

South Fork John Day Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2025
1:00 pm, Izee Schoolhouse

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm, by Jeff Maben.

In attendance for regular session:

Amy Stiner, SFJDWC	Hannah Latzo, SFJDWC	Lindsay Bullock, SFJDWC	Adele Underwood, ODF
Jeff Maben, Chair	Joanne Keerins, Director	Brandon Vos, ODF	Phil St. Clair, Vice Chair
Mike Keerins	*Erick Keerins	*Richard Nelson, Director	*Justin Rodgers, USFS
*Jennifer Bush, MNF	*Charles Brown, BLM	Scott Hess, Director	*John Rowell, County Commissioner
*Jim Dovenberg, Director	Josh Giles, ECRD MNF		

With 6 out of 7 directors in attendance, a quorum was present.

1. Public Comment

- a. No public comment.

2. Agency Reports (5 minutes per agency)

- a. Justin Rodgers, USFS – Working on a fence contract for Crazy Ck Fire, under review for about 100 miles of fence; put in several more funding requests and waiting to hear back.
- b. Charles Brown, BLM – Weren't going to be able to use Rejuvra on some of their projects, but stepdown DNA should allow for its use after all. Some of the funds that had been frozen have been un-frozen, so some fuel projects can move forward now.
- c. Josh Giles, ECRD – Focused on rehab projects from the Falls Ck Fire; 350 miles of fencing needs repaired and they are prepping contracts now. Have received funding for seeding of areas vulnerable to invasives. 3,000 acres pine trees, 640 shrubs, 300 bitterbrush, 15 water developments need addressed.
- d. Brandon Vos, ODF – still working efrp project (private landowners). FSA funding does do fencing, but there's a \$500k cap on fencing (at current prices that is approximately 20 miles of fencing). Starting to move protection boundaries so that Monument/Long Creek unit will be added to the John Day unit (which is very large and spread out) and able to add leadership.
- e. Adele Underwood, ODF: Alongside the SF, ODF applied for a Community Assistance Grant to work on hazardous fuel reduction and extend defensible space on private land between Dayville and Izee that borders public land.

3. Action Items

- a. Staff Reimbursement Request

Motioned	Seconded	Discussion?	Vote
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Phil St. Clair	Richard Nelson		Passed unanimously
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b. Staff Time

Motioned	Seconded	Discussion?	Vote
Phil St. Clair	Joanne Keerins	No	Passed unanimously

c. Minutes

Motioned	Seconded	Discussion?	Vote
Phil St. Clair	Joanne Keerins	No	Passed

d. Financials

Motioned	Seconded	Discussion?	Vote
Phil St. Clair	Joanne Keerins	No	Passed

e. Signatory Designations

- i. Replace Joanne Keerins as signatory with Jeff Maben, who was elected Chair of the Board of Directors at the February meeting. Maintain Amy Stiner as signatory

Motioned	Seconded	Discussion?	Vote
Phil St. Clair	Richard Nelson	No	Passed

4. Staff Report

a. New Applications

- i. Bella Vista Capacity
- ii. OWEB Capacity
- iii. Community Assistance Grant
- iv. Western Big Game
- v. JDBP Fire TA

b. Internship position via Oregon Works

c. Updated Agency Contact List

5. Discussion

- a. Sheriff Todd McKinley – unable to attend due to Murder trial
- b. Eric Bush, Grant Co. Emergency Manager – unable to attend due to water leak

6. Coming Up

7. Adjourn, 2:09 p.m. Next meeting date: **Monday, April 14th, 2025**