Present:


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

Guests: Eric Hoverson and Chris Marks.

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

(:09) Review of minutes from August meeting – John asked if there were any additions or corrections to the previous meeting’s minutes. None were given and the minutes were approved as submitted.

(:10-2:59)-Lamb Foundation funding possibility – Graham gave a short presentation on a grant that he would like to apply for from the Lamb Foundation for our outreach program. He would like to apply for $10,000 to help supplement the same programs that OWEB is no longer able to fund. There was a motion made to allow Graham to submit an application for this funding by Ralph, it was seconded by Malcolm and there was an unanimous vote in favor of this motion.

(3:00-1:00:57) Bi-State Stream Flow Enhancement Study Update – Brian gave an update on the Bi-State Stream Flow Enhancement Study. They have been focused on the reservoir project, looking at two different options, both coming in less expensive than the cost the Corps came up with when they did their study. The 33,000 acre feet option came in with a cost of approximately $270 million and the larger reservoir with a capacity of 45,800 acre feet would have an approximate cost of $300 million. The other challenge they are working on is how to fill the reservoirs. They have come up with an 80% fill rate for the smaller sized reservoir while the larger reservoir should be able to fill approximately 70% of the time. Brian and Steve demonstrated and explained the project pairing worksheet that is available on our website. The committee received a $500K grant from the WDOE to further develop these water management strategies. Oregon has been funding individual projects through many individual project grants through OWEB. The next meeting will be October 11th.

(1:01:00-1:05:07) Couse Creek Fish Passage Designs Update - We have hired TetraTech to do the initial survey assessment and analysis. They will be starting the topographical survey next week. Brian asked for help with finding out if anyone knew how to contact a few of the landowners on the East side of the river, but has been able to contact all the landowners on the West bank.

(1:05:08-1:34:00) Nursery Bridge Fish Passage Designs Update: Brian and Eric Hoverson gave a slide presentation on the Phase 2 Fish Passage and Habitat designs of the Nursery Bridge Fish Passage project. These designs are from NSD (Natural Systems Design) which is the company working on this project.

Announcements-

OWEB Board proposals are due November 6th.
There is going to be a discussion and presentation Wednesday evening in Pendleton at the Vert Auditorium on Megafires.

Chris Marks brought up concerns the tribes have regarding WWBWC’s BPA funding and the projects that we are doing with those funds, mainly the recharge projects, and is interested in quantifying conserved water that is now able to be left in the river. For full discussion listen to recording at time 1:35:45.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 20, 2017, 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.