Present:

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

Guests: Jon Brough, Cody Grant, Sue Greer, Chris Marks, Courtney Shaff, and Rey Weldert.

Absent:
Council Members: Kat Brigham (excused)

Prior to the meeting starting the Milton-Freewater Chamber of Commerce presented the WWBWC board with the 4th Quarter Service Award and took a picture of the board with the plaque they were presented.

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

The September 15, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

WWBWC Action Plan Update Review: Brian reviewed the action plan with the suggested updates recommended by board members and asked that the board adopt this version so that it can be submitted to OWEB. In order to be eligible for future funding, an organization must submit an action plan that meets the standards that OWEB has put forth, by November 17th. John had asked for a couple of minor changes. The plan has been available for review in the “Board Room” area of our website. Ray said that it was a well written document and he was impressed with it. Clark moved to adopt the document with Ray seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously. In the future this document will be reviewed and updated annually in February.

Nursery Bridge Fish Passage: Brian gave a presentation of the first phase of the Nursery Bridge Fish Passage project that it is now complete. This project consisted of a 510 foot long roughened riffle consisting of 2500 cubic yards of imported boulders, combined with 6000 cubic yards of river sediments. The constructed riffle maintains a 2.2% slope up to the fish ladder entrance with a low flow channel down the center so that fish can make it into the Nursery Bridge fish ladder as they migrate upstream to spawning grounds. A more comprehensive project is to be designed and constructed next summer or in the summer of 2016. Sue Greer
asked Brian if the permit process should be easier on the next go around. Brian felt that would be unlikely.

CTUIR is considering mounting a time-lapse camera on the fish ladder to capture any potential changes to the site as the river comes up this winter and spring.

There is still some concern about the ability to clean out the stilling basins due to the Corp’s gabion project that will not withstand the weight of excavators used to clean the basin.

**White Ditch Piping update:** HBDIC has dug out the area where Contractors will begin building the concrete structure and HBDIC has started bringing in the pipe for the intake structure located at the west end of the Johnson Recharge property. HBDIC expects to have the work completed by October 31st.

**Shallow Aquifer Recharge Limited Licenses:** Licenses are needed for new sites that are being designed and there is an option to bundle the licenses for several sites and have the combined license held by the WWBWC. This would save quite a bit of money, but Steven is still checking on any liability issues. Additional information will be provided in the “Board Room” on the WWBWC website. In a letter to the board, Steve also talked about the possibility of having two entities named on the license, such as WWBWC and the Hudson Bay District Improvement Company. Ray suggested WWBWC and OWRD discuss options and thinks that bundling and saving so much money is the way to go. There will be more discussion on this at the next meeting.

**Water Monitoring Technician Position:** WWBWC hired a new monitoring technician, Mike Lash. Mike will be filling in for Tara while she is on maternity leave and Mike and Tara will share this position’s hours once she is back at work.

**STELLAR:** Graham reported that his watershed cleanup day was a success. Six college students, approximately 20 high school students, and their advisors showed up for work. They cleared a lot of blackberry bushes and picked up trash at Marie Dorian Park.

**Announcements:** The Network of Oregon Watershed Councils’ annual conference is coming up and Brian said if any board members are interested in going should contact him for more details.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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