Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council Meeting
October 15, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Present:


Guests: David Haire, Chris Marks, Anton Chiono and Jack Ferrise.

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

(00:00-11) Review Minutes of the last meeting on September 17th, 2018–Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

(17:10:06) Project Committee Report: OWEB and OWRD grant proposals – Brian assured the board that in the future the project committee will have at least 4 weeks to review projects. Brian went over the proposals that staff would like to submit for funding to OWEB and OWRD. John reported that the project committee recommends that the board approves submission of all the proposals. Ed moved to approve the three OWEB grant proposals with Malcolm seconding. There was discussion with Chris Marks commenting and questions being asked and answered. Ralph made a motion that all proposals be allowed to be modified, if need be, so that it is also supported by our partners and Malcolm also seconded that motion. All motions passed unanimously.

(10:07-20:54) Walla Walla Basin Integrated Flow Enhancement Study Update–Brian gave an update on the meeting the prior week.

(20:56-21:53) WWBWC Strategic Action Planning Update- Brian met with Ralph, Dave Haire, and Eric Holverson on September 24th to go over on the WWBWC Strategic Action Plan. They will be meeting again on October 22nd to finalize proposed recommended changes to the board at the November meeting.

(21:54-23:27) Couse Creek Confluence Fish Passage Designs Update – Brian gave update on the Couse Creek Confluence design work. A letter was received giving the go ahead by the Corps of Engineers.

(23:28-38:21) River Cleanup discussion- Brian showed photos from the current condition along the river in regards to trash and homeless camps. Sgt. Gregory contacted Brian to see if we could organize another cleanup day. Sgt. Gregory said they would be present on any cleanup day should we have one. Discussion was had. Brian will gather some answers to some of the questions and we will revisit next month.

(38:22-47:00) WWBWC Board Membership and training opportunities discussion- Brian has had some interest from a couple of individuals wanting to possibly be a member of our board. We are always looking to have representation that makes up a balanced board to cover all the different interests. This is the time of the year for nominations if anyone knows anybody that is interested. Ralph gave some ideas on board member training opportunities.

Announcements:

-Nursery Bridge Fish Passage Stakeholders meeting to review updated design alternatives. Meeting at the WWCC Water Center, October 18th from 12:30-3:00
November 15th Meeting in Hermiston with Northeastern Oregon Water Association who are trying to start a work group for a pilot program for anyone interested in basalt aquifer stabilization. Get a hold of Chris Marks if you are interested in attending.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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

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