



# Wasco County Watershed Councils Coordinating Board

*Mosier, The Dalles, Fifteenmile, White River, Bakeoven and Buck Hollow Watersheds*

Meeting Minutes  
Teleconference  
Wednesday April 1, 2020  
2:00PM – 2:30PM

## **Attendees:**

Abbie Forrest, *Coordinator*  
Ken Bailey, *The Dalles*  
Jennifer Sampson, *SWCD*

Bill Hammel, *Fifteenmile*  
Phil Kaser, *Fifteenmile*  
Shilah Olson, *District Manager*

Pat Davis, *Chair, White River*  
Bob Krein, *Bakeoven*

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

Pat called the meeting to order and asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. There were none. The minutes from the previous meeting were not available in time for this meeting so this agenda item was tabled.

## **Watershed Council Work Plan Update**

Abbie provided the Coordinating Board members with an updated Work Plan for the 2019-2021 biennium. Council projects are listed in an excel spreadsheet sorted by: watershed council, Project, Category, Priority and Status. The work plan status sheet helps track current council projects as well as keep up to date on OWEB requirements for the capacity grant. The work plan helps to keep the board abreast on projects throughout the biennium, as well as what is happening in other watersheds. Abbie said she will provide OWEB with a progress report in December as well as provide a draft of the Annual Report at the next meeting.

## **Annual Elections**

Current officers: Chair Pat Davis, Vice Chair Bob Krein, Secretary Bryce Molesworth.

*Phil moved to re-elect all three current positions for officers. Bill seconded and the motion passed.*

## **General Updates and Announcements**

### ***Current and Pending Grant Applications***

Abbie shared a quick update on current and pending grants. The spreadsheet was shared with members during the SWCD District Board meeting, as the SWCD is the fiscal sponsor for the Watershed Councils and a partner in a majority of the projects.

### ***OWEB Small Grant Program***

The OWEB Small Grant program is once again accepting applications for watershed and wildlife habitat enhancement projects. The grant program was temporarily put on hold during the beginning of the COVID-19 shutdown. The Small Grant program is funded through the Oregon Lottery and funds were uncertain during the state shutdown.

### ***Watershed Council Website***

Abbie announced that although Watershed Council meetings have been postponed for the foreseeable future, monitoring and data collection has for the most part, continued on. Monitoring presentations that were

scheduled to be shared at the local council meetings have been shared on the watershed council website for folks interested in viewing them.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Agenda items will include individual watershed council updates as well as reviewing the draft Annual Report for FY 2019-2020.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:58pm.

Minutes prepared by Abbie Forrest.