Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council Meeting  
May 21, 2018  
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Council Members: Kat Brigham, Ed Chesnut, Clark Lampson, Malcolm Millar, Vern Rodighiero, Ralph Perkins, Larry Widner, Molly Reid and John Zerba.


Guests: Chris Marks, Caty Clifton, Jim Matthew

Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by John Zerba

(not on recording)- Review of minutes from April meeting – There were no additions or changes to the April minutes and they were approved as submitted.

(:00-8:29 and then 30:01-34:51)-WWBWC Proposed Projects Review meeting report – Brian thanked the board members that attended the project review meeting earlier in the week. The projects were ranked and prioritized and Brian went over the recommended list of projects that were not only approved by board members, but the attending agencies. BPA stated that they would only fund water projects that added to the 25 cfs.

(8:30-30:00) CTUIR WW Basin Co-Managers meeting with state and Federal agencies regarding Walla Walla River Flow restoration– Kat reported that the meeting wen well and that the co-managers are going to be looking at how they can help develop a WW Basin plan to address our needs.

(34:52-1:04:09) WWBWC response to CTUIR letter regarding the managed aquifer recharge program- After receiving comments back from Chris Marks regarding the problems the tribes had with our response letter, Brian went over the issues and the modifications made to the letter. Chris further explained some of the issues. Further discussion was had. No action was taken except that Brian will resend to all board members for review.

(1:04:18-1:06:45) Walla Walla Basin Intergrated Flow Enhancement study update- Two engineering firms bid on the engineering work that we are going to have done further looking at some details of the Columbia River exchange and Reservoir projects. Negotiations are in the process to get a signed contract.

(1:06:49-1:12:22) Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funding discussion- Brian explained about these funds and where they come from and what they are for and that they have been zeroed out from the President’s budget. He would like to write a letter to our congressmen and the East Oregonian in order to let them and the public know about this and why these dollars are important. Brian will draft the letter and them send it out for board approval and/or comments through e-mail.

(1:13:09-1:14:25) WWBWC and Rotary Club Tree Planting report- Had about 20 people show up on the Saturday morning and about 250 trees were planted at the Lampson restoration project.

(1:14:28-1:16:43) Water rights 101 workshop report- We hosted a workshop along with Greg Silbernagel from the OWRD. Approximately 35 people attended to learn the basics of how water rights work. There may be a possibility of a follow up Water rights 102 because of the great interest.
Announcements:

- Watershed field day for Milton-Freewater 4th graders May 23rd.
- Make a Splash youth event May 17th and 18th at WWCC.
- Return to the River Salmon Festival, Saturday May 19th at WWCC.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5th Ave. and Ward St.

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