Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council Meeting
December 16, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Council Members: Gary James, Ed Chesnut, Clark Lampson, John Ferrise, Catherine Clifton, Malcolm Millar, Vern Rodighiero, Ralph Perkins, Larry Widner, Molly Reid, and John Zerba.


Guests: Jim Mathieu

Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by John Zerba

Prior to the meeting was the Project Committee Meeting (0:00-28:00)

(28:05-28:21) Review Minutes of the November meeting – Minutes were approved as submitted.

(28:24-29:36) WWBWC Board Member elections- Clark and Malcolm’s terms are up, both have agreed to remain on the board if so elected, no other applications for board positions were submitted. John called for any other nominations and there were none. It was moved and seconded that both Clark and Malcolm continue as board members, there was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

(29:37-34:55) Personnel Committee recommendation – The personnel committee met last week for annual review of staff and policy. With the funding being reduced and priorities being shifted the administration is asking for Marie’s position to be shifted to a part time position for the next two months and then let her go because at this point fish passage is where there is funding available. We will need to hire a part time watershed restoration specialist.

(34:56-38:58) Project Committee recommendation– Troy would like to submit an application for $49K to DWPP for a grant to inventory the water quality and quantity of the upper South Fork Walla Walla river’s undocumented springs. Graham is also proposing that he would like to submit a $7,400 application to the Wildhorse Foundation in support of the education program. He was hoping to be able to bring back the summer camp this summer if he gets the additional funding. The project committee is in support of both of these grants being applied for. There was a unanimous vote in favor of submission of these grant applications.

(38:59-51:20) Walla Walla Basin Integrated Flow Enhancement Study update- Brian reported that the group just had their quarterly meeting and that the engineer’s draft flow study report has been distributed for comments. They have received comments regarding the location of the reservoir in the study and that this study, and the possible project(s) that may come from this study, will do no harm to the community in any capacity. During the meeting they also prioritized the study tasks list through the year 2021.

(51:21-1:03:35) North Fork Walla Walla Push-up Dam Alternatives Design update- Brian showed some slides of the project and gave an update on the progress of this project.

(1:03:36-1:07:59) Lampson Side Channel Habitat Project update- Brian reported that the final design are done and he went over the designs with the attendees. He is now working on the permits for this project as funding for construction is secured. Project will go out for bid later this spring.
**Couse Creek Confluence Fish Passage Project update**- Brian shared a few photos from the project and talked about the plantings that were done. He gave a big thanks to Graham, Graham’s dad and Clark for all of their help.

**2019 Projects slideshow**- Wendy put together a slideshow of all the projects from this year for an end of the year recap.

**Announcements:**

- Walla Walla Water 2050 Plan meeting on December 18th.
- There will be a groundbreaking ceremony at the Walla Walla Hatchery on Jan. 10th at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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

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