NSSA Board Meeting #94 Minutes
September 3, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Mill City, City Hall and Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. **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, Tsigereda Woldegiorgis

 **DEQ:** Mary Camarata

 **Keller Associates:** Peter Olsen

 **COG Staff:** Laura Conroy, Deza’Rae Collins

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

 No conflicts of interest were declared.

1. **Announcements:** None
2. **Public Comments:** None

**Old Business:**

1. Consent Agenda

 **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda** by Nielsen, seconded by Scofield;

Unanimous Motion passed.
**In favor**: All present. **Opposed:** None. **Abstained**: None.

**New Business:**

1. **Treasurer’s Report (Evans)**

The treasurer provided a report outlining the financial transactions for July, with total expenditures amounting to $3,925.18. It was confirmed that all invoices were paid, and nothing was outstanding.

A formal motion was proposed to approve a $500 contribution towards airfare for Emily Scofield to attend the sewer symposium.

Motion to **approve a $500 contribution towards airfare for Emily Scofield to attend the sewer symposium** was made by Evans, seconded by Nielsen.

Motion passed. **In favor**: Evans, Kirsch, Nielsen, and Zeyen-Hall.

**Opposed:** None. **Abstained**: None.

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

In collaboration with DEQ, Marion County submitted a petition updating the Three-Basin rule on August 8. This process included the development of supporting materials such as a call to action and a legislative funding flyer. The materials can be found on the NSSA website, under the newly added section titled ‘Three-Basin Rule’, where you will find petition updates, FAQ’s, call to action, etc. DEQ is also working on the opportunity to provide public comment, which will be added to the website when available. Additional public comment opportunities may arise after the EQC’s final decision.

The board agreed to update the Google drive storage to 100 GB. The option to have a backup external hard drive is still being explored by the board.

A formal motion was proposed to approve the Three-Basin rule petition which is included in the board meeting packet.

Motion to **adopt a resolution in support of the three basin rule petition** was made by Evans, seconded by Scofield.

Motion passed. **In favor**: Evans, Kirsch, Nielsen, and Zeyen-Hall.

**Opposed:** None. **Abstained**: None.

1. **County Update (Einmo)**

No county update. Chris Einmo introduced Peter Olsen to update the board on the Gates sewer collection design and provided examples of the construction design layout. Specifically, the number of properties that utilize grinder pumps. South of the river used to have grinder pumps, now they do not, which is where the pump station is proposed to be located. Design maps outline the proposed collection site, location of previous grinder pumps, current grinder pump locations, main lines and county/city limits. Building cost estimates will be provided to the board throughout the process.

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

**DEQ: Public comment opportunity is in process and being reviewed by internal staff. Mary will provide the public comment link when available. After the public comment period has closed, DEQ will review feedback, the petition then make a decision.**

**Business Oregon:** No updates.

**Regional Solutions:** No updates.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:02p.m.**