Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council Meeting
June 18, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Present:


Staff: Brian Wolcott, Marie Cobb, Wendy Harris, & Chris Sheets.

Guests: Chris Marks, Jim Mathieu, Arnold Coe, David Haire.

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

(:00-18:35)-Nursery Bridge, Eastside Diversion, and Fish ladder access concepts access –Brian described the second phase of the Nursery Bridge project, the goal of this project, some of the issues they are facing and some suggested solutions.

(18:36-36:23) Review Minutes of the last meeting on Monday, May 21st, 2018– Kat gave a handout of recommended changes to the May minutes. Steve motioned to accept the minutes as presented by the tribes. Ralph seconded with the vote being unanimous in favor of the motion. Ralph made a motion that the minutes continue to be general information with the audio recording of meeting being available on the website for all to listen to for reference or questions regarding topic. The motion was vote was 9-1 in favor of the motion.

(36:30-1:00:35) Walla Walla Basin Bi State water organization concept discussion- The Walla Walla Water Management Partnership that functions on the Washington side of the state line working on water issues is coming to the end of its 10 year pilot phase. Discussion is now going on as to where the partnership should go from here.

(1:00:41-1:05:59) Little Walla Walla River erosion issues- In the upper Little Walla Walla River as it flows through Milton-Freewater there has been some increased erosion issues the last few years and there is issue as to who is responsible for what, and Brian has been asked to be a mediator once a meeting has been set to help sort out the issues.

(1:06:00-1:12:30) Walla Walla River Flows and Fish Monitoring update- Brian gave an update on the current flows at different points on the river and fish numbers.

Announcements:

-Office of Columbia River meeting June 19th, 6-8 pm at WWCC

-Walla Walla Basin Flow Study Work Group meeting June 21st

-Walla Walla Basin flow study meeting July 11th.

-Lampson stakeholders and agencies side channel engineering kick off meeting will be Monday June 25th at 1:00
- Nursery Bridge/Eastside stakeholder meeting is postponed until later this summer

- Hydromania Summer Science camp will be July 10th, 11th and 12th. Applications are available on our website or at the office if you know any kids in 4-7 grade that would like to attend.

- BioBlitz at the WWCC Sat., June 30 at Rooks Park.

- We have a new Umatilla Forest Service Supervisor and he will be at the local WW ranger office to meet with public. Get a hold of Brian if you would like to know when he will be available.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5th Ave. and Ward St.

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