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**NSSA Board Meeting #93 Minutes
August 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Mill City, City Hall and Zoom**

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m.

A. Roll Call and Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Present: Tim Kirsch, Chair, Mill City; Janet Zeyen-Hall, Secretary, Mill City; Ron Evans, Treasurer, Gates; Denny Nielsen, Detroit, Communications Chair

Marion County: Chris Einmo, Chris Eppley, Tsigereda Woldegiorgis, Brian Nicholas

DEQ: Mary Camarata

Business Oregon: Arthur Chaput

COG Staff: Laura Conroy, Deza'Rae Collins

Others: Ken Woodward, Detroit

Absent: Tony Morones, Idanha; Emily Scofield, Vice-Chair, Gates

No conflicts of interest were declared.

B. Announcements: None

C. Public Comments: None

Old Business:

D. Consent Agenda

E. Approval of July 1st Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Consent agenda and approval of minutes was moved to September 3rd, 2024 Board Meeting.

New Business:

F. September 2nd reschedule date

September 2nd NSSA Boarding Meeting is rescheduled for September 3rd due to Labor Day.

G. Treasurer's Report (Evans)

The treasurer reported two invoices received for (1) \$2,000 from the COG and (2) a CNS insurance policy renewal.

Discussion took place regarding reimbursement for Emily's business trip to a symposium in the

Netherlands. Emily's scholarship covered certain expenses but not the airfare and food expenses which totaled about \$2500 round trip. After extensive discussion questioning the necessity and benefit to the association, the board decided not to fund the expense.

H. **Staff Report (Conroy) (see packet)**

The administrative services notified the board that the NSSA free Google account has reached storage capacity. Discussion included potential solutions such as purchasing additional storage for \$10/month or moving files to a thumb drive. The thumb drives would either be stored at city hall or the secretary's safe.

Staff will review the cost of a yearly subscription and the archive record timeline. Both solutions could be used by using thumb drives as backup while maintaining storage on Google Drive. The meeting videos are also stored on the NSSA YouTube channel which is not running out of storage.

Administrative staff also presented the possibility of re-organizing the electronic files in Google drive and will develop an organization structure chart to present to the board at September's meeting.

Laura Conroy notified the group that a 3-Basin Rule amendment toolkit has been created and is being used in support of a petition to the 3-Basin Rule. A resolution is planned to be ready and available in September.

Thus far, 121 residential Septic Grants have been issued in the North Santiam Canyon region totaling ~\$626,000.

I. **County Update (Einmo)**

Chris Einmo provided an update on the Mill City-Gates field testing being conducted on the affluent discharge and measurements of groundwater. Drone footage will be collected to present progress of the testing.

Einmo also provided an update on the 3-basin rule petition, emphasizing the importance of a viable permitting process. The board was asked for support on the petition to obtain permitting.

Discussion took place regarding issues related to the commercial septic system permitting process in Detroit which is different than the residential permitting process and presents its own challenges in fitting systems on smaller lots.

Einmo presented a short-term solution consisting of holding tanks that are more likely to be permitted.

J. **Agency Updates (DEQ, Business Oregon, Regional Solutions):**

DEQ:

DEQ has met with Marion County regarding the Cedars commercial property in Detroit which does not have enough space to repair an older septic system although, DEQ will remain available for consultation. Mary confirmed that the 3-Basin Rule petition could take about 6 months between the review process, receiving public comment and adopting the amendment.

Business Oregon: No updates.

Regional Solutions: No updates.

K. **Executive Session was cancelled.**

Meeting Adjourned: 7:27p.m.