

**Minutes of the meeting for the
South Fork John Day River Watershed Council**

The South Fork John Day River Watershed Council met on the 10th day of July 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm, by Joanne Keerins at the Izee Schoolhouse in Izee, Oregon.

In attendance for regular session:

Joanne Keerins, Chair, Keerins Ranch	Phil St. Clair, Vice Chair, Rocking 9 Ranch	Micah Wilson, Alternate Director, Izee Ranch	M.T. Anderson	Amy Stiner, SFJDWC	
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Quorum was present because there are currently 7 directors on the board and 4 were represented at this meeting.

I. Action Items

- a. June Meeting Minutes, Phil moved to approve, Micah 2nd, vote passed unanimous
- b. Staff Time: June; Phil moved to approve, Micah 2nd, vote passed unanimous
- c. Check Request for Ash Creek Forest Management; Phil moves to approve, Micah 2nd, Phil asked if this was just for the Reed Canary Grass spray, Amy stated that it was. Vote passed unanimously

II. Agency Reports

III. Staff Report

- a. Meetings/Trainings
 - i. Oregon State Weed Board Tour. The tour began in Prineville, where we released Russian knapweed biocontrol, then looked at medusa head treatment, and stopped at the Nature Conservancy Property and visited with them regarding what they have been working on. The tour ended at the Keerins Ranch, where the State Weed Board was able to see Scotch Thistle treatment as part of the cooperative Crook County/South Fork John Day Watershed Council/Grant SWCD Weed Control project.
- b. Outreach/Education
 - i. Natural Resource Camp, Elise chaperoned, and we will ask her for an update.
- c. Ongoing Projects
 - i. Weeds:
 1. Knapweed, Musk, & Whitetop: Complete
 2. Amy will survey weed treatment for landowners that performed their own treatment for scotch and musk.
 - ii. South Fork Fire Monitoring: Completed for 2017, the higher elevation property showed multiple species of grass and forbs. The Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area had more annual grasses. The Directors discussed the presence/absence of medusa and Ventanata in the Upper South Fork.
 - iii. Juvenile Chinook Monitoring: Discussed landowner contacts, and landowner concerns. Landowner frustrations that we've heard have been with ODFW constantly requesting access, but never assisting when the landowner needs assistance.
 - iv. Sheep Creek Restoration, Cody Cole has stated that he will have the Buck and Pole fencing done by the end of July.
 - v. Outhouse spring is flagged and ready for the fence, which Brad Browning will construct.
 - vi. Riparian Re-vegetation
 1. Beaver Dam Analogue (BDA) Installations, September 8-12th, any volunteers are welcome to help!
 2. September 11th, board meeting BDA tour
- d. Grant Applications
 - i. The Ford Family Foundation: Coordinated Resource Management Planning Facilitation
- e. Project Proposals, In-Progress
 - i. Woodward Property Improvements: Spring development, Juniper Removal, Boundary Fence
 - ii. Johnson Creek Juniper: Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area
 - iii. Murderers Creek Allotment Springs

- iv. Caribou Pasture Enhancements: have Micah or Richard take me on tour
- v. Aldrich Allotment Enhancements; commitment on troughs, spring development file from FS, roll in one more fields peak trough
- vi. Widows Creek Ranch Enhancements: Convert ditch to pipe, Juniper removal
- vii. St. Clair & Izee Ranch Cooperative Water Development: OWEB small grant
- viii. Izee & Inshallah Cooperative Water Development: OWEB small grant
- ix. Rockpile Ranch/Wind Creek project: Pending property tour

IV. Discussion

- a. OWEB Council Capacity Awards: The SFJDWC was awarded full funding at \$118,425.00
- b. Black Grass Bug: Phil has noticed the Black Grass Bug on some of his grasses, and wanted to raise awareness. An information sheet is available.

V. Coming Up

- a. July 13-14th, Network of Oregon Watershed Council Board Meeting, Roseburg, OR
- b. August 7-8th, Beaver Dam Analogue training in Wheeler County for project managers, and Contractors
- c. August 14th – SFJDWC Meeting: Oregon Department of Agriculture, Maria Snodgrass, informative presentation on ODA's Focus Areas, and their role in water quality.
- d. Beaver Dam Analogue Installations, September 8-12th, volunteers welcome

VI. Joanne adjourned the meeting at 2:25 pm, with our next meeting date being August 14th, 2017.