Present:

**Council Members:** Ed Chesnut, Stuart Durfee, Clark Lampson, Vern Rodighiero, Kevin Scribner, Larry Widner, Keith Woods, John Zerba

**Staff:** Troy Baker, Jacqueline Boatman, Bob Bower, Bob Chicken, Brian Wolcott

**Guests:** Jon Brough, Brian Mahoney, Karen Leiendecker, Tom Straughan, Kevin Lindsey

Meeting started at: 6:57 pm

March Minutes were passed.

Quarterly Reports were handed out, council members were asked to get back with any questions.

Bob Bower presented information on the implementation of the Johnson Creek Reconnection Project.

New OWEB Project Review:
- **Zell Ditch Push up dam replacement**
  - Project Costs - $80,000
  - Request from OWEB - $53,000

- **Burlingame Corral Relocation**
  - Project Costs - $20,000
  - Request from OWEB - $11,000
  
  This is similar to the Williams Dairy Project

- **Lampson Levee Setback and Channel Restoration Engineering – Technical Assistant Grant**
  - Project Cost - $24,000
  - Request from OWEB - $18,000
  
  Design will be done by: Anderson Perry
  
  This is a private levee upstream of the Corps levee on the neighbor’s property
  
  Vern requested that this project be ran by George Gillette, Flood Control Dist.

Motion was made to proceed with OWEB grant applications

1st Vern Rodighiero

2nd Keith Woods

Motion was passed

Brian – Tribes received $800,000 for funding the next and final phase of the River Flow Feasibility Study

Feasibility study – stalled with Federal funding. Now new funds from congress – to Corps to complete study

Looking at: Reservoir, pumping Columbia river, recharge of shallow aquifer, buy water from willing sellers

Budgets for State

- OWEB – Funds much of what we do
  
  Next years council support grant amount is still in question

  The Council received an Excellent review from the OWEB Review Committee
  
  Based upon a $4 Million OWEB budget, our 2 year council support would be $75,000

  The Council will receive more if OWEB receives additional funding
A question was brought up if the Council Members could encourage the increase in OWEB funding? Answer to the question was to contact Senator Nelson, Representative Smith, and Representative Jenson. Phone call or emails would be the best way to comment. The need is to promote 6 million up from 4 million.

Pacific Costal Dollars – for salmon recovery. These funds have been reduced
  The Council has been in contact with Nelson and Smith and he is aware of the issues
  He is strongly advocating two issues:
  Storage locations
  Oasis projects – Columbia River Water for Umatilla Basin

Brian presentated on the options being considered by the Corps of Engineers to fix the Nursery Ladder debris problem and channel downcutting problem. There was also discussion of how to add in a way to fix the eroded stilling basin floor. If the river undermines the stilling basin, the fish ladder could collapse, or be left to high to pass fish. Question: Would the solution be beneficial to fish or just completely for flood control?
  Answer: Brian Wolcott – This would fund fixing the stilling basin hole; if the whole thing goes it will be a loss of a $5 million ladder. The Corps says they are two different issues. If we widen the channel then the levee wouldn’t have to be as strong, the river has more room to spread its energy
  Question: Does the Corps have the funding to get it done?
  Answer: Vern Rodighiero – The Corps is only trying to identify these problems. FEMA will be here to talk about the possibility of the levee not passing.
  Brian Wolcott – 1 to 1.5 million to fix the eroded levee sites, but the Flood Control District collects only $23,000 a year to maintain the levee. One angle that Hullette Johnson is pursuing is to get ODOT to rebuild the Nursery bridges and the grade control structure, this would fix one site.

BPA – We do not currently have a contract, however we are going to get funding. We are working with BPA staff to get all work elements into their system. We are also working to get contracting and subcontracting done. They have a pool of contractors, all of which are based in Boise, Seattle, and Portland. We hope that a contractor can be found that will look for local subcontractors. Milton ditch was installed with a BPA contractor… hopefully it will work the same. Question: We have to use their list? Answer: Yes.

Bob Chicken – Handout with Announcements for STELLAR
  Wildhorse grant came through

Locher Pit Shallow Aquifer Recharge Project Update
  Kevin Lindsey remarked that it is up and working. Ran the end of March, run some more this week, the plan is to do some giant infiltration this week.

Announcement: Tim Bailey, Fish Biologist, is moving to La Grande May 1st
  Replacement will come in the fall / Jeff Neal from John Day, will cover till then
  Brett More and Todd Shaw will be helping now with the Eastside Project.
  Tim has done a great job for the river, it’s fish, and the community.

Meeting adjourned 8:30