Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council
January 16, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Present:

Staff: Brian Wolcott, Rick Henry, Wendy Harris, Steven Patten, Troy Baker, Will Lewis and Chris Sheets.

Guests: Jon Brough, Chris Magan, Marie Cobb and John Wells.

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

December 19, 2011 council meeting minutes were approved.

Levee repairs update: The project to raise areas on the levee where it needed raised are done, most of the vegetation work is done, still waiting on some permits. The plans for 15\textsuperscript{th} street bridge are nearing completion. John Wells reported there are 6 projects slated for this year, mostly work on the right bank which should be done this summer, the Nichols Canyon flap gate and work at cemetery bridge.

Nichols Canyon Sediment Control: Nichol’s Canyon drains from mostly farmland and the WCD is having issues with the flap gate and all the sediment. It was suggested maybe some kind of catch basin would relieve the problem. Also checking to make sure as much of the farm land is terraced, that can be. Brian is going to continue working on this and possible look at a DEQ or OWEB 2013 grant proposal.

Grade Control and Fish Passage Project below Nursery Bridge: The Corps has been working on this. The down cutting has been so sever, the tribes are also possibly going to cost share on this project, but are looking at smaller less costly projects. There is still a question of who will sponsor and what it means to sponsor, but the fish passage and grade are both important issues that need addressed.

Walla Walla River and Tributaries Seepage Study Report: Troy gave a presentation on seepage runs, how they are accomplished and what we are learning from them.

Fruitvale Water Users Association Project Proposal: Brian showed a map of the FWUA system and pictures from the project during phase II. There are 7 more diversion weir boxes to serve 9 users to be installed. 15 flow meters are to be installed for these diversions and previous completed diversions. These projects are paid for by grants and individual users and some from the NRCS.
By-Laws Review: All individual board members were asked to please review the By-Laws within the next month and let Chris know of any proposed changes, so we can hopefully adopt them at the next meeting if they look good to everyone.

Next Meeting: February 20, 2012 at the Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5th Ave. and Ward St, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.