

Wasco County Watershed Councils Coordinating Board

Meeting Minutes

USDA Service Center, The Dalles

Wednesday July 3, 2019

12:01PM – 12:30PM

Attendees:

Abbie Forrest, *Coordinator*

Bob Krein, *Bakeoven*

Bill Hammel, *Fifteenmile*

Ken Bailey, *The Dalles*

Phil Kaser, *Fifteenmile*

Pat Davis, *Chair White River*

Welcome, Agenda Review & Minute Approval

Pat called the meeting to order and asked board members if they had any questions or changes to the last meetings minutes. *Bob moved to approve the minutes as presented, Bill seconded and the motion passed.*

2017-2019 Work Plan & 2019-2021 Work Plan Progress Reports

Abbie presented the Coordinating Board with two sets of spreadsheets; one was the 2017-2019 Watershed Councils Work Plan, and the second the 2019-2021 Work Plan. Both of the work plans are separated by council, project name, category, priority, and status. The spreadsheets are an easier way to track the current status of each project that is outlined in the Watershed Council Capacity Grant. The Coordinating Board members suggested this document be made available during quarterly meetings as well as available to local councils. This is a good tool to see what projects are happening throughout the entire county and to make sure each council are meeting their project goals.

Coordinating Board Chair Elections

Current positions at the start of the meeting are as follows: Pat Davis, Chair; Bob Krein, Vice Chair; Bryce Molesworth, Secretary Treasurer. *Phil moved to nominate the existing officers, Ken seconded.* Phil commented that he appreciates Pat, Bob and Bryce's support on the board. *Motion passed.*

Watershed Council Updates

Abbie briefly provide updates on each watershed council with their next meeting schedules and agendas. The Dalles council met yesterday (July 2nd) and received updates on water quality monitoring from the SWCD and DEQ. The Fifteenmile Watershed Council will be meeting again in September. Work continues on the Managed Underground Storage project and seeking locations for a pilot project. Mosier Watershed Council will meet on August 28th. The council had to cancel their regularly scheduled July meeting, but will receive updates on the groundwater contamination monitoring from DEQ, as well as hear updates from OWRD on ground water levels and trends. White River and Bakeoven councils do not have a meeting scheduled yet but plan to meet this fall and hear updates on current projects.

Fifteenmile watershed council member Phil Kaser brought up his concern regarding ODFW not being more present at the watershed council meetings. He stated the they are the boots on the ground who are constantly monitoring and dealing with the steelhead, their input is needed and encouraged. The council appreciates their insight and expertise.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40PM.

Minutes prepared by Abbie Forrest.