Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council Meeting  
September 19, 2016  
Meeting Minutes

Present:


Staff: Steve Patten, Chris Sheets, Wendy Harris and Graham Banks

Guests: Jon Brough, David Haire, Brian Mahoney, Verl Pressnall, Anton Chiono, and Kevin Lindsey

(0:00-0:08) Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by John Zerba

(0:09-0:29) August 2016 Meeting Minutes – The minutes were approved as submitted.

(0:30-15:04) Groundwater Management options meeting: OWRD will be back at the end of this month and will be holding a couple of public meetings and Steven has copies of the notice with him if anyone would like one. There will be an evening meeting on Sept. 29th and a 9 a.m. meeting on the 30th. Steven and Brian came up with about 18 questions that they feel may come up at these meetings that they will give OWRD prior so that they can be ready for answering them, should they come up. Steven read off the list of questions and asked Board and attendees if anyone had any questions that they did not cover.

(15:05-18:42) Bi-State Streamflow Enhancement Study update- Steven reported that the storage committee group met last week and made a decision to focus on the Pine Creek locations (upper and lower) and are contracting with a consultant to start the feasibility study and Brian is putting together a scope of work that will go out for review in the next week or two and then out to contractors for bid.

(18:43-22:48) Aquifer Storage and Recover investigation update and OWRD Feasibility Study Funding- Steven reported that next month is the deadline for a OWRD funding opportunity. It requires 50/50 match so he has been working with the City of Milton-Freewater on looking at using their existing basalt wells for storage. We would be using the City’s existing water right off the river, diverting water off in the Winter and Spring, run it through a treatment option to bring it to drinking water standards and then inject it down their wells to help with declining water levels in the basalt. This could be implemented much faster than any other plan because of the infrastructure already in place. Another possible benefit is that the up gradient position of many of the city basalt wells would likely benefit other groundwater users in the case of any seepage. The study for this would be $50-60k for the feasibility study. Ray moved that Steven be allowed to go forward with this application, and Ralph seconded. None opposed.

(22:49-25:06) Bureau of Reclamation- We have a contract and have signed and sent back in. There is $22k for staff, $10k for Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership, and $68k for consultants who will be doing plan write up and development.
Announcements

- The next Bi-State Flow Study meeting will be October 11 at the WW Water Center, if you would like to attend please let Brian know so he can confirm the time with you. This will be a very informational meeting.
- There is an OWRD meeting Thursday at the Pendleton Convention Center at 1:30.
- OWRD Milton-Freewater area groundwater meeting will be September 29th at 6:30 and September 30th at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2016, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the Rotary Room,
Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5th Ave. and Ward St.

The times in the brackets next to each topic refer to the location of that topic in the meeting recording. There are copies of the recordings located in the “Board Room” on the WWBWC website.