Present:
Council Members: Ron Brown, Ed Chesnut, Stuart Durfee, Steve Irving, Hulette Johnson, Clark Lampson, Malcolm Millar, John Zerba and Larry Widner

Staff: Brian Wolcott, Bob Bower, Wendy Harris, Troy Baker, Bob Chicken, Will Lewis, Steven Patten and Chris Sheets

Guests: Samantha Bates, Tom from NCS, Yancey and Todd Reser

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by John Zerba

December 21st minutes were amended as follows:
Ed wants to ad that County standards for wind project siting are being reviewed, but are still not adequate. With that being added the minutes were approved.

Staffing Changes - Bob Bower has taken a job in New Zealand. He feels this is the right time to make this move for his family. Bob gave speech of thanks to staff, proud of all the accomplishments throughout the years, really proud of the recharge and exciting work. Thanks to all the interns. Thanks to the board, for trusting in him. He considers Brian, Jon Brough & John Zerba friends as well as respected colleagues. Brian commented on Bob’s great years of service and commitment to the WWBWC.

Oregon Solutions Team and the Milton-Freewater Levee Update - The Water Control District is still trying to secure adequate liability insurance. There is a meeting next week. The team has resigned, but the district is still there. If the district could secure liability insurance issued they may consider reapplying. There is progress being made on fixing the levee. Commissioner Givens can only find one person right now that is willing to step in to replace the resigned members. FEMA staff is coming over on the 26th, hopefully there is still an opportunity to adjust the flood plain map. Work group from 10-11 and 11-noon after noon at watershed office, and 1-4 at Albee room at library.

Columbia Basin Water Transaction Program - the WWBWC is developing a proposal to implement local water transactions, including necessary mapping and diversion and stream flow monitoring. We have been asked if we would be interested in taking this over. Brian has been meeting with them, but has not met with tribal staff yet as they will be providing funding. Scheduled on Wednesday to get idea of where they want to go. Brian is hoping they are interested in stream monitoring, ground survey work, and possibilities of water banking program similar to the Bend area to improve stream flow. Talk of a revolving fund for efficiency, need proposal done by April to start in early Fall.
**BPA Proposal for 2010-2012**-WWBWC is starting to develop projects to be implemented with BPA funding through 2012. Projects will include irrigation efficiency, automated management of diverted water, irrigation diversion improvements, several aquifer recharge sites, and effectiveness monitoring. We are currently working in the final half year of recharge funding. Some projects have been delayed due to economy, some project partners can’t afford match at this time, hopefully they will be included in the new proposal. New projects will include modification to headgates at the frog, additional recharge projects on west and east side of the river, and fish passage projects. Brian will be working with the water districts. Proposals need to be in by April. We may build in hydro power generation into new grant proposal or maybe from a different funding source.

**Hydrology position**- 12 applicants thus far, advertised several venues the first half of January.

**Announcements**-Bob Chicken gave an update on the Apple Label art contest, should be online, gave winners $15 each

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.