Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council
October 21, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Council Members: Gary James, Ed Chesnut, Clark Lampson, Steve Irving, Arnold Coe, Catherine Clifton, Vern Rodighiero, Larry Widner, and John Zerba.

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

Guests: Brien Park, Lindsey King, Jeanne Denker, and Janna Stevens.

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

(00:01-06) Review Minutes of the September meeting—Minutes from September need to be corrected as follows: the heading needs to reflect September 16, 2019 meeting minutes instead of August and in first items on minutes it should show that we reviewed August minutes not June minutes. The changes will be made and sent back out to board members for their review so that they may approve them at the November meeting. Also need to make sure August minutes reflect that July minutes were approved, not June.

(1:07-15:19) Walla Walla Basin Integrated Flow Enhancement Study update—Brian gave update on quarterly steering committee meeting that happened last week. A modeling update was given with a couple of different scenarios ran. They also reviewed a list of data gaps and the funding task list.

(15:20-27:00) Walla Walla Basin Water 2050 Planning workshop update—Brian and Gary reported on this workshop they went to a couple of weeks ago. About 125 people attended. They gave an overview of the situation in the Walla Walla Valley, what are the concerns and issues that WDOE wants to work on as they are developing a vision and plan for the Walla Walla Basin.

(27:01-36:08) Project Committee recommendation on grant proposals—The following grant proposals were discussed and voted on by the board as to whether they should be applied for:

- OWEB Technical Assistance grant for WW River Assessment- 9 in favor/0 opposed
- OWEB Technical Assistance grant for Joe West habitat design- 9 in favor/0 opposed
- OWEB small grant for Roloff irrigation efficiency- 9 in favor/0 opposed

(36:09-51:56) Grant Proposal Discussion—Brian went over some proposals that were discussed at the last project committee meeting. He will be asking for letters of support and input from our board, along with other agencies such as CTUIR. These proposals need to be submitted by November 13.

- US Bureau of Reclamation grant for completing the Flow Study
- OWRD Feasibility Study grant for Pine Creek reservoir fault line study
- OWEB Partnership grant for ongoing water planning sent in to OWEB

(51:57-1:05:00) Oregon Water Vision video—About 5 years ago the State of Oregon completed the Integrated Water Resources Strategy that was headed up by the OWRD, Oregon DEQ and OWEB and they are now working on meeting with stakeholder groups around the State to talk about developing an Oregon Water Vision and how Oregon is going to move forward and what the data gaps and the priorities are in each basin. Brian showed a video this group put together in regards to what they envision.
Marie gave a summary of her presentation that she gave to the Washington Conservation Commission when they were in town for their quarterly meeting.

Graham showed us a video on his Watershed Field Day. The Forest Service, Jimmy Turner, Terry Reynolds, Wendy Harris all had stations the 5th graders got to visit to learn a variety of environmental topics.

Announcements:

- We heard from OWEB that we did secure the financing to do the Lampson Habitat project this summer.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2019, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5th Ave. and Ward St.

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