

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

The South Fork John Day River Watershed Council met on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm, by Joanne Keerins at the Izee Schoolhouse in Izee, Oregon.

In attendance for regular session:

Phil St. Clair, Vice Chair	Joanne Keerins, Chair	Jeff Maben, Director	Micah Wilson, Alternate Director	Amy Stiner, SFJDWC	

Quorum was present because there are currently 7 directors on the board and 4 were represented at this meeting.

**I. Agency Reports**

- a. There were no agencies present at this meeting.

**II. Action Items**

- a. September Meeting Minutes: Phil moved to approve the minutes as mailed, Micah 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed
- b. September Staff Time: Phil moved to approve, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed
- c. Staff Check Requests: Phil moved to approve, Micah 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed

**III. Staff Report**

- a. Open Projects
  - i. LiDAR – NRCS funding will cover the entire South Fork Watershed, we are working with partners to prioritize coverage, and where to shift our funds for the greatest impact
  - ii. Snow Mountain: Greg Ontko has finished the conifer cutting and piling, and Amy will inspect and do the completion reporting
  - iii. Woodward: Brent Woodward is working to finish the Juniper cutting, and has Brad Browning’s contact information if he needs help finishing up before the December 19<sup>th</sup> deadline
  - iv. Flat Creek: PWSWA is working on the POD transfer and has a meeting and field tour scheduled with the Watermaster’s office. Amy is planning to attend.
  - v. Rosebud: Brad Browning has completed the buck and pole fence around a spring and aspen stand in Stonewall Creek
  - vi. Izee Allotment-Alder Spring: Todd Smith has completed the spring development and the Izee Ranch will install the protective fence around the spring source next summer.
  - vii. R3: Hannah and Amy fixed BDAs
  - viii. Bark – aspen/springs, data collection, temp loggers: We will be entering and analyzing collected data, and Hannah will be gathering temp loggers this week.
  - ix. Magic Lantern: Jeff has been working on the spring development and piling Juniper.
- b. Grant Applications
  - i. Fall OWEB plans:
    - 1. Murderers Creek Ranch - Hannah
    - 2. Tex Creek Passage - Amy
    - 3. Brisbois Aspen - Amy
  - ii. Small Grant Applications
    - 1. Tobin River Fence
    - 2. Sawtooth Meadows Fence
  - iii. Canada Thistle biocontrol monitoring - Awarded
  - iv. NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP): Amy handed out a summary sheet of practices and estimated costs that she will discuss with Aaron Roth.
- c. Partnerships/education/outreach/trainings
  - i. JDBP: Hannah is attending the OWEB meeting in Condon today, representing the SFJDWC.

**IV. Discussion**

- a. Capital press article on Ventanata
- b. Phil discussed Esplanade herbicide treatment with Matt Wenick for annual grass control, and Matt seeing success with this treatment.
- c. Taxes: Solutions completed our taxes. We only owed \$150 to the State
- d. November meeting with BLM:

**V. Coming Up**

- a. OWEB Meeting, Condon, 10/15/2019
- b. John Day Basin Partnership Meeting, 11/19/2019, John Day

**VI. Joanne Adjourned the meeting at 1:50, Next meeting date: TUESDAY, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day)**

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