

South Fork John Day Watershed Council  
Meeting Minutes  
April 14th, 2025  
1:00 pm, Izee Schoolhouse

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm, by Jeff Maben.

In attendance for regular session:

Amy Stiner, SFJDWC	Hannah Latzo, SFJDWC	Lindsay Bullock, SFJDWC	Jim Dovenberg, Director
Jeff Maben, Chair	Joanne Keerins, Director	*Hannah Smith, NRCS	Phil St. Clair, Vice Chair
*Kenny Withee, USFS-ECRD	*Adele Underwood, ODF	Troy Martin, Franks Ck landowner	Zach Ferguson, public
*Brandon Vos, ODF	MT Anderson, Director	*Jennifer Bush, USFS	

With 5 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. NRCS: Working through contracting for EQIP, 12 joint chief's contracts to go through.
- b. ODF: Trying to duplicate Dayville/Izee/South Fork community assistance grant to get funding through all available avenues (hazardous fuels removal); also putting in for an LSR fund coming up.
- c. USFS-ECRD: Still working on quite a few disaster-recovery projects, along with seeding and fencing.

**3. Action Items**

- a. Staff Time

Motioned	Seconded	Discussion?	Vote
Phil St. Clair	Jim Dovenberg	No	Passed

- b. Minutes

Motioned	Seconded	Discussion?	Vote
Phil St. Clair	Jim Dovenberg	No	Passed

- c. Financials

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Phil St. Clair	Jim Dovenberg	No	Passed

**4. Staff Report**

- a. Project Updates: Battle ck juniper cut complete, along with cultural monitoring
- b. Meetings
  - i. ECRD-Josh & Melissa

- ii. RCPP meeting – new state RCPP coordinator, Beverly McCarroll
  - iii. Cummings Ditch Meeting
  - iv. Merkley Town hall
  - v. ODA Upper Mainstem/South Fork LAC meeting
  - vi. Martin Creek Forestry – BLM
  - vii. Cottonwood ck site visit
- c. New applications
  - i. Hannah submitted an application to the Roundhouse Foundation for Smokey Ck nursery
- d. Upcoming
  - i. DEQ319 post fire recovery, hardwood plantings in Martin Ck
  - ii. ORCF – Maggot Springs
- e. Reviewed Project Schedule

**5. Discussion**

- a. Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Update
  - i. Various bylaws were amended for clarity and to avoid repetition. Joanne Keerins motioned to adopt the Bylaws. Phil St. Clair seconded. The vote passed unanimously after discussion of the changes.
  - ii. A new policy was added titled “Safety Policy” which dictates the measures employees will take when out in the field, including emergency supplies and communication procedures. Various changes were made to the procedures to add clarity and establish guidelines. Phil St. Clair motioned to adopt the policies and procedures. MT Anderson seconded. The vote passed unanimously after discussion of the changes.

**6. Coming Up**

- a. 4/16: ODF LSR #2 Meeting
- b. 4/16: 5 p.m., Forest Plan Revision Open House
- c. 4/17: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Upper Mainstem/SFJD sub-basin work group
- d. 5/12: ECRD Utley Roadless Discussion with SFJDWC
- e. 5/21: SFJD Forestry Partnership Check-In

**7. Adjourn, 2:20 p.m. Next meeting date: Monday, May 12th, 2025**