Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council  
November 17, 2014  
Meeting Minutes

Present:  

Staff: Brian Wolcott, Steve Patten, Tara Patten, Graham Banks, Troy Baker, and Chris Sheets.

Guests: Jon Brough, Chris Marks, Eric Hoverson, Mike Lambert, Jonathan Thompson, Alan Bailey and Rey Weldert.

Absent:  
Council Members: Kat Brigham (excused), Teresa Kilmer, Stuart Durfee (excused)

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

The October 20th, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Kentch South Fork Walla Walla Habitat Project: Mike Lambert and Jonathan Thompson from the CTUIR fish habitat program gave a presentation on this project which took place just upriver from the fish hatchery. The Tribal Department of Natural Resources is restoring fish and the fundamental parts of the tribal first foods. The stream has been pushed against the south side of the water channel. This has caused the water to become colder and less inviting to small fish. This habitat project is ¾ of a mile of river meandering. The time frame to reconnect the river to the new meanders that were constructed last summer is going to be July 1-August 15, 2015.

Shallow Aquifer Recharge Limited License: Steven sent out letter to board members regarding how they want him to go about getting the next aquifer recharge Limited License accomplished. The options being: have HBDIC solely hold the license even for areas outside their district, have WWBWC hold LL on all, or have WWBWC and HBDIC hold it jointly. Steve has talked to OWRD about the situation and they told him that in the past they have approved applications submitted jointly, but sometimes it has created issues down the road. Steven talked with the HBDIC board and they all would still prefer to be co-applicants. A cooperative agreement would have to be in place spelling out how the whole process would work. At this point, there are no sights on the WWRID but if and when there is, Teresa told Steve they would try to find a way to convey the water. Steve will continue talking with OWRD on what they will need if we apply as co-applicants.

White Ditch Piping update: Jon Brough gave a report on the White Ditch Piping construction project.
**BPA Contracts:** The 2014-2015 BPA contracts are signed and in effect as of November 1, 2014.

**Wildlife Field Day:** Graham gave a report on his Wildlife Field Day attended for the first time by all six 5th grade classes in the Milton-Freewater School District. The Field Day was located at Target Meadows and the Burnt Cabin Trail head. 165 students attended the stations set up to teach the students about the habitat.

**Personnel Committee report:** John announced that the personnel committee had met regarding staff performance reviews, raises, bonuses and benefits and that if anyone from the board had any questions they could speak with any of the committee members.

**Announcements:**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 15, 2014, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5th Ave. and Ward St,