Present:

Absent Members: Kat Brigham (Chris Marks was in attendance), Stuart Durfee (excused), Ray Williams (excused).

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

Guests: Chris Marks, Bob Lewis, and John Brough.

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

December 16th, 2013 and January 20th, 2014 minutes were approved as there was a question as to whether there was a quorum due to board member reappointments at the January meeting. The minutes from the January 20, 2014 annual executive board meeting were also approved at this time with the correction of the date in regards to expiring board member terms, it should be December 2013 instead of 2014.

Board member elections - The personnel committee recommended that the 5 board members with expiring terms be reelected to their respective positions. Nominations from the floor were called for. Bob Lewis has submitted his petition for a board position. John said Bob may have a conflict of interest as he does contract work for the Watershed Council. The 5 outgoing board members were all reelected to their spots on the board with a unanimous vote. John called for an election of offices. John said the personnel committee recommends the same 3 officers this year, John Zerba as chairman, Vern Rodighiero as Vice-Chairman and Ed Chesnut as Secretary/Treasurer. The vote for them to keep their offices was unanimous. Discussion was then had regarding each board members area of representation.

By-Laws - There was discussion regarding some changes to be made to the By-laws to be compliant for some of our funding agencies and how changes to the By-Laws were only supposed to occur at the Annual Executive Meeting in January. It was decided that we would call an emergency meeting once the changes that needed to be made were finalized.

Nursery Bridge Fish Passage Project Update – Brian gave an overview of the design choices for the project that will happen this summer. The first design would put in a series of grade control roughened riffles which was nixed due to design flaws. GeoEngineers and Anderson Perry are teaming up and came up with 6 alternative options. They met with all the agencies that have an interest in this project and presented the options. The favorite of the options was a 3000 foot long roughened riffle of mixed rock sizes (riprap, cobbles, gravels) with channel spanning
steel and concrete stabilizer structures down the river, but for ODFW they would like to see at least 15, maybe up to 30, of these structures which would be between $2-3 million to build along with the rock and rock placement. Since we don’t have funding of that magnitude, the question is what to do with the funding we do have that makes the most sense for possible future additions to the project once more funding is secured. A meeting will occur to determine a two phase approach of a smaller structure to be built, then a more permanent structure the following year.

**Smith Sill Fish Passage Project Update:** Brian reported there are limited funds to do this project. A scour hole in the riverbed has occurred below the roughened riffle and fish passage may once again a problem. We have more money for design and construction this time compared to the emergency fix we installed in 2012, so they will work more with the model to make sure this project will be more effective. Malcolm asked why you wouldn’t widen the river channel and give water room to spread. Brian said that is being considered. Ed made a motion to ok the designs at $17,500, but need to vote again on construction of project, which is estimated at $60-70k, Vern seconded the motion, vote was unanimous in favor of Ed’s motion. The designs will be reviewed by the project committee.

**Walla Walla River Stream Flow Feasibility Study Update:** Brian reported that this group met and some of the ideas that they discussed were: irrigation delivery efficiency, piping water from Columbia River, additional recharge/recovery projects, small and mid-sized reservoirs, legal and policy reviews on how to protect water from junior users in Washington. The group would like to see an interim target flows of 65 c.f.s. at Nursery bridge left in the river during the summer, with a goal of 45 c.f.s. at Tum-A-Lum. The target flows were not agreed to by all present. The committee will meet again to prioritize projects and decide how to best spend funds on assessment, flow modeling, planning, and project designs.

**Recharge Projects Update**-Steven gave a presentation on the recharge projects currently active. On the Oregon side, Barrett, Anspach, Trumbull, Johnson and NW Umapine are currently active, and East Trolley Lane and West Ringer Road are constructed. In Washington, Stiller and Locher will start next month. Currently the Johnson site is recharging at a volume of 2,037.32 acre-feet at the spreading basin and 263.31 acre-feet in the infiltration galleries, Anspach is at 63.21 acre-feet, Trumbull is at 251.75 acre-feet, NW Umapine at 274.22 acre feet (since end of December) and Barrett at 13.71 acre-feet (had just been constructed and ran only three days). From November to February (excluding ditch seepage) the expected volume of recharge is 2,902.52 acre-feet (in 70 days) or 41.46 acre-feet per day as compared to last year which was 2,472.52 acre-feet (in 92 day) or 26.88 acre-feet per day.

**Announcements:** Annual TRT Meeting will be March 13, 2014, please let Steven know if you would like to attend. There will be a site tour in the afternoon and there is limited space on the bus so make sure to let him know a.s.a.p. if you would like to go on the tour as well.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** March 17, 2014 at the Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5th Ave. and Ward St, 7:00-8:30 p.m.