

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

The South Fork John Day River Watershed Council met on the 9th day of July 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 pm, by Joanne Keerins at the Izee Schoolhouse in Izee, Oregon.

In attendance for regular session:

Phil St. Clair	Joanne Keerins	Jeff Maben	Scott Hess	Amy Stiner	

Quorum was present because there are currently 7 directors on the board and 3 were represented at this meeting.

I. Action Items

- a. June Meeting Minutes: Phil moved to approve, Scott 2nd, all present voted in favor.
- b. June Staff Time: Phil moved to approve, Scott 2nd, all present voted in favor.
- c. Staff Reimbursement Requests: Phil moved to approve, Scott 2nd, all present voted in favor.
- d. Contract Approval for Ecological Research to Perform the Instruction for the BDA Workshop: Scott moved to approve item 1d, Phil 2nd, Scott discussion: has a beaver in 1 of his ponds that is a giant. All present voted in favor.
- e. GCRA Rental Agreement for the BDA Workshop: Scott moved to approve the rental agreement, Phil 2nd, all present voted in favor.

II. Agency Reports

III. Staff Report

- a. Project Updates
 - i. R3: Youth Crew, use to gather BDA material, juniper and willow and mulch plantings
 - ii. Post project monitoring for Elk Lot/Pole Canyon, Poison Ck, Bunton Aspen, and Muddy Horse
- b. Grant Reports
 - i. OWEB site tours
 - ii. WNTI for temp loggers on R3, Scott requested that we keep him informed on the temp logger protocols and software used.
 - iii. LaSR 2nd round selection
 - iv. Bella Vista for water developments
- c. Partnerships/Outreach/Education
 - i. John Day Basin Partnership FIP application with a focus on Native Fish Habitat in the Upper North Fork, upper middle Fork and Butte Creek/Thirtymile watersheds. We have requested \$5000/year to remain involved in the Partnership. They also plan to complete the ATLAS prioritization tool for all watersheds in the John Day Basin.
 - ii. Dayville School Luncheon, Elise received award for the School Garden
 - iii. BMW Rally, Izee ranch and Cattleman's or Stock growers hosted, we had a booth, and led a tour
- d. Financial Update: We have used 55% of our Council Capacity funding, and are sitting at 1.3 years of funding for staff.

IV. Discussion

- a. 8th & 9th of September = geology tour
- b. Thistle identification and weed treatment
- c. Rob Huff; send invite to Jeff Maben, Restoration coordinator from Portland, reaching out for projects in JD on BLM. Priorities for SF = Juniper removal & harvest, upland water, pasture fencing, passage barriers
 - i. ID bat roosting sites, catch and swab bat spit
- d. Directorship

V. Coming Up

- a. Bark Planning Meeting, July 10th
- b. BLM conference call 12th
- c. BDA Workshop, July 24-26th
- d. Youth Crew, July 23 – August 3rd
- e. Grant County Fair, August 15th-18th

VI. Joanne Adjourned the meeting at 2:50pm, Next meeting date: August 13th, 2018.