

Bakeoven/Buck Hollow & White River Watershed Council Joint Meeting Minutes

February 1st, 2018 3:00PM

Sage Canyon Raft Shop

Attendees: *(This attendance list was from the neighborhood meeting, some folks left as the council meetings started)*

Tim Morelli	Blaine Carver	Roy Groce	CoraLee Groce
Ivan Skoro	Milan Skoro	Karen Barnett	Herbert Snodgrass
William Mead	Grayson Morelli	Jerry Duling	Nancy Carter
Michael Carter	Andrew Lewis	Josh Duling	Pat Davis
Aimee Bell	Misty Strayhorn	Garrett Dyuck	Karen Lamson
Tatiana Taylor	Brian Tuck	Bob Larsell	Chris Rossel
Stephen M.	Bob Krein		

Pat called the meeting to order and gave the floor to Karen Lamson.

Bakeoven Watershed Technical Assistance Grant- Karen Lamson, SWCD

Karen presented to the council information regarding the OWEB technical assistance grant, that is focused on restoration. Karen explained the team is now currently looking for locations with the most pressing resource concerns. She explained that projects might include pasture fencing, grazing management, or Juniper removal projects. Karen handed the council a questionnaire regarding the projects they felt to be most important. This spring Karen will be conducting site visits and gathering inventory on interested landowner's properties. Fieldwork will be completed in summer and fall. Completion reports will be submitted at the end of the year. Karen also made a mention of the annual meeting in late February.

RCPP Status Update- Josh Thompson, SWCD

Josh explained to the council that this was the third year in the project and to date 24,000ft of pipeline has been laid through the project. There are five new pivots which has converted approximately 600 acres to more efficient irrigation. Currently the project is in the process of water right updates. Josh discussed the beginnings of the project. The Conservation District had performed an Irrigation Feasibility Study and looked over all major irrigation systems. The District performed some flow measurements. In talking with local landowners and producers, the District identified where conservation in agriculture would provide the most benefit.

Threemile Fish Screen Project Status Update- Josh Thompson, SWCD

Josh explained that the project was close to finalizing the plans and once that is completed there will be a presentation to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Pat Davis inquired about the Juniper Flat Study. Josh replied that Anderson Perry in La Grande had taken on the project. Pat explained that the Threemile fish screen included both a diversion and a pipeline and was applied for a citizen science grant. A lucky side effect will be 400 gallons back into Threemile creek. The hope is that by 2019 Threemile Creek will have water in it all year long.

Forest Collaborative Update- Pat Davis

Pat explained that the main component is to make recommendations to the USFS on how to prioritize money from timber sales. In order to spend the money from the USFS, the county must have a Forest Collaborative group. Prior to the Wasco Co. Forest Collaborative Group, most of the money from timber sales was sent to the west side of the state. Last year \$460,000 was dedicated to Wasco and Hood River Counties. This helped with the replacement of the Threemile Fish diversion.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Tatiana Taylor