive Control in city parks – high **in progress**
- 9 Membership - board responsibility? **No current action**
- 10 New grant applications – high **in progress**
- 11 Tree planting event - high, current **completed**
- 12 Fish passage project at Orchard Heights Park – moderate **no current action**
- 13 Outreach partners - ongoing as projects demand **in progress**

A series of quarterly outcomes will be identified for each priority and presented to the Council

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Next Meeting Information

- August 20, 2015
5:30pm -7:00pm
West Salem Electric board Room

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Bierly, Secretary
Between meetings, call:
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