

# Wasco County Watershed Councils Coordinating Board

Meeting Minutes  
Virtual Meeting  
Wednesday November 4, 2020  
3:00 – 3:15 PM

## **Attendees:**

Abbie Forrest, *Coordinator*

Ken Bailey, *The Dalles*

Robert Wallace, *Wy'east RC&D*

Phil Kaser, *Fifteenmile*

Bob Krein, *Bakeoven / Buckhollow*

Drake Gilbert, *SWCD*

Steve Beyers, *The Dalles*

## **Welcome, Agenda Review & Minute Approval**

Bob called the meeting to order and asked if there were any changes or updates to the agenda. Abbie mentioned that she wanted to discuss the OWEB panel questions that she was asked to be apart of after the annual report.

*Ken moved to approve the last meeting minutes as presented, Phil seconded, and the motion passed.*

Abbie noted the minutes had the incorrect meeting date in the heading and will update.

## **Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Annual Report**

Abbie presented the recently completed 2019-2020 watershed council annual report to the board. She opened up discussion to the board, asking if they had any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the annual report before it was sent off to the county commissioners. The board indicated that they had no edits to suggest, and that everything looked in good shape to be finalized and sent off. Board members thanked Abbie for her work on the Annual report, to which she responded by saying that the coordinating board has been putting in great work and gaining an increasing amount of attention, and was more than deserving of having a quality report prepared to share their great work with the public.

*Phil moved to approve the 2019-2020 Annual Report, Ken seconded, and the motion passed.*

## **OWEB Panel Questions**

Abbie introduced the topic by providing some brief background, explaining that OWEB asked her to participate in a panel discussion regarding organizational collaboration. Abbie sent out the questions that she was going to be asked by OWEB along with a brief commentary written by Pat Davis with his thoughts on the questions before the meeting. She asked if anyone had any additional input or thoughts on the questions, to which Ken mentioned that she should bring up the various Mosier Well projects as an example of collaborative decision making and restoration within the councils, as it involved collaboration all the way up to the level of state legislature. Brief discussion ensued around the topic, and it was ultimately decided that everything looked good.

## **Schedule Annual Presentation to the County Commissioners**

Abbie explained that the original date of December 2<sup>nd</sup> for the meeting would not work due to her being out of town, and that the best date to reschedule to would be December 16th. She said that the meeting would be a virtual meeting likely held on zoom, and that she would send a link for the meeting out closer to the meeting date. Ken shared his thoughts on the importance of being invited to present to the county commissioners on the work they do, which was met with agreeance by Abbie and the other board members.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

Minutes prepared by Drake Gilbert.