

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

The South Fork John Day River Watershed Council met on the 8th day of April 2019.

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:

| | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Phil St. Clair, Vice Chair | M.T. Anderson, Director | Jeff Maben, Director | Scott Hess, Treasurer | Micah Wilson, Alternate Director | Joanne Keerins, Chairperson |
| Amy Charette, Director & CTWS | Amy Stiner, SFJDWC | | | | |

Quorum was present because there are currently 8 directors on the board and 7 were represented at this meeting.

I. Action Items

- a. March Meeting Minutes: Phil moved to approve as mailed, M.T. 2nd, motion passed
- b. March Staff Time: Phil moved to approve, Jeff 2nd, motion passed
- c. Staff Check Requests: Phil moved to approve, Scott 2nd, motion passed
- d. Abuse Policy – coverage through Great American Insurance for working with youth, and elderly. Our insurance company suggested that we add this coverage, and that School District or 4H coverage would not be enough if a case of abuse was brought against us. Scott asked how many people it would cover, would it include Directors? Amy C. pulled up the coverage plan which stated that coverage would be for employees, volunteers, governing board members, any subsidiary the organization controls, elders, deacons, vestry people, council people, clergy and teachers. Phil moved to get the insurance, Scott 2nd, motion passed
- e. MOU with Ochoco National Forest: We have been able to work through an MOU with the ONF. This will allow for us to freely share information with the Forest. Phil moved to approve, Jeff 2nd, motion passed
- f. Contract Agreement with Inland Northwest Cultural Resources for surveys on the Ochoco National Forest, proposed Juniper Removal areas. Phil moved to approve, M.T. 2nd, motion passed. Jeff Maben brought up Russ Powell might have additional funding. Amy C. described what might happen if they found a site.

II. Agency Reports

- a. **Amy Charette, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs:** They are gearing up for 2019 projects. Phil asked how the John Day Basin Partnership will decide on funding FIP projects. Amy C., said they are working on putting together a technical team to review applications, and OWEB funding will be ready in July. OWEB does a lot of the organization for the technical team. Phil asked about ATLAS. Amy C., described that the ATLAS framework takes in information, and all limiting factors, then looks at restoration actions by reach. The Partnership will also be doing an upland component. Phil asked about the South Fork being designated as a control watershed, and his concern that people might push back on projects in order not to affect the “control.” Amy C., said that she hadn’t heard of that being an issue, but that she would look into it.

III. Staff Report

- a. The Board reviewed an overview of the quarterly financials.
- b. Murderers Creek Ranch Project, ODFW would like for the Council to consider sponsoring this project. M.T. called Pete Hettinga to find out his take on the proposed project, and found that he’s not too excited for the project, and mainly the moving of the riparian fence. Phil doesn’t want to promote a project that goes sideways with a permittee. Joanne’s thought is to wait for a more complete plan. Scott Hess suggested that we wait to see an agreement between permittee and ODFW before agreeing to move forward. The Board came to a consensus that once ODFW and the Permittee reach an agreement, then come to us to sponsor.

- c. Keerins Big Flat Project: We beat the OWEB funding line and have submitted an application to the Wildlife Conservation Society for the watering system and some water developments and Aspen enhancement.
- d. DEQ 319 Grant Application. 2 applications. 1 in cooperation with the North Fork John Day Watershed Council, to perform vegetation monitoring using drones, and 1 for the Upper South Fork Bioassessment
- e. Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Grant Application: Elise is working on re-submitting this application for Forest Health work along the Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area and Widows Creek Ranch boundaries.

IV. Discussion

- a. Applicant Interviews: We held our first interview just before the Council meeting, and will hold more interviews on Friday, April 12th.
- b. RCPP Application: Amy is still taking project ideas from landowners and will work with Jay Gibbs to get the application submitted. We are guessing the request for proposals to come out in April or May.

V. Coming Up

- a. April 9-11th, CONNECT 2019 in Sunriver, OR
- b. April 19, 2019, 6:30-9:30 PM Blue Mtn Land Trust, Wild & Scenic Film Festival- John Day
- c. April 22nd, 1:00-3:00 pm, BLM Meeting
- d. April 26th, Farm to School

VI. Joanne adjourned the meeting at 2:15pm, Next meeting date: Monday, May 13th, 2019.

VII. Executive Session: ORS 192.660 (2)(a) Employee Reviews