

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

The South Fork John Day River Watershed Council met on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 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	Richard Nelson, Director, Izee Ranch/Phone	Maria Snodgress, ODA Ag Water Quality	Amy Stiner, SFJDWC Coordinator	
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Quorum was not present because there are currently 7 directors on the board and 3 were represented at this meeting, electronic consent will be requested.

**I. Action Items**

- a. April Meeting Minutes: Phil moves to approve the April Meeting Minutes, Richard: asked about the cooperative spring development, and wild horse flight. Richard 2<sup>nd</sup>, all 3-present voted in favor.
- b. April Staff Time: Phil moves to approve April Staff time, Richard 2<sup>nd</sup>, all 3-present voted in favor
- c. Staff Reimbursement Requests: Phil moves to approve requests from Amy and Elise, Richard 2<sup>nd</sup>, all 3 present voted in favor
- d. Check Request to Brad Browning for 217-6005: Izee Allotment, Spoon Creek and Outhouse Spring Fences: Phil moves to approve, Joanne 2<sup>nd</sup>, Phil and Joanne vote in favor.

**II. Agency Reports**

- a. **Maria Snodgress, Oregon Department of Agriculture, Ag Water Quality**

**III. Staff Report**

- a. Project Updates
  - i. Open Projects
    1. Riparian Revegetation: Spraying now, and CTWS completed a drone flight, next up is mulching
    2. Izee Allotment: Spoon & Outhouse fences are complete, Brad Browning has started on the Latigo Ridge fence, and we have secured the cattle guard for that fence.
    3. Kee property: Elise and Jeff Maben have assessed the value of the Juniper
    4. Whitetop biocontrol & Canadian thistle rust, anyone that is interested in the Canadian thistle bio-control can contact ODA Biological Control Entomologist, Joel Price, 503-986-4624 [jprice@oda.state.or.us](mailto:jprice@oda.state.or.us)
    5. Musk and Scotch treatments: Holding sign-ups now, and Matt Wenick will begin treatments soon
  - ii. Grant Reports for March
    1. OWEB, Spring Applications: Wind Creek Restoration Assessment, Magic Lantern Upland Improvements, Tex Creek Restoration Design, Murderers Creek Water Developments, Bark Restoration Assessment.
    2. ODF, Landscape Scale Restoration (LaSR): This grant is used to address Forest health issues along boundaries of State property. We are working with ODF, Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area, Malheur National Forest, and the Widows Creek Ranch to request funding for treatment on the Wildlife Area.
  - iii. Partnerships/Outreach/Education
    1. Farm to School: Dayville School Garden. Elise finished up the Farm to School year by completing a school garden at the Dayville School, equipped with a watering system and protective fence for about a half acre garden area.

**IV. Discussion**

**V. Coming Up**

- a. John Day Basin Partnership/Middle Fork Intensively Monitored Watershed Joint Meeting, May 15th
- b. Bark Planning Meeting, May 17<sup>th</sup>

**VI. Adjourn, Next meeting date: June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**