

**South Fork John Day Watershed Council
Meeting Agenda
September 12th, 2022**

1:00 pm, Izee Schoolhouse

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Called to order at 1:00 by Joanne Keerins.

Attending:

Amy Stiner, SFJDWC	Hannah Latzo, SFJDWC	Lindsay Bullock, SFJDWC
Phil St. Clair, Vice Chair	Jeff Maben, Director	Joanne Keerins, Chair
Mike Keerins, Alternate Dir.	Aaron Roth, NRCS	Russ Powell, Director
Pam Powell, Alternate Dir.	Richard Nelson, Director	Maria Snodgress, ODA
Cody Payne, BLM		

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

1. Public Comment

a. No public comment

2. Agency Reports

- a. Aaron Roth, NRCS: Still hiring for positions. Inflation Reduction Act passed last week had \$20 billion allocated to NRCS in the upcoming years.
- b. Russ Powell, ODFW: Hasn't been doing significant work on the South Fork this year but has some projects on the South Fork upcoming this fall.
- c. Maria Snodgress, ODA: Her department has done some recent hiring. They are much closer to the completion of redoing Dept of Ag's memorandum of understanding with DEQ, updating since it's over 10 years old.
- d. Cody Payne, BLM: They have been doing a lot of field data collection lately; ending field monitoring projects; Sunflower culvert project is coming along and nearing completion on SF road; pulling temp loggers; and they might be updating permits soon.

3. Action Items

- a. Staff Reimbursement Request – Phil motioned to approve, Jeff 2nded, no discussion. Approved.
- b. August Meeting Minutes – Phil motioned to approve, Jeff 2nded, no discussion. Approved.
- c. August Staff Time – Phil motioned to approve, Jeff 2nded, no discussion. Approved.
- d. Designated Signatory – Lindsay needs to be able to be designated as a signor on OWEB fund requests for streamlining of the process, so Amy is not the only one needing to be

available to sign every time, requiring the request go back and forth before going to OWEB. Richard motioned to approve, Phil 2nded, no discussion. Approved.

4. Staff Report

- a. Project Updates – Mussel monitoring for a couple weeks coming up; needs assessment letter for upper south fork will be sent out in the next two weeks as well. Amy informed the council of a cancelled contract with one of our contractors, which is a first for the council, but the contract was moved onto the next contractor who bid for it.
- b. New Applications – OCRF through ODFW; aspen is a protected species we qualify for through this grant. Also looking to apply for more BLM GNA grants.
- c. Pending Applications – ODFW Drought Relief was denied. All three OWEB spring grant apps were fully funded. America the Beautiful results will be in in November. Title II funds were applied for, but county court has not announced when they will be available to be released.

5. Discussion

6. Coming Up

- a. John Day Basin Partnership Meeting, 09/21/2022
- b. Amy Vacation Leave: 09/29-10/04/2022
- c. Uteley Roadless Area Field Trip: Tuesday October 11th, 2022 **(to take place of meeting)**

7. Adjourn, Next meeting date: Tuesday, October 11th, 2022. (Monday is the Columbus Day Holiday)