Present:


Guests: Greg Silbernagel, Larry Givens, Brad Wearstler and David Haire

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

(:00-11:56) Review of minutes from February meeting – Brian went over the e-mail he received from Chris Marks of CTUIR just prior to the night’s meeting, with suggested changes to the February meeting. It was determined that the only change that could be made was in reference to David Haire stating that he thought the tribes would have issue or concern with any recharge water being used, when he actually said winter water being used. All other requested changes were not said at the meeting so therefore cannot be reflected in the minutes. Malcolm motioned to approve the minutes as corrected with Ed seconding and the motion passed unanimously. For the full discussion on any agenda item you may listen to the recording of any of the council meetings on our WWBWC website.

(12:07:19:48) WWBWC Minutes discussion – Brian read the e-mail from the tribes regarding the general handling of our minutes and their requests for the board to consider. Discussion ensued, no action items were voted on at this time, but Brian and Chris will only be sending out draft minutes to board and staff prior to them being voted on and approved by the board.

(19:49-33:43) Walla Walla River Clean Up Discussion – Brian was contacted by Sgt. Gregory from the Umatilla Sherriff’s Department regarding a need for a clean-up along the river and inquiring if we had ever done this sort of thing and would we be interested in helping with the situation. Discussion was had and Brian proposed that we take on another clean up day closer to summer.

(33:50-34:56) Stream Flow protection letter to states - This is a letter drafted to go to the states in regards to protection of water after it crosses state line. Ralph motion to have John sign the letter as written and mail it in. Malcolm seconded and vote was unanimous in favor of motion.

(35:06-39:56) OWRD Water Rights Workshop discussion – Greg Silbernagel spoke about a workshop he gave in the Hermiston for local water users on water rights. It was just a bare bones water right presentation and he was wondering if there would be interest for this workshop here. Since there was a resounding yes response he said he would get together with Brian to decide on a date.

(40:00-41:00) WWBWC Projects tour, April 14th - Graham wanted to let everyone know that this year’s project tour will be on April 14th and anyone interested on going should let him know.
Community Engagement Workshop-Graham received a Gray Family Foundation grant for $2100 that he will be using for outdoor school in late April or first of May. He needs community volunteers for this workshop.

Announcements (42:47—51:55)

- April 21st there will be a volunteer tree planting with the Rotary club if anyone is interested. You can get details from Brian or any Rotary member.

- We will be having a Couse Creek landowner meeting at the end of April regarding the Couse Creek Assessment.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 16, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5th Ave. and Ward St.

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