Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council  
February 20, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Present:
Council Members: Ed Chesnut, Clark Lampson, Malcolm Millar, Ralph Perkins, Vern Rodighiero and John Zerba.

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

Guests: Teresa Kilmer and Chris Magan.

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

January 16, 2011 council meeting minutes were not approved due to lack of a board quorum.

Nichols Canyon Stormwater 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 waiting to hear back from Dave Bradshaw from the City of Milton-Freewater regarding the project. The concern is that this project will cause more sediment in the river. Brian will put together an OWEB project proposal and forward it to the Project Committee who will have a recommendation for the board at the March Council Meeting.

Walla Walla Basin Shallow Aquifer Recharge Program: Rick gave the board a presentation on the potential new sites for recharge. The presentation included a map showing the sites with a discussion of the recharge potential for each site, which included EPA issues and how sites were identified.

Rick also discussed his work with trying to acquire limited licenses for these sites. The State would prefer that WWBWC come to them with one all-inclusive proposal for the sites rather than going to them with proposals for each individual site. Rick is currently working on putting this together.

Call for Project Proposals: OWEB deadline for technical assistance and restoration projects is April 16th. Project committee and Council approval must occur by March 19. Pre-application forms are available

Frog Headgates Project Update: The Hudson Bay District Improvement Company notified WWBWC last week that they have concerns regarding the automation of the Frog. This project has been in process for a couple of years. WWRID is unable to get measurement for the Ford and Crockett due to the current design of the Frog. The new system would provide WWRID with headgates that would allow them to have accurate measurement at this site. The current plan is to
also install a headgate for HBDIC that will be automatable. This would allow for this section of the system to be automated. HDBIC has concerns regarding the leveling of the sill. An emergency meeting will be held tomorrow, February 21, with WWRID and HDBIC in order to sort out the issue and make final decisions on the project.

**By-Laws Review:** The Board is still not comfortable with the draft of the by-laws. Clark Lampson indicated that there are still several places where the by-laws are too general. Vern Rodighiero added that there are still inconsistencies with them. Chris will send out a Doodle Poll to the By-Laws Committee so the committee can meet again and take care of the remaining issues.

**Announcements:**
- County Wind Hearing - February 28th, 9:00 AM
- WW River Technical Review Team meets March 7th
- Brown & Sons selected SWCD Cooperator of the year

Next Meeting: March 19th at the Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5th Ave. and Ward St, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.