Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council
January 15, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Self –Evaluation Pre-Meeting

Members Present: Ed Chesnut, Hulette Johnson, Malcolm Millar, Vern Rodighiero, Keith Woods, John Zerba,
Started at: 6:35 pm

John Zerba brought to the board that the Rotary Room would cost the council $50 or $25 per meeting
Keith Woods felt that Government Organizations should not be charged

Review Self Evaluation Outcome

WWBWC should provide orientation for new council members as they replace any outgoing members
Personnel Report – Vern Rodighiero felt that a report would only be necessary if there was a problem.
If so, the Personnel Committee meets then should give a verbal report to the whole Council.
Project Updates will include additions to the council project funding sheet with a place for notes and if the
project is on schedule and on budget. A workshop will be scheduled to initiate an update the WWBWC Action Plan
Adjourned: at 6:57 pm

Council Meeting

Present:
Council Members: Leonard Brown, Ed Chesnut, Hulette Johnson, Malcolm Millar, Vern Rodighiero, Larry Widner,
Keith Woods, John Zerba.
Staff: Troy Baker, Jacqueline Boatman, Bob Bower, Bob Chicken, Derek Gloyn, Brian Wolcott
Guests: Jon Brough, Jeff Hayes, Tom Stokes

Start at: 7:02 pm

Minutes from the December meeting stand approved as submitted.

Introduced Temporary staff member: Derek Gloyn – Scientific Technician
Derek will help with the Water Management Initiative project and with field monitoring
He will be with us for 3 to 4 months

Walla Walla Alliance NRCS Innovative Grants
In February of 2005 WWBWC applied for several grants
Funded outcome was: Lydell Ditch, Hy-Line, Recharge Project, and Hydro North
WWBWC could re-apply for the following grants that were not funded at that time:
1. Beaver and Wetland Project
   a. Would require putting a pipe in the dam to allow water to pass through
   b. Currently not an issue
2. Funding Weather Stations
   a. There is a need for a Weather Station in Umapine
3. On Farm Irrigation Efficiency Project for 74 acres
   a. Currently re-evaluating
4. Converting Some Bulges into Recharge Projects / Storage
   a. The Irrigation District does not wish to re-apply this grant
5. Riparian Restoration on Tumulum
   a. Aid in Construction / Rock/Barbs
   b. One of the four properties is currently up for sale
6. Off Channel Watering Project  
   a. Landowner is watering 250 cattle at the river  
   b. Project would help in purchasing a well and pump system  
7. Re-investigate Levee setback  
8. Ed Burlingame Corral Move from banks of Pine Creek  
   a. $16,000 for fence  

Outcome was to go forward with the Weather Station and Moving the Corral.

Oregon Water Supply and Conservation Initiative  
There is $900,000 proposed for the state budget to do 5 points of surface water and groundwater needs and availability analysis. Motion was to go forward with a request for assistance, especially related to #4 (basin yield) and #5 (supply planning). Larry Widner Approved and Vern Rodighiero Seconded.

Election of Officers  
Larry Widner nominated John Zerba for Treasurer and Chair  
   Was seconded by Keith Woods and passed  
Larry Widner nominated Vern Rodighiero for Vice Chair and Jacki Boatman for Secretary  
   Was seconded by Leonard Brown and passed

Committee Assignments  
Members confirmed their desire to remain on the committee they signed up for or to move to a different one. Brian Wolcott requested the combination of Outreach and Education committees and Leonard Brown agreed.  
John Zerba suggested that we make more use of the outreach committee  
Brian Wolcott questioned what tasks should the finance committee take on.  
   John Zerba suggested we set up a meeting for this committee to review the quarterly reports  
   Outcome is that the finance committee will meet the month after the quarter is completed to review the quarterly reports. Then they will be corrected and mailed to the council members.

2003 WWBWC Strategic Action Plan  
Council Members will re-evaluate our goals and mission statement at the retreat.  
   Brian Wolcott will call around to set up a time

West Umatilla County Critical Groundwater Taskforce Update  
Bob Bower and Jaime Clark are the eastern county representatives  
The Oasis Project is an endeavor to get more water out of the Columbia River for the Umatilla Basin  
The Taskforce is planning a document for Surface Ground Water to address the aquifer dropping  
Other legislation is to dam Juniper Canyon – this could bring some water to the Walla Walla Basin, but the primary benefit would be to the Umatilla Basin. This project would take 1% of the water out of the Columbia

OSU Research Proposal to study groundwater influence on Walla Walla River Temperatures  
John Selker, Hydrology faculty at OSU, has developed a research proposal for OWEB to look at a linear temperature evaluation of groundwater influence on river temps, including the Walla Walla River. Brian wrote letter of support

Announcements  
   Non Profit Board Member Training at OSU on January 20th  
   Horticulture Society Annual Meeting on February 1st  
   OWEB Restoration and Technical Assistance Grant Proposals are due by April 23rd  
   Bob Chicken – Displayed the Harris Park Flyer and the Watershed Calendar

Adjourned at: 8:25