Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council  
December 17, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Present:  

Staff:  
Brian Wolcott, Wendy Harris, Troy Baker, Will Lewis, Chris Sheets, Lyndsi Thomas and Graham Banks.

Guests:  
Jon Brough, Bob Lewis, Karen Steele, Cody Grant and Chris Marks.

Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Vern Rodighiero.

As a quorum of Board members were not present, the November council meeting minutes approval will be voted on at the January council meeting.

BPA Projects Report- Wendy gave a slide presentation on the BPA grant that we just finished the end of October. She included all of the projects that were funded in whole or in part by BPA. The list of projects includes: Stillman Piping project, Hyline Piping Project-Final Phase, the Frog Headgate projects, Morris Bulge, Little Walla Walla Measuring devices, the Smith Fish Passage Barrier Modification, Zell Ditch Diversion – Phase I, Trolley Lane Piping, West Little Walla Walla Diversion Structures, Fruitvale Water Management, HBDIC Recharge Site Expansion and Telemetry, Anspach Recharge, Trumbull Recharge site, White Ditch designs, Northwest Umapine recharge project site design, Barrett Recharge site design, Spence Ditch flow measurement site maintenance, Walla Walla River Irrigation District Water Rights mapping.

Walla Walla Action Plan Development – Brian spoke on our Strategic Action Plan update and explained why this is necessary for our purposes but also for funding requirements. Some of the suggestions on the Goals section were to add students to Education/outreach, Add Hydrology as a Restoration focus, add a clarification that the Cooperation goal includes both within the Oregon portion of the basin but also across the state border, and add Science/Research as a goal. As part of our Strategic Action Plan update, we will be developing and prioritizing project types. We need to confirm the types of projects we will be working on over the next few years and work on some prioritization framework. There was a suggestion to add Water Conservation as a stand-alone point under the priorities. Also, the sustainability of both natural resources and the local economy should be taken into consideration when prioritizing. During the project prioritization discussion, upland pond development was added as a streamflow improvement tool. Water quality education was also suggested. A revised draft of the Goals will be sent to board members for final discussion at our next meeting.

Announcements –

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m

Next Meeting: January 21, 2013 at the Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5th Ave. and Ward St, 7:00-8:30 p.m.