Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council  
May 20, 2013  
Meeting Minutes

**Present:**

Staff:  Brian Wolcott, Steven Patten, Wendy Harris, Chris Sheets, Graham Banks, Troy Baker, Will Lewis.

Guests:  Jon Brough and Teresa Kilmer

Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:02 by John Zerba.

Minutes from the April 15, 2013 board meeting were approved as written.

**OWEB project proposals submitted**April 22-OWEB project were submitted as they were proposed to the project committee at their last meeting, with a couple of changes. The amounts on the Lower Walla Walla project and the Bolen Kelly were changed to $50K due to OWEB restrictions.

**Levee Update** – The revised maps have been approved, but will not become active until September. The WCD is trying to find a way around this so people can be relieved of paying flood insurance as soon as possible. The nursery bridge downcutting issue is being worked on by two design firms. The tribes are to pay $65K with the WCD paying the balance and project will hopefully go to construction next summer. The initial estimate for construction is $2M. Brian believes there are several possible funding sources for this. The vegetation management plan is still under review.

**Groundwater recharge site update** – We received Hulette Johnson’s appraisal questions to ask the appraiser. Hopefully we can get to some resolve on this issue as BPA confirmed, if we want any funding for the recharge site purchase from them, we cannot pay over the appraised value. To the same, if we were to continue the lease, BPA would only allow proven rental costs from comparative or prior rents collected, which will not work for us if the $1,000 per month rent is imposed.

**Groundwater recharge alternatives modeling** – Steven has been using the model to run different scenarios of possible different recharge sites in the area. The 1st scenario looked at what we are currently doing, 23 c.f.s, 2nd scenario is what we would be doing without the H. Johnson site, 8 c.f.s, 3rd scenario is with current sites and potential sites, 31 c.f.s. and finally the 4th scenario is how much ground water ran for recharge with what we have going currently minus the Johnson site and with potential sites and that would be approximately 16 c.f.s. Steven showed us videos that were made based on these scenarios and the results were discussed and potential other sites were suggested to model.
STELLAR science education program update- Graham held the annual field day for 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a great success with 7 stations and around 100 students. Graham had help from Brian, Steve, Will, Lyndsi, the tribes and John Zerba. He also announced the Hydromania summer science camp for students that have finished 4<sup>th</sup> grade through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The camp will run from June 18-June 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms have gone out to students and are also available at the WWBWC office.

Personnel update- Lyndsi has decided to go back to school to work on her Master’s degree. Friday will more than likely be her last day. We have an intern for the summer that will start May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The sick leave bank policy was approved by the personnel committee.

Board member update- Ron Brown has officially resigned from the board but has recommended that Teresa Kilmer take his spot until the next elections (according to by-laws). Malcolm motioned to have Teresa take Ron’s spot, Ralph seconded it and the vote was unanimous.

Announcements- None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45p.m

Next Meeting: June 17th at the Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Ward St, 7:00-8:30 p.m.