Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council Meeting  
January 21, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Council Members: Gary James, Ed Chesnut, Clark Lampson, Steve Irving, Vern Rodighiero, Ralph Perkins, John Zerba, Molly Reid, Caty Clifton, Butch Coe, Kevin Scribner

Staff: Brian Wolcott, Wendy Harris, Tara Patten, Marie Cobb, Graham Banks, and Luke Adams

Guests:

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

(5:53-10:01) Review Minutes of the last meeting on December 17th, 2018–Most of the board did not get minutes from the last meeting as they were not e-mailed out, they were however available in the “Board Room” on our website. It had been discussed at a previous meeting that the minutes would not be e-mailed out until they had been approved by the board so that any additions or corrections were already made and only a final draft was available to the public. Brian will remind board to review minutes when he sends out the meeting reminder and Agenda for February. The board will vote to approve, amend, or decline the minutes from the last meeting later in this meeting, once everyone has had a chance to review. The new board members have not been officially approved by the county, but we will proceed under the assumption that they will all be approved. They are Butch Coe, Caty Clifton and Kevin Scribner. The nominating committee also recommends Jack Ferrise to be made a board member. Ed moved to elect Jack Ferrise to the board with Vern seconding the nomination. The vote was unanimous in favor of adding Jack Ferrise to the board.

(10:02-16:20) Officer/Executive Committee Selection- John (chairman), Ed (secretary/treasurer) and Vern (vice-chairman) and Kevin (at-large member) were nominated to the executive committee by Ralph and the motion was seconded by Steve and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

(16:21-17:30) Committee memberships –Put up a list of committees and the board members on each committee on the screen. If anyone wants to be a member of any of the committees, they can get a hold of Brian, Wendy or Chris and they will be added to the committee and notified and included in the scheduling of any meetings. Gary wants to be added to project committee.

(17:31-1:01:05) Walla Walla Basin Integrated Flow Enhancement Study- January meeting update- Brian and Gary gave an update on last week’s quarterly meeting.

(1:01:06-1:11:06) Couse Creek Confluence Fish Passage Designs Update – Brian showed and 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.

(1:11:07-1:14:30) OWRD Walla Walla Water Study Budget legislation, and draft WWBWC support letter- Brian has draft letter done that has been emailed to board members for approval. Brian gave his list of who he will send it to, will double check with Raquel at the OWRD to make sure it gets to everyone it should get to. John thinks it should also go to our local representatives. Brian already made suggested edits that he has received so far and one other suggestion was made to change second paragraph on second sentence to change it to the study “group” instead of just study. Steve moved to approve letter to be sent as amended with Ed seconding and unanimous vote in favor of the motion.
Spring creeks flow performance update – Marie gave a presentation on the performance of the springs coming out of the alluvial fan. This report is meant to show the effectiveness results of the OWEB Mud Creek Project Grant which has been over for a while and this is the monitoring part that is now finishing up.

WWBWC Projects Tour-setting a date-Would like to set a date so that Blue Mountain Land Trust would be able to promote it in their land series booklet they put out in early February. Graham is thinking April 13th as a possibility. Weekday and Weekends have both worked in the past. Make sure the Walla Walla Partnership gets an invitation as well as WWCC Quest.

Announcements:

-Steve wanted to acknowledge the private citizens that have taken it upon themselves to organize and take on the river clean up.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 18th, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5th Ave. and Ward St.

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