

Wasco County Watershed Councils Coordinating Board

Meeting Minutes

Discovery Center, The Dalles

Thursday February 21, 2019

5:00PM – 5:30PM

Attendees:

Abbie Forrest, *Coordinator*

Phil Kaser, *15mile Co-Chair*

Bob Krein, *Bakeoven/BH Chair*

Bill Hammel, *15mile Co-Chair*

Bryce Molesworth, *Mosier Co-Chair*

Ken Bailey, *The Dalles Co-Chair*

Pat Davis, *WR Chair/CB Chair*

Pat called the meeting to order, and Abbie distributed meeting materials.

Work Plan Update

Abbie presented the Coordinating Board attendees with the 2019-2021 biennium work plan. Work Plans were sent to all council chairs prior to this meeting for time to review. Abbie also shared an abstract statement that is a new requirement for the council capacity grant. Pat had put together the abstract using OWEB's guidance documents. Phil asked if Farm Service Agency should be listed as a partner agency. Abbie said she would ask Shilah and Lissa and add them if appropriate. "Wasco County cities and landowners," was also added to the abstract for participating agencies and people.

Bryce moved to approve the 2019-2021 Work Plan for the Watershed Council Capacity Grant. Bill seconded and the motion passed.

Updating Watershed Council By-laws

A copy of the revised by-laws were distributed among board members. Abbie pointed out several suggested changes that were made per OWEB's new guidance along with improving areas for consistency. Abbie went through the by-laws and pointed out these changes including: a new council mission statement, council meeting schedules, and quorum rules.

Bob moved to approve the by-laws with the suggested changes. Bryce seconded.

Pat suggested bringing forth these revised by-laws to all of the upcoming local watershed councils for review. Board members agreed to have them reviewed on their upcoming respective agendas.

Motion passed.

Memorandum of Understanding with the Wasco County SWCD

Abbie shared with the members an updated and revised copy of the MOU with the District. She stated that the previous MOU suggested annual updates and approval. Abbie suggested the board change the updates from annual to every biennium to stay consistent with the capacity grant. Board members agreed. Abbie also stated the MOU was reviewed by SDAO and District Manager Shilah Olson. These suggested changes stem from their review and guidance.

Bob moved to approve the MOU with the SWCD with the suggested changes, Phil seconded and the motion passed.

The MOU will be brought to the next SWCD District Board meeting for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30PM

Minutes prepared by Abbie Forrest.