Present:


Staff: Brian Wolcott, Wendy Harris, Troy Baker, Marie Cobb, Graham Banks, Luke Adams

Guests: None

Project Committee meeting was held prior to the regular open meeting. (:00-1:07:32)

Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by John Zerba

(1:07:32-1:08:36) Review Minutes of the March meeting–Ray moved to approve the minutes for March as submitted, with Vern seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve minutes.

(1:08:37-1:18:21) WWBWC Projects Committee recommendations- The project committee reviewed 10 BPA project proposals and recommend the top 5 for submission. The motion to approve these 5 projects was made by Steve and seconded by Ed with unanimous vote in favor of moving ahead with the top 5 projects for BPA. The other proposals for grant applications are an OWEB Lampson Creek project, The Watershed restoration story for OWEB, a Walla Walla Pesticide grant with ODA and doing outreach on the need to manage water more sustainably in the basin and give options to water users. Ray moved to approve the submission of these 4 grants with Jack seconding and unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

(1:18:22-1:41:24) WWBWC Action Plan Committee update – Brian gave an update on the Action Plan that the committee updated and sent out to the board for review. Only two board members have responded to the e-mail. Caty responded with some suggestions and Brian shared those with the board. Discussion was had about the Mission Statement and the Action Plan.


(2:03:25-2:12:57) NRCS forest fire risk reduction strategy- the engineer at the Pendleton NRCS office, Nathan James, is wondering if the WWBWC would be interested in being a partner in helping to create a forest fire reduction buffer area along the border of private forest land and Forest Service land. Brian discussed what this would entail and how they anticipate funding for this project. Brian will e-mail board with more information.

(2:12:58-2:19:51) Outreach program updates:

WWBWC Projects Tour- Graham gave report on the projects tour from the prior weekend. 29 people attended.

Angling regulation/fish species identification signs project- Bill Duke has talked about applying for $5,000 in funding for signs that would identify the species of fish in the river and talk about angling regulations and was wondering if we would be interested in partnering with them and do some posting of the signs.

(2:19:52) Announcements:

-May 29th Flow Enhancement Study Steering Committee Meeting
- April 20th-Walla Walla Trout Unlimited meeting
- April 30th—Weston McEwen high school classes field trip to Minthorn facility for salmon fry release and Steelhead spawning
-April 22nd Beaver Believers movie at GESA Powerhouse Theater Walla Walla
-May 16th Steelheaders crab feed
-May 18th Return to the River Festival Walla Walla Community College
-May 29th Watershed Field Day
-June 1st Bio-Blitz Fort Walla Walla Nature Area
-June 3rd-7th M-F Outdoor School Buck Creek on the Umatilla River

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 20th, 2019, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5th Ave. and Ward St.

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