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### **Bakeoven / Buck Hollow & White River Watershed Council Meeting**

February 9, 2016  
2:30pm – 4:00 PM  
Imperial River Co.  
304 Bakeoven Rd. Maupin, OR

#### **MINUTES**

##### Attendees:

Abbie Forrest, <i>Coordinator</i>	Pat Davis, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Herb Snodgrass, <i>Co-Chair</i>
Shilah Olson, <i>SWCD</i>	Larry Magill	Kenneth Martin, <i>ODFW</i>
Karen Lamson, <i>SWCD</i>	Clinton Whitten, <i>NRCS</i>	Blaine Carver
Bob Larsell	Kathleen Povey	Chris Rossel, <i>USFS</i>
Claude Williamson		

##### **Call to Order and Introductions**

Pat called the meeting to order and led introductions. Bob was unable to attend the meeting so Pat volunteered to lead the meeting for both councils.

##### **NRCS Update**

Clinton Whitten gave a brief update from the last meetings discussion about resource assessments to gather baseline data for writing a CIS. He said he'd start making phone calls to landowners in Bakeoven and Buck Hollow this spring. Shilah added that there is an opportunity through OWEB to apply for grants for a strategic plan to collaborate and match OWEB funding with NRCS funds.

##### **USFS Update**

Chris Rossel distributed a scoping letter from the Hood River Ranger District concerning a proposal to improve and restore Clear Lake Campground. The Forest Service is proposing to add fire rings, picnic tables and to designate fourteen campsites in the overflow camping area. They are also proposing to add boulders around the shoreline to keep visitors from driving off roads. Chris said the Forest Service would like to have comments from the watershed councils and others in the next week. The hope is to start the project in April.

There was also a brief discussion about the Forest Collaborative group. The purpose of the Group is to provide the Forest Service with recommendations from key stakeholders made up of producers, the timber industry, environmentalists, watershed councils, irrigation districts, the Tribes and others. There have been six meetings so far. They meet the first Thursday of every month at the ODFW Screen Shop in The Dalles. Kameron Sam, USFS, suggested to Pat at the last meeting, to convene a meeting with the irrigation districts in March or April to ask the Forest Service to add projects from the irrigation districts to their work plans. Chris added that he has brought up this topic in the past. He said the NEPA process is very long but if all of the irrigation districts had their plans for projects put together it could save a lot of time and money to get a strategy put together.

Rick Blaine said he spoke with the Forest Service about fixing the outlet to Boulder Lake. The pipe is leaking so the proposal would be to explore and replace the pipe which will fix the leak and open the valve to get approximately 2cfs more into Lost Boulder.

### **Minute Approval**

Abbie distributed the minutes from the last combined meeting held in October.

*Larry Magill moved to approve the minutes as distributed, Herb Snodgrass seconded and the motion passed.*

### **Annual Work Plan**

Abbie distributed the work plan spread sheet and ranking worksheet for prioritization for review. Pat explained the prioritization process and discussions from the Coordinating Board. The purpose of the ranking sheet is to show a thought process when councils seek money for grants and to help make projects fit into different funding opportunities.

A council member asked how we know about what is going on at the Coordinating Board. A member said if you are here at this meeting you know what is going on. The goal is to share knowledge. This is a small community and your chairs are the face of the Coordinating Board.

The council members discussed the questions throughout the ranking worksheet. There was agreement that although not all watersheds have ESA listed species, all the councils are interested in benefitting watershed health and supporting their neighbors. Pat said on behalf of the White River, with the exception of Wapinitia, there aren't any salmon there. There are times where we have to come up with other criteria but don't have a suggestion on how to change.

The consensus from both of the watershed councils was this worksheet will be a good tool.

The next meeting date was not set but the council suggested to convene again in the fall. Pat suggested to continue having joint meetings.

Pat added an irrigation district update. He said they are putting together 8,000 feet of pipe with most of the work being completed by themselves instead of a contractor and are using the SWCD hold down rates which is saving them a lot of money. He added they are going to be planning a field trip to check out the welding process. Abbie will send out an invite the first or second week of March.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Abbie Forrest