Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council Meeting
December 17, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Council Members: Ed Chesnut, Clark Lampson, Steve Irving, Vern Rodighiero, Ralph Perkins, Larry Widner, John Zerba and Molly Reid, Gary James


Guests: Kat Brigham, David Haire, John Shafer, Caty Clifton, Jack Ferrise and Anton Chiono.

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

(00:42) Review Minutes of the last meeting on November 19th—The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved with the following change, the next meeting said November 19th instead of December 17.

(43-2:16) Personnel Committee Update and recommendation - John reported that the personnel committee met to review personnel performance and wages. Any changes have been postponed until it is determined if we will be getting the new funding we have applied for in the Spring. The committee is making one recommendation that the policy on vacation be amended to make it so employees are able to accrue over 240 hours of vacation but their total at the end of the year must be at 240 or below, and anything over 240 will be lost starting the new year. Vern made a motion to support with Ralph seconding and a unanimous vote was had supporting the motion.

(2:17-5:26) Nominating Committee Update and recommendation – John reported that the nominating committee reviewed applications from Arnold Coe, Caty Clifton and Kevin Scribner to be board members. It was the committee’s recommendation that all 3 would bring new perspectives to the board and be great additions to the board. Ed moved that all 3 be added to the board with Vern seconding and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

(5:27-13:16) WWBWC and CTUIR board member discussions update - Ralph and Kat gave an overview of the meeting between the tribes and WWBWC board. They discussed various topics in regards to our working together for the betterment of both groups and the people, places and things they represent.

(13:17-16:55) WWBWC Strategic Action Planning update – The tribes have provided some suggestions that will go to the planning committee before they present it to the rest of the board for vote on approval of changes.

(16:56-21:47) Couse Creek Confluence Fish Passage Designs - Brian went over the Couse Creek Confluence designs which are now at the 90% complete phase. We hope to go to construction in Summer of 2019.

(21:48-32:44) Basalt Groundwater meeting update and Groundwater Study Proposal - John reported that OWRD was here last week and had two more informational meetings for the public and information for basalt well owners. The deadline for the having meters on your wells is the beginning of the year and they will be starting inspections at that time. They left cost share information packets at the WWBWC office if anyone knows of anyone that may need them.

(59:35-1:32:44) WWBWC Strategic Action Planning update (mission, goals, objectives, priorities) – Brian went over the proposed changes recommended by the strategic action planning committee (Ralph, Molly, Vern, David Haire, Eric Holverson and Brian). Some questions were raised so there will be some more work done and we hope to vote on adopting the changes at the next meeting. Please send any comments you may have to Brian.
Announcements:

- Brian introduced our new Umatilla County Commissioner elect, John Shafer who was attending our meeting tonight. Mr. Shafer let us know of the new Asst. Watermaster here in Milton Freewater, Janna Stevens.

- Walla Walla Basin Integrated Flow Enhancement Study meeting January 16th at WWCC from 9-3pm and is open to the public.

- the next WWBWC meeting in January will be our annual meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 21st, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5th Ave. and Ward St.

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