

South Fork John Day Watershed Council
Meeting Agenda
November 14th, 2022
1:00 pm, Izee Schoolhouse
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Called to order at 1:06 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	Richard Nelson, Director
Scott Hess, Director	Kathleen Cathey, Sen. Wyden	

Quorum was present because there are currently 6 directors on the board and 5 were represented at this meeting.

1. Public Comment

- a. **No public comment.**

2. Agency Reports

- a. Aaron Roth, NRCS: hired replacement for Hannah, Maureen: January 3rd. Advertised for Leila’s position and will hopefully be hiring in the near future. NRCS/ODF forester position re-flew and hopefully will get good candidates. Applications coming up due this Friday for the program applications. 9 RCPP apps in, up to 12 or 14 expected. Haven’t heard back about Joint Chiefs application yet. Lower basin South Fork RCPP participation remains lesser, but interest is picking up, the majority of RCPP applications did come from the upper South Fork landowners.

3. Action Items

- a. Staff Reimbursement Request – Phil moved, Richard 2nd, no discussion, approved.
- b. September & October Meeting Minutes – Phil moved to approve, Richard 2nd, no discussion, approved.
- c. September & October Staff Time – Phil moved to approve, Richard 2nd, no discussion, approved.
- d. Electronic Vote Held 10/20/2022: Staff Reimbursement Request and Bank Account Conversion to a Business Online Account with Amy Stiner as administrator. Phil moved to approve, Jeff 2nd, no discussion, motion carried.

4. Staff Report

- a. Monthly Happenings
 - i. Uteley Roadless Area Field Trip – took place instead of October Council Meeting; plan to meet with Emigrant district ranger on 1/17 and plan to continue moving forward with those projects.
 - ii. Bid Tours: Sunflower Allotment, BLM South Fork Fire Fences – contractor tours on two of our projects. 5 contractors turn up for the Sunflower Allotment and 3 on BLM Fences.

- iii. Sustainable Northwest Juniper Stewardship Tour - very well attended tour by multiple agencies to look at using funding from logging operation to remove juniper and sell it to local Juniper millers. Funds from sales roll back into further thinning timber or Juniper.
- iv. Network of Oregon Watershed Council's Legislative Tour - legislative tour with state senators and commissioners to feature work done by Watershed Council's and their partners. They looked at stewardship planning on Rudio Creek. Very receptive attendees. Representatives were present for Finlay, and Bentz, with no representation from Grant County Commissioners.
- v. Stakeholder Engagement Letter and Survey – we've sent out engagement letters/surveys to landowners and have 15 survey responses so far, higher than any attempt thus far, leading to new responses and site visits and future RCPP applications.
- vi. RCPP Site Visits, and Application Deadline (11/18/2022)
- b. New Applications
 - i. OWEB: Lewis Creek Headwaters Restoration was submitted for the Fall 2022 cycle
- c. Pending Applications & Application Results
 - i. America the Beautiful Challenge – Unsuccessful. Over 500 apps and only 10% were funded. Very competitive funding pool.
 - ii. OWEB Spring 2022 Results: Goen to Fields, Bridge Ck Forestry, Indian Ck Diversion – all funded. Juniper thinning/clear cutting/wildlife monitoring/spring development on Goen to Fields; 187 acres of precommercial thinning, 3 acres of leave patches for wildlife protection on Bridge Ck Forestry; Indian Ck Diversion ranked No. 1 in its category for funding and is the partnership project we proposed several months ago in conjunction with CTWS, USFS, and BLM, near Prairie City, OR.
 - iii. ODFW Access & Habitat: Picnic Creek Ranch Habitat Improvements – project on Robertson's property for riparian/livestock grazing control; haven't heard back yet.
 - iv. Title II: White Creek Riparian Fence – Resource Advisory Council meets Friday and Amy is presenting; should hear back shortly after that.
 - v. OCRF: Snow Mtn Aspen Protection – On Kee's property; still waiting to hear back.

5. Discussion

- a. **Director Resignations:** Pam and Russ Powell have resigned. Our upcoming elections will be held during the January meeting. Up for election are Scott Hess, Richard Nelson, Vacant Position. Any suggestions for Board openings & outreach for new directors? If anyone is interested, or thinks of someone who might be interested, please contact Amy Stiner, astiner@outlook.com.
- b. **Logo:** It is very difficult and expensive to produce outreach materials with our current logo. The logo has over 20 colors, and intricate detail making the logo unappealing. We will mockup a few designs and get some price differences for future discussion.

6. Coming Up

- a. 11/15/2022: BLM Aquatics Discussion
- b. 11/18/2022: Title II RAC Presentation
- c. 11/24/2022: Thanksgiving Holiday
- d. 11/28/2022: South Fork John Day Forestry Partnership Meeting
- e. 11/30/2022: South Fork John Day Fish Passage Discussion
- f. 12/24/2022-01/03/2023: SFJDWC Winter Closure

7. Adjourned at 2:26, Next meeting date: **Monday, December 12th, 2022**