Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council  
April 21, 2014  
Meeting Minutes

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

Absent Members: Ed Chesnut (excused), Stuart Durfee (excused), Malcolm Millar, Hulette Johnson

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

Guests: Chris Marks, Kevin Lindsey, Rey Weldert, Molly Reid and John Brough.

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

The March 17, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

**Walla Walla River Stream Flow Study:** Brian reported that a draft scope of work and budget has been drafted and revised by the steering committee and once finalized will be submitted to Olympia for final contracting of the $600k from the OCR. If anyone is interested in looking either or both of these documents over, Brian has them with him. Vern wanted to know how many people are involved in the steering committee and Brian informed us that there were 15. Vern also wanted to know if the public would have an opportunity to review and give input and Brian assured him they would. There may be changes to the budget and the scope of work.

**Nursery Bridge Fish Passage Project Update:** Brian reported that 30% of the design is finished. All the involved agencies met this past week to go over the design and go over any permitting issues any of them may have. A draft MOU regarding this cooperative effort and ongoing maintenance is ready for review.

**Reser Local Water Plan:** Steven reported that he is working with the Walla Walla Water Management Partnership in creating a new local water plan which will include a new point of diversion, changing point of water use and groundwater recharge. The local water plan will hopefully improve flow in the Little Walla Walla River through water right flexibilities. The authorizing of the LWP would be by WWWMP and WDOE. Groundwater recharge would be accomplished by using the landowner’s existing water rights. The overall goal of the project is to improve the reliability of irrigation water supply as well as improve flows for fish and wildlife.

**Project Committee Update**-All BPA projects and OWEB Lower Walla Walla River and OWEB WW River Fish Passage were approved for submission to the respective agencies. Brian has a list of the BPA projects if anyone else would like to review them.
Announcements:
Graham announced that May 8th would be the annual watershed field day for 4th graders from Freewater and Ferndale schools and he asked the board for help with presentations.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:34p.m.

Next Meeting: May 19, 2014, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5th Ave. and Ward St,