

## Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership *Partnership Board Meeting Minutes*

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**Date:** January 5, 2010

**Type:** Regular

**Time:** 7:00PM–9:00PM

**Location:** WWCC Water and Environmental Center, 500 Tausick Way, Walla Walla, WA

Meeting was called to order 7:00 P.M.

**Board Members Present:** John Barkley (Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation), Jim Barrow (City of Walla Walla), Mike Buckley (Water Right User), Ed Chvatal Jr. (Columbia and Walla Walla County Conservation Districts), Greg Farrens (Citizen at Large), Judith Johnson (Environmental Representative), Dick Jones (Columbia County), Greg Tompkins (Walla Walla County), Mark Wagoner (Gardena Farms Irrigation District #13).

**Staff Present:** Cathy Schaeffer and Matt Rajnus.

**Others Present:** Natasha Bellis, Fred Bennett, Mike Bireley, Terry Bruegman, Amanda Cronin, Keith Elefsom, Robert Gordon, Stan Haller, Greg Kinsinger, Paul LaRiviere, Brent Leonhard, Victoria Leuba(telephone), Kevin Lindsey, Chris Marks, Craig Sivley, Rick Small, Mark Wachtel(telephone), Brian Wolcott.

A quorum was established.

**Introductions:**

Those in attendance provided introductions.

**Public Comment Period:**

None

**Reports:**

Cathy Schaeffer presented the November Financial Statement.

Matt Rajnus reported that the Water Resource Panel (WRP) met December 17, 2009 and reviewed the draft guidelines and criteria for local water plans and water banking and recommended them for approval. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife responded to the Chair's December 2009 letter requesting their participation in the WRP, and a representative has been identified for appointment later in the agenda. It was also noted that Bob Bower has submitted a notice of resignation from the WRP.

Cathy Schaeffer reported that the Policy Advisory Group met December 8, 2009; Roland Schirman was selected as the Chair and the group reviewed the guidelines and criteria. The concept of identifying strategic actions was also discussed.

**Consent Agenda:**

The consent agenda included consideration of the minutes from the December 1, 2009 Partnership Board meeting and approval of vouchers 30 through 45.

**Action 1:** A motion was made by Dick Jones "to approve the consent agenda." Greg Farrens seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

**Action Items:**

A resolution appointing Paul LaRiviere from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to the Water Resource Panel was reviewed.

**Action 2:** A motion was made by Ed Chvatal “to approve resolution 10-001” Judith Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

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**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING  
ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP TO  
THE WATER RESOURCE PANEL**

**RESOLUTION 10-001**

**WHEREAS**, RCW 90.92 requires that Water Management Boards create a Water Resource Panel, inviting participation and appointing members as occurred on October 6, 2009 and November 3, 2009 by the Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership (Partnership); and

**WHEREAS**, an additional member is recommended to join as a participant representing the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that in accordance with RCW 90.92, the Partnership approves that the Water Resource Panel membership will include Paul LaRiviere as an additional member

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Information on the completed *Local Water Plans-setup* and *Water Banking-setup* project plans was presented. A resolution adopting the main deliverable from these projects, the guidelines and criteria for local water plans and water banking was reviewed.

**Action 3:** A motion was made by Dick Jones “to approve resolution 10-002” Mike Buckley seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

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**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING  
GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR  
LOCAL WATER PLANS AND  
WATER BANKING**

**RESOLUTION 10-002**

**WHEREAS**, RCW 90.92.080 requires that Water Management Boards adopt guidelines and criteria for management of a Local Water Plan program, and the Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership (Partnership) for consistency has developed guidelines and criteria for the management of a Water Banking program under RCW 90.92; and

**WHEREAS**, The Water Resource Panel in accordance with RCW 90.92.040(3)(d) has provided advice to the Board on the criteria for establishment of Local Water Plans; and

**WHEREAS**, The guidelines and criteria for Local Water Plans are provisionally approved for the implementation of a single pilot Local Water Plan; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Partnership adopts the guidelines and criteria for Local Water Plans and Water Banking for implementation of RCW 90.92.

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It was noted that a copy of the adopted guidelines and criteria will be made available online ([www.wallawallawatershed.org/participate](http://www.wallawallawatershed.org/participate)), and comments will be accepted over the next few months to prepare for a planned review and possible amendment to the guidance after the initial pilot has worked through the process.

Two new project plans *Local Water Plans – Implementation Phase I* and *Water Banking – Implementation Phase I* were discussed. Mark Wagoner, Ed Chvatal Jr, and Mike Buckley all excused themselves from the vote on approval of the project plans.

**Action 3:** A motion was made by Greg Farrens “to approve the project plans” Jim Barrow seconded the motion. The motion carried with six voting in favor, three abstaining.

Craig Sivley presented an update that the City of Walla Walla is seeking a letter of support for federal funding of water treatment facility improvements. The improvements are required for regulatory compliance, and a federal grant will be sought. Jim Barrow excused himself from the vote on a letter of support.

**Action 4:** A motion was made by Dick Jones “to send a letter of support for the City of Walla Walla grant request.” Judith Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried with eight voting in favor, one abstaining.

**Discussion Items:**

The timing and agenda for the annual meeting was discussed.

**Action 5:** A motion was made by Ed Chvatal to “hold the annual meeting and election of officers at our February meeting.” Mike Buckley seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

**Other Business:**

Cathy Schaeffer updated the Board that the Department of Ecology replied to the December 3, 2009 letter from the Chair requesting that the Department fill the watermaster position. The letter acknowledged the Department’s commitment to the Walla Walla Basin, but also that the Water Resources Program has suffered significant budget reductions and that recruiting for the job will not commence until budgetary concerns have been addressed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.