Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council  
December 16, 2013  
Meeting Minutes

Present:

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

Guests: Kevin Lindsey, Chris Marks, Rey Weldert, Cynthia Lopez, Bob Lewis and Chris Pinney.

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

November minutes were approved as submitted.

Zell Ditch Fish Passage Project Construction Update – Brian reported that the project was finished just that morning minus the grass seeding and plantings which will be done when the weather warms up. He reported of an on site decision to modify the design due to the downcutting in the river and of the meeting to talk about the monitoring of the slope.

Walla Walla River Stream Flow Strategy Partnership Scope of Work: Brian reported that we will be working with the WW Partnership to conduct a feasibility study to improve stream flow in the WW Valley. There is $600K in funds to conduct this study. This group will include the irrigation districts, State fish and water agencies, municipalities, as well as any individual, group or organization with ideas regarding the subject of storage projects, irrigation efficiencies and ways to keep stream flows up. This study should be done by June of 2015. Several engineering companies will also be engaged in this project/study. Ralph stated that he really would encourage the headwater agencies to also be included. O & M will also be a big part of what is looked at and taken into consideration. The group hopes to have a scope of work finalized by the end of January.

2013 Projects Summary Slideshow: Brian and staff put together slideshow and narrative of all the projects that were done during the past year. The staff had a very successful year, getting more projects to completion and bringing in more money for more projects than ever, all while cutting expenses.

Announcements: Chris Marks announced that Kat Brigham was reelected to the Fish & Wildlife Committee.
Brian announced that the OWEB small grant proposals are due Jan 24th if anyone has any projects they would like to see done.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 20th at the Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5th Ave. and Ward St, 7:00-8:30 p.m.