Present:

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

Guests: Jon Brough, Kevin Lindsey, Molly Reid, Rey Weldert, Steve Harrel, and Chris Marks.

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

Minutes from the February 18, 2013 board meeting were approved as written.

BPA Projects Proposal completed February 28th – Wendy, with the help of Brian and Steve put together the 5 year work plan of irrigation water efficiency, aquifer recharge strategy implementation, and fish passage projects that will take us from 2014-2018. She also had to put together the report for the Water Control District as their part was not complete. As a result, the whole $5 million, should we be awarded it, will be ran through the council to be distributed to the WCD as we see fit instead of like in the past, where we got $2.5 as well as did the WCD. With this change, it is also likely that WWBWC will now be subject to Federal Audits. BPA will Be here for a tour of projects for ½ day the third week in April, and there will also be a scientific review that Thursday of the same week. Brian said we should know early summer whether we will receive the funds for sure.

OWEB project proposals due April 22 – Brian will be submitting a proposal (upon board approval) for the next phase of the Bolen Kelly project and possibly expanding that project further downriver as he has interest from landowners. Steven will also be submitting for additional recharge monitoring wells. Steven has ideas of planning recharge prior to piping projects being installed so that they will already be set for recharge if and when a project is approved and funded. This will save money and time in the long run. Steve would really like to see the Lower Walla Walla system activated again and also is looking in Fruitvale area and has some interested landowners.

Levee Update – MFWCD has submitted the new maps to FEMA. Our LIDAR flight and surveying work has played a big part in the new mapping. Most of the work on the levee is complete. Below Nursery Bridge on the east side is the only section that still needs some work, but should not interfere with the recertification of the levee for flood control purposes. A community meeting outlining all of the work that has been done is next on the list of tasks that must happen, but the Corps has given a verbal acceptance on their behalf, but have yet to put
anything in writing. Vern added that the WCD is supposed to hear from FEMA in the next 60
days.

**WWBWC Vehicle and Vehicle insurance quote** – Steven proposed to the board that the
council purchase a vehicle that will be available to employees for field work, as many times their
vehicles are compromised due to the terrain they are required to travel. He let them know that in
order to get an insurance quote we had to give the agent a make and model to go on. The
insurance quote was about $50.00 per month for full coverage based upon a 2005 Dodge 4-door
pickup. The board asked about the mileage on that truck and Steve said it had about 100,000
miles. It was a concern that we invest in such a used vehicle, so a 3 member panel made up of
John, Ralph and Malcolm will make a decision based upon several choices that the council will
put together for them. The 3-person panel was motioned by Ed to be approved and was
unanimous vote that John, Ralph and Malcolm would be that panel.

**Announcements** – Umatilla tribes public meeting regarding the fish hatchery will be April 15th
at the Community building from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m

Next Meeting: March 18th at the Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5th Ave.
and Ward St, 7:00-8:30 p.m.