

Wasco County Watershed Councils Coordinating Board

Meeting Minutes

USDA Service Center, The Dalles

Wednesday May 1, 2019

3:15PM – 4:00PM

Attendees:

Abbie Forrest, *Coordinator*

Kris McNall, *Mosier*

Phil Kaser, *Fifteenmile*

Pat Davis, *Chair White River*

Bob Krein, *Bakeoven*

Bryce Molesworth, *Mosier*

Scott Susi, *SWCD*

Bill Hammel, *Fifteenmile*

Ken Bailey, *The Dalles*

Shilah Olson, *SWCD (phone)*

Welcome, Agenda Review & Minute Approval

Pat called the meeting to order. There were no additions or changes to the agenda. Pat asked for a motion to approve the February meeting minutes.

Bill moved to accept the minutes as distributed, Bryce seconded and the motion passed.

Interview Questions and OWEB Concerns

Abbie shared with the council, that the Wasco County Watershed Councils did not meet merit criteria for OWEB's Watershed Council Capacity Grant. The Coordinating Board is due in Pendleton on May 15th for a secondary review process interview, with OWEB program managers and other panel members from different agencies throughout the state. OWEB provided a list of questions that will be asked during the interview. Abbie shared that list with the Coordinating Board and went through each question. The board shared their point of view on the changes that have been made through OWEB's guidance and how the board has adapted.

Coordinating Board members shared how each project is unique to their individual council. Members also discussed the strong relationships that they have with all different types of partners and how these relationships have developed crucial restoration projects, programs and watershed benefits. The Coordinating Board also discussed how this is the platform between the council's and our partners for getting work on the ground.

Members present also discussed how to show OWEB what we are accomplishing. The Board agreed that they are going to keep doing whatever it takes to continue to receive OWEB funding and market it to the best of their ability by emphasizing how we are separate from the SWCD but are better together.

Discussion continued around the interview questions, and application process.

Members agreed to take the interview questions home and study before the interview.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10PM

Minutes prepared by Abbie Forrest.