Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council  
September 20, 2010  
Draft Meeting Minutes

**Present:**

Staff: Brian Wolcott, Rick Henry, Steven Patten, Troy Baker, Chris Sheets, Wendy Harris, Bob Chicken and intern, Valerie Scott

Guests: Jon Brough, Tara Patten, Chris Marks

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by John Zerba.

**August 16th council meeting minutes were approved.**

**Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Proposals:**

Brian discussed the changes to the Fruitvale Water Management proposal from how it was submitted in April to OWEB. The Fruitvale will have 3 diversions and the Underwood needs a weir and box replaced. The excavation of the two ponds is no longer part of the request as there were issues regarding OWEB funding pond maintenance and possible water permits required. The amount of the grant is now $15,607.00. Larry moved that the proposal be submitted and it was seconded by Malcolm.

The Lampson Levee setback proposal will be resubmitted with more detail regarding rock placement and and more re-vegetation line items described in the budget. Logs and rock structures will be placed for fish habitat and to slow the water. Clark described a modification to the design to ensure that as the river leaves the project area it will maintain its current trajectory. This overall project is to cost approx. $800,000 with the majority paid by BPA and if approved $100,000 contributed by OWEB. Ray moved that the proposal be submitted and it was seconded by Vern.

The monitoring surface and groundwater, water quality and geomorphology grant proposal was presented by Rick. This proposal will address surface and groundwater, water quality and geomorphology. The grant is being submitted for $45,000. Vern moved that the proposal be submitted to OWEB and Ed seconded.

Bob Chicken discussed his OWEB proposal for the STELLAR program. Malcolm moved that it be submitted as is and it was seconded by Ray.

All proposals were unanimously passed.

**Milton-Freewater Levee update:** The Corps of Engineers have completed their inspection report identifying what areas of the levee need repair. A bond measure will be on the ballot in November to raise the funds necessary for repairs. The cost of the bond will be $62/$100,000 of assessed home value. This is a cheaper option than increased floodplain insurance. The WWBWC will begin its levee channel survey work in the beginning of October and a LiDAR flight will occur to map elevations. Hydraulic modeling of the levee will occur based on this combination of data.
**WWBWC Strategic Action Plan** - Council and staff went over a portion of the plan which is currently in place and the following changes were discussed regarding Council Goals and Priorities:

**Education** - add in students

**Restoration** - add in hábitat and hydrology.

Board members think that **Research** should be a new bullet

Clark thought that under scientific under **development** should have it’s own bullet.

Under **cooperation** should mention within the state as well as across borders.

Under the **Watershed Priorities** heading-some ideas were; helping the community with flood issues, sustainability(long term fixes), enhance livability and economic viability for the community.

**Fiscal Committee** – a call to service for a fiscal committee was asked for by Brian. Volunteers were John, Vern, Ed, Malcolm and Ron. Chris will coordinate a time and date with each for a meeting to review the fiscal policies of the WWBWC.

**Announcements:**

Bob Chicken announced that there would be a work group cleaning litter and painting over graffiti at the Nursery Bridge on Saturday from 10am to 1pm.

Brian is working to pull together a meeting to find out from the Tribes and the State how much water we will be able to have for recharge.

Rick will be attending an International Conference in California in January where he and Bob Bower will present our Recharge project as co-authors.

OWEB conference will be in Pendleton this year from Nov 15-17 for anyone interested in attending.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20p.m.