

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

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## **Glenn and Gibson Creeks Watershed Council Meeting Notes for March 17, 2016 Salem towne – Breezeway Meeting Room**

**Members present:** Glenn Creek resident **Ken Bierly (GGWC Chair)**, **Linda Bierly, (GGCWSC Secretary)**, coordinator **Lucas Hunt**, **Salem towne resident Kenn Carter**, **Salem towne resident Jim Scott**, homeowners representative, **Dorald Stoltz**, guest **Jim Dundon**

February 18, 2016 Minutes approved as written

### **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 and explained the report.

Jim Castle will not be able to continue as GGWSC Treasurer due to health reasons but he will continue to be on the mailing list and remain interested and involved in council efforts. Jim has served as Treasurer for GGCWSC and for the Mid-Willamette Alliance for many years. His efforts have been crucial to the work of the watershed councils and are greatly appreciated.

### **Coordinator's Report**

Lucas Hunt reported on the following activities:

Eola Ridge Park Grant Application – The OWEB small grant team met on March 1, 2016 and approved the grant application. Lucas is coordinating work scope with the city of Salem and contractor Friends of Trees. 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.

Grand Ronde Intern Program – Holman Park Ivy pull is a good project for this program. They require a work plan that Lucas is writing. Lucas will work on a date and partners for a work day pulling ivy at Holman Park.

NW Youth Corps – looking for projects. GGCWSC members suggest Van Kleeck, Brush College Park, Holman for Ivy removal and planting.

Spingath property – 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. 3/17/2016 Lucas has contacted the Spingath Family and will arrange a meeting to discuss Ms. Spingath's concerns.

West Salem school contacts – Lucas is working with Myers Elementary for possible school involvement in the Eola Ridge Park project. He will also contact Maureen Foelkl, Chapman Hill Elementary and a teacher at Straub Middle School

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## **Old Business**

### **Events**

- 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 consolidation for support from OWEB**

Council members discussed the options for a conversation about cooperation and consolidation including possible scenarios and possible partners. Members agreed that the process could be helpful in attaining a higher level of effectiveness for all partners involved. Without objection, it is agreed to write and submit a grant application for an OWEB Technical Assistance grant for organizational restructuring. Lucas Hunt will write the grant application, Ken Bierly will provide assistance. The grant application must be submitted by June 6, 2016

### **Jim Dundon – possible STEP project on Gibson Creek**

Jim Dundon is exploring the possibility of a STEP project along Gibson Creek. He has access to a large property that has a dam on Gibson Creek with a pond that might provide good rearing habitat. He will continue to contact and work with O.D.F.W. GGCWSC will e-mail the fish survey conducted for the city of Salem in 1999 as a reference document. He will also contact Karen Hans, O.D.F.W., GGCWSC technical advisor for fish passage / habitat issues.

## **Council Reports**

### **Willamette Heritage Center – Dorald Stoltz**

WHC is holding “Sheep to Shawl” on May 7. Dorald would like to have GGCWSC and Polk SWCD participate in the event. Historic maps of the Willamette, the stream table and Claudia the Fish are possible parts of the educational presentation.

## **Next Meeting Information**

April 21, 2016 5:30pm -7:00pm  
Salem town Breezeway Room  
Program – Jim Scott “Hot Birding Spots in the Watershed”

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Bierly, Secretary  
Between meetings, call: 503-362-6860