Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council  
August 19, 2013  
Meeting Minutes  

Present:  
Council Members  Teresa Kilmer, Steve Irving, Clark Lampson, Malcolm Millar, Vern Rodighiero, Ralph Perkins, Ray Williams and John Zerba.  

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

Guests:  
Jon Brough, Bob Lewis, Chris Marks, Bill Goss, Larry Givens, Johnny Sargent, Molly Reid, Rey Weldert and Kevin Lindsey.  

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

John Zerba was removed from the Council Members present at the June 17th meeting, as he was not in attendance, no other changes were made and the June 2013 minutes were approved as modified. No changes were made to the July 2013 minutes and they were approved as submitted.  

Groundwater quality discussion – Bill Goss from the Oregon Health Authority gave a presentation on the water quality issues just north of the Milton-Freewater city boundaries. The water along Hwy. 11 has had contamination issues as far back as 1974. Many of the business in the affected areas have dealt with the issues in a variety of ways, but some of the residents and employees that live and work in the unimproved affected areas have now petitioned that the City of Milton-Freewater assist in providing water and sewer to the affected area. WWBWC has a copy of this power point presentation would be happy to share it upon request.  

Zell Ditch Diversion Fish Passage Project Update – Construction is to begin tomorrow for all of the in river portions of this project. Best efforts will be made to keep the mud to the Corps’ standards. The fish rescue portion of the project will be done by ODFW and the Tribes on Tuesday & Wednesday. There was a concern from the Water Control District of the big equipment using the levee for access to the river and causing damage to the levee, so as the alternative, construction equipment will use Pat Kelly’s pasture to access the river.  

Nursery Bridge Grade Control Structure Design update – The designs are in the work and the Tribes have been approved to spend some money received from BPA. Now we need to start pulling together funds for construction phase. There will be many contributors as the initial estimate from the engineers is $3-5m. It was asked if anyone has done and estimate of the economic benefit of this project, but none has as of yet. Geo Engineers and Anderson Perry are the designers of this project.
White Ditch Piping - BPA funds will be used for the first section of this project. Some questions asked about this project:

- Is there going to be too much seepage recharge lost from doing this?
- What impact will this have on Dugger Creek?
- Could this project start at Edwards Rd. instead of Prunedale so that Pleasantview wells won’t be so harshly affected?

Jon Brough will work with the engineer to design the least invasive plans as possible to alleviate problems with landowners.

OWEB and WDOE project proposal funding – Out of 140 applications to OWEB 2 out of the 3 submitted by WWBWC are slated to be funded. Those projects being the Bolen Kelly Habitat Design and The Mud Creek and West LWW Aquifer Recharge and Distributary/Floodplain Function. Steven talked with Bill Zachman from WDOE will be getting back the technical reviews from submitted proposals and each proposal will get a ranking, he will then sit with his supervisors to divide the available funds. We should hear something from him by mid-September.

OWEB Request Proposals, October deadline - Brian opened the floor to any suggestions for new proposals of projects to be submitted to OWEB. It was suggested to ask for funds for the Nursery Bridge construction that was discussed earlier in the meeting. Ralph would like to extend the Fruitvale project and John Z. asked if we could rework and resubmit the rejected LWW proposal that was previously submitted. Brian did ask OWEB about the chance of them helping to fund the Chemical pick up that he would like to do, but they said they would not fund a project of that kind.

Board Policies – A board member attendance sheet was passed around and short discussion was had as to whether or not attendance is being adhered to according to the board approved By-Laws. Further discussion will be had at the next meeting.

Announcements:

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10p.m.

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