

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

The South Fork John Day River Watershed Council met on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm, by Joanne Keerins, at the Izee Schoolhouse.

In attendance for regular session:

Amy Stiner, SFJDWC	Hannah Latz, SFJDWC	Joanne Keerins, Chair	Phil St. Clair, Vice Chair	Richard Nelson, Director	Ty Callicotte, Landowner
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Quorum was not present because there are currently 8 directors on the board and 3 were represented at this meeting. Electronic Vote will be held for all action items.

**I. Agency Reports**

**II. Action Items**

- a. Staff Reimbursement Request
- b. September Meeting Minutes
- c. September Staff Time

**Via Electronic Vote on 10/14/2020, Richard moved to approve all action items, Scott Hess 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed**

**III. Staff Report**

- a. Financial Report
  - i. We are still hanging steady at about \$1.7M in open project funds, this is not including RCPP. From our open projects we have spent \$388K, leaving \$1.375M left to spend. Our staff funding duration continues to stick to about 2 years availability at our current salaries.
  - ii. Paycheck Protection Program has been forgiven
  - iii. WaterSMART funding opportunity discussion over shovel ready projects.
- b. Open Projects
  - i. We have completed the RCPP Agreement, and it has been sent up the chain for additional review, field day on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Scheduling riparian plantings with the Hands for Fall 2020 for our Rapid Revegetation project
  - iii. Bark Data Collection: Hannah is wrapping up the 2020 field season, and we are working on bringing a Fluvial Geomorphologist out to look at the project area and advise on restoration techniques.
  - iv. Jim Angell will begin working on the Brisbois Conifer Removal Project this Fall
  - v. Clint Walzyk will be finishing up the Magic Lantern Buck and Pole Fence in October
  - vi. Mike Cole is starting to work on the Quality Assurance Protocol for the DEQ 319 bioassessment grant.
  - vii. Todd Smith is finishing up the last 2 of 7 spring developments for the Murderers Ck Allotment
  - viii. Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area cultural clearances are complete for Johnson-Tunnel Juniper removal
  - ix. Discussion over the effects of annual grasses, and their treatment. Rejuevera herbicide for annual grass, Matt Wenick is doing test plots
- c. Grant Applications
  - i. Submitted the BLM Good Neighbor Authority OWEB Application, \$100,000 request.
- d. Partnerships/education/outreach/trainings
  - i. John Day Basin Partnership Sheep Creek Restoration Outreach Event – 2 people signed up so far. Walk-ins still possible.
  - ii. Hannah and Amy are sitting in on UAV monitoring Webinars
  - iii. GIS training workshop planned for mid-November

**IV. Discussion**

- a. Phil gave an update on Wildhorses: Forest Service scoping on Appropriate Management Level. BLM & FS share responsibility for Wildhorse management. Malheur will be project leaders for the joint planning effort. BLM has a budgetary restraint that does not allow any of their actions to lead to death of a wild horse.

**V. Coming Up**

- a. 10/15/2020, 2:00-5:00 pm: John Day Basin Partnership Sheep Creek Restoration Site visit
- b. 10/16/2020: RCPP Field Day
- c. 10/27/2020: Grouse Creek (9:00 am), Smokey Creek (10:00 am) OWEB reviews
- d. 10/29/2020: Rosebud (2:00 pm), Lewis Ck (3:00 pm) OWEB Reviews

**I. Joanne adjourned the meeting at 2:50 pm, Next meeting date: Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

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