Present:

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, John Sargent, Molly Reid, Leland Hellbry, Scott Hall, Doug Hall, Carolyn Crouthamel, Ron Brown, Tony Justus, Joe Chavtal, Rich and Phyllis Owens.

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

Minutes were approved with the change of John Zerba being absent in July not June.

White Ditch Piping- Brian discussed what the White ditch project entails and John opened up the subject for discussion. Some concerns and questions that were brought up were: Habitat along Dugger Creek being in danger if it dries up, Pleasantview wells drying up, will there be any water being returned to the WWR, where exactly the pipe is to run, existing recharge and current recharge plans not doing enough to mitigate for all of the piping that has been done by WWRID and HBDIC, not being able to implement recharge in WWRID because of how district is set up, how much reduction of seepage loss is there due to piping. Steven gave a presentation on how much mitigation is being done by HBDIC at this time and in the near future. Once all sites are up and going (which should be by the end of the year) there will be 8,330 Acre feet of recharge water going into the ground, this is not including seepage loss. To start reversing the effect on the aquifer we need to be putting in about 20,000 acre feet. The topic was tabled, after an hour and a half of discussion, for the next meeting.

OWEB project proposals for review:
Nursery Bridge- Brian gave a presentation on a project he would like to submit for Nursery Bridge Grade Control Construction. The down cutting on the east side of the river at Nursery bridge is continually getting worse and it is not allowing the fish to even get to the fish ladder during low flows. He has initial designs for 3 rock structures that he is wanting to ask OWEB for $221,399 to help construct. Other money for construction would come from BPA, CTUIR, MFWCD, and the Corps of Engineers. Brian is meeting with the engineers tomorrow night and hopes to have the final design at that time. Larry motioned to turn this over to the Project Committee and give them
the power to approve or deny once they meet and get more detail from Brian. That motion was seconded by Ralph. 9 members voted for this with one opposed.

**Lower East Little Walla Walla River Assessment**- This is a proposal that has been submitted prior, but OWEB felt that it needed to be split up into more than one project. This project would contract with Bob Lewis to do a stream survey, assessment and analysis along with a tech from WWBWC. The total funds requested from OWEB would be $6000 with matching funds coming from BPA, Tri State Steelheaders and WWBWC. Malcolm motioned that this also be decided on by the project committee with Ed seconding the motion and unanimous vote in favor.

**STELLAM**- Graham gave a presentation on the new OWEB STELLAR proposal he would like to submit in the amount of $24,801. This will fund 17 activities with match funds coming from, MFUSD, Blue Mountain Foundation, Wildhorse and Gray Family Fund. Ray motioned that this also be decided on by the project committee with Vern seconding the motion and unanimous vote in favor.

**Announcements:**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

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