



Glenn and Gibson Creeks Watershed Council

Mission: to foster better understanding and stewardship of watershed resources

Purpose: to share information, reduce duplication of activities and to help address watershed management issues in the watershed and to provide a framework for coordination and cooperation among key interests

Vision: a balanced ecosystem that supports a healthy watershed and provides for an economic base and viable communities

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Meeting Notes for May 14, 2024

Zoom meeting.

The meeting is called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair Kenneth Bierly

Introductions and agenda review

present: Chair Kenneth Bierly, Secretary/Treasurer Linda Bierly, GGWC Director E.M. Easterly, City of Salem staff Jeff Johnson, GGWC director Donald Stoltz, Guest Susan Ensign

Financial Review

Reports were e-mailed to GGWC Board of Directors May 10, 2024. Questions / concerns to Linda Bierly, Treasurer at bierlyskl@gmail.com

- **Complaint from Susan Ensign**

After receiving permission from the Fire Station #11 Captain, Ms. Ensign had placed a live trap and camera on the Oak Savanna to catch a dog. Linda Bierly sprung the trap and placed the camera on the ground. Ms. Ensign wished to express a complaint about the disturbance to her equipment and the GGWC listened to her complaint. Thank You to Fire Chief Mike Niblock for clearing up misunderstandings about communication channels, property ownership and management. GGWC will consider signage for the Oak Savanna.

- **Salem Floodplain Assessment Project**

Ken Bierly made a progress report on the Salem Floodplain Assessment Project. The draft is out for review. Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife has scheduled their review of the document for June. No response from the other agencies yet.

While the draft document is out for review, Ken Bierly, GGWC Chair, and Robin Dalke, Development Services Operations Manager for the City of Salem Public Works Department, are visiting the Salem Neighborhood Associations that have floodplains within their boundaries to present the Floodplain Assessment Report. So far, three NAs (Highland, NEN and West Salem) have been visited with ten to go. When the document review is complete, it will be presented to the Salem City Council.

- **Salem Grant Applications to OWEB – Jeff Johnson**

The City of Salem has two grant applications to OWEB. The first is a fish passage study for the Glenn-Gibson, Mill and Pringle Creek watersheds to identify barriers and priorities for fish passage improvement. GGWC has approved \$1500 in match if the grant is awarded. The second grant application is for restoration of 48 acres of floodplain in the Minto Island conservation Area.

- **Land use – E.M. Easterly**

A major multifamily development is proposed for Orchard Heights Rd. The proposal is early in the process.

- **Pollinator Garden Work at the Oak Savanna & Orchard Heights – Jim Johnson**

Spraying at both Orchard Heights Park and the Oak Savanna to clear invasives, then planting in the Fall.

Next GGWC meeting is June 11, 2024, 5:30 PM via Zoom. For the link, email Ken Bierly at

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