Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council Meeting  
November 19, 2018  
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Council Members: Ed Chesnut, Clark Lampson, Sean Roloff, Malcolm Millar, Vern Rodighiero, Ralph Perkins, Larry Widner, John Zerba and Molly Reid


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

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

(00:01:48) Review Minutes of the last meeting on October 15, 2018–Ed motioned that the Minutes from the previous meeting be approved with the following changes, Sheriff was changed to Sgt. Gregory, in the announcements it was clarified that the November 15th meeting in Hermiston was for anyone interested in the basalt aquifer stabilization and Jack Firrise, a guest at our last meeting was incorrectly identified. Malcolm seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

(1:49-16:55) Walla Walla Basin Integrated Flow Enhancement Study Update- Brian gave an update on some of the engineering work being done in regards to the fault line that lies beneath the proposed Pine Creek Reservoir site and the mitigation thereof. The last meeting was October 10th and the next meeting will be in January.

(16:56-22:54) Couse Creek Confluence Fish Passage Designs Update -Brian gave an update and reviewed the designs from the Couse Creek Fish Passage project. He has been working on getting through the 60% design review questions from all the different agencies.

(22:55-27:55) Lampson Side Channel Designs- Brian showed what the goal of this project will be and what they hope these designs will do to help with fish passage and habitat. The designs are at 30% complete and moving to the 60% complete phase. Brian would like to be able to go to construction next summer, but unsure if that will be possible.

(27:56-35:49) Nursery Bridge Fish Passage Designs update – This is a project that the Umatilla tribes fish habitat program is the lead on and Brian wanted to, as a partner on this project, give an overview of this project, it’s issues and how the designs are coming along to address the issues.

(35:50-45:26) River Cleanup discussion- Brian went over his and Graham’s discussion with Sgt. Gregory and our role in helping with this ongoing problem.

(45:27-53:19) WWBWC Board Member Recruiting- Brian has received inquiries from a few individuals who would like to be considered to become board members of the WWBWC. There may be some concerns about the balance of the interests of our board and adding new members may help with this issue. We want all voices to be heard and have a say when it comes to matters of the WWBWC. He has sent out applications to the interested parties and will convene a meeting of our nominating committee to review the submitted applications. They will make recommendations to the board at the next meeting.

(53:20-59:34) Board self-evaluation using OWEB survey tool- It is time once again to do our board self-evaluation. This is necessary to do every 2 years to be considered for OWEB funding. Brian will send this out to board members using Survey Monkey. Ralph has found a good booklet that gives a lot of information to non-
profite boards on a variety of issues faced by them. Brian is going to look for a digital version to get out to board members.

(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:

- there will be a Personnel Committee Meeting on Tuesday, November 27th at 9 a.m. and Wendy will be getting out information to members by Tuesday.

- OWRD has submitted a Walla Walla Basin study proposal to the Governor’s office in hopes of getting this study in the budget.

- Chris Marks read a letter to the board from the CTUIR board.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 17, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5th Ave. and Ward St.

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