

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 September 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	M.T. Anderson, Director	Jack Vaughn, ODFW PWSWA	Amy Stiner, SFJDWC
Hannah Latzo, SFJDWC	Kirk Ausland, ODF	Micah Wilson, Alternate Director			

Quorum was present because there are currently 8 directors on the board and 5 were represented at this meeting.

I. Agency Reports

- a. **Kirk Ausland, ODF:** At the time they are without a Unit Forester. They had a relatively calm fire season, rest of Fall looking good as far as fire danger. Jeff Maben wanted to give State guys a big hand, because what storms we had, they were on them, and got them out.

II. Action Items

- a. August Meeting Minutes: Phil moved to approve, Micah 2nd, motion passed
- b. August Staff Time: Phil moved to approve staff time as presented, M.T. 2nd, motion passed
- c. Staff Check Requests: Phil moved to approve, Jeff 2nd, motion passed
- d. Payment to Katie Boula, Inland Northwest Cultural Resources, Sunflower Juniper Cultural Survey: Phil moved to approve payment, M.T. 2nd, question if found anything of significance, No. She has submitted report to Ochoco National Forest.
- e. Schoolhouse Rental Agreement: M.T. moved to approve and stated that the \$50/month that Phil is donating for rent to the Council be recorded as a tax deduction, Jeff 2nd, Phil abstained, all present voted in favor.
- f. Directorship Changes: M.T. moved to remove Jason Kehrberg from the Board of Directors and appoint Kyle Sullivan as Associate Director, Phil 2nd, motion passed.

III. Staff Report

- a. Open Projects
 - i. Bark Data Collection is still underway but is at a pause due to the Green Dot rode closures.
 - ii. Rosebud Aspen Fence: Brad Browning is scheduled to complete the fence but is on hold due to Green Dot rode closure.
 - iii. Alder Spring: Todd Smith is working on completing this development.
 - iv. DEQ 319 Grant Agreement: Amy is working on a Grant Agreement with DEQ in order to receive funding for the Upper South Fork Bioassessment, performed by Mike Cole, on the riparian revegetation project.
- b. Grant Applications
 - i. Fall OWEB plans:
 1. Keerins Aspen enhancements
 2. Tex Creek Passage Barrier Improvements
 3. Murderers Creek Ranch Riparian Enhancements
 4. Ventanata Monitoring
 - ii. Small Grant Application Plans:
 1. Tobin River Fence
 2. Sawtooth Meadows Fence
 - iii. Canada Thistle biocontrol monitoring - submitted
 - iv. NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP): no news, still waiting
- c. Partnerships/education/outreach/trainings

- i. John Day Basin Partnership: Hannah is a part of the Outreach Committee, they are trying to get info out to all landowners in partnership, received funding to host a series of landowner dinners, information handouts, asking for emails/contact info if want more info about partnership. Hannah asked if it would be ok to give out Directors emails for them to receive information, all at the meeting said it would be fine. Dinner series in Dayville and John Day to get projects on the list.
- ii. OWEB training: Amy and Hannah attended the training in Pendleton, they covered Fiscal training & Grant Management
- iii. Hannah will be assisting with Chinook Spawning Surveys on the South Fork

IV. Discussion

- a. Taxes: Jeff moved to go with Solutions, Phil 2nd, motion passed
- b. Ventanata Field Trip – The Council discussed the field trip with OSU researchers out to the BLM portions of land in the South Fork Watershed, to study the control of Ventanata
- c. Canada Thistle Rust: We have received the Rust and will disperse it on Phil's property to start.
- d. Phil reached out to Senator Wyden's office, Kathleen Kathy, who in turn talked with the BLM, who said they were interested in coming out to a meeting. Amy will Coordinate the meeting time.

V. Coming Up

- a. Riparian Assistance Team Stage - Zero Meeting: 9/10/2019, Tribes Conference Room, John Day, 6:30 pm
- b. BPA Coordination Meeting: 9/18/19 at 9 am at the ODF Conference Room
- c. OWEB Meeting, Condon, 10/15/2019
- d. John Day Basin Partnership Meeting, 11/19/2019, John Day

VI. Joanne Adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm, Next meeting date: TUESDAY, October 15th, 2019 (Monday the 14th is Columbus Day)