Meeting called to order at 7:03 by John Zerba.

May 17, 2010 council meeting minutes were approved with one change under Oregon Solutions Team and the Milton-Freewater Levee update – Where it says “The grade construction seal needs to be fixed” it should read “The control sill needs to be fixed.”

Oregon Solutions Team and the Milton-Freewater Levee update – The USACE inspection has occurred and identified several new structural problems since the last inspection. The final inspection report is not available. The Oregon Solutions team met May 18th and will meet again on June 30th. Also, there has been a meeting and tour to develop a solution to vegetation management. There is a need to develop a funding strategy to assess, design, and fix the additional structural problems with the levee. A next step is getting cost estimates to repair levee damage. There will be a meeting next Wednesday morning at the Watershed Council office and at the library for the afternoon meeting.

Update on the Corps/CTUIR Walla Walla River Flow Improvement Project – estimated costs for final design and construction have increased now to $500 million. There is a need for local input to find ways to cut costs. Ron Brown gave a report on this project and conveyed that this has really become a two part project with the 1st part being the pumping of the water to the 3 irrigation districts. The Corp is putting together a team of irrigators and going back to the table to find ways to cut costs. The 2nd part of the project being the settling of the tribes water rights. Gary James reported that Greg Graham did open up to suggestions on cost cutting and the Tribes are pushing the Corps for more. There is a need to pick some key people to bring in ideas to the Corps on how to reduce costs. Ron stated that he really thinks the way to get the public behind this project is to incorporate fixing the levee.

STELLAR Program fundraising-Wendy reported that the STELLAR program is in need of funding with the loss of the Wildhorse grant and that the staff had kicked around the idea of a golf tournament and asked the board what they thought of the idea. They all seemed behind this if this is what we decide to do.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.