

South Fork John Day Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes
July 14th, 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	Hannah Smith, NRCS	Dennis Thompson, High Izee Ranch
Phil St. Clair, Vice Chair	Jeff Maben, Chair	Adele Underwood, ODF	Mike and Joanne Keerins
*Erick Keerins	*Jim Dovenberg	*Ty Callicotte	Ryan Torland, ODFW
John Rowell, County Commissioner	Brandon Vos, ODF	Ian Bullen, ODF	M.T. Anderson
Richard Nelson			

**Remote attendance*

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. NRCS: invasive annual grass control CIS for Rejuvra treatments. Forestry pool of funds. Stockwater applications were shelved until 2026. Joint Chiefs, planning to submit another application for Upper John Day watershed. Modifications to IRA funds, hoping to bolster regular EQIP money.
- b. ODF, Adele Underwood: did not get CAG funds for Dayville, Izee. Western states fire marshal, did get word to move forward with that. Reapplied for LSR, also selected to move forward.
- c. ODF, Brandon Vos, getting into fire season. One fire by Kimberly got up to 350 acres. North of MV 5-10 acres. In regulated use, 1:00 shut down for chainsaws. High fire danger. Introduced Ian Bullen, new NRS forester.
- d. John Rowell: Following Forest Plan revision. Meeting at fairgrounds on 23rd. encourage everyone to take part and comment on the plan.
- e. Ryan Torland, ODFW Wildlife Biologist: Changes for Mule Deer Hunts

3. Action Items

- a. Staff Time

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

- b. Minutes

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

- c. Financials

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Phil St. Clair	Joanne Keerins	No	Passed

- a. Electronic Vote Notification: Approval to purchase 353 Patterson Bridge Road. Phil St. Clair moved to approve the purchase of 353 Patterson Bridge Road, Richard Nelson 2nd, motion passed.

4. Staff Report

- a. Project Updates
 - i. OWEB Fall cycle applications
 - 1. Murderers Ck Phase 2 Implementation
 - 2. Aldrich Forest Health for USFS bordering Widows Ck Ranch
 - 3. SFJDWC Monitoring Plan
 - 4. RCPP engagement
 - ii. RCPP
 - 1. 1st draft of the Agreement has been submitted, final draft due middle of August.
- b. Property purchase update
 - i. 353 Patterson Bridge Road closing on 7/17. Move in first part of August, home inspection came back very clean.

5. Discussion

- a. Phil reported information on the white top biocontrol. Mites have survived in nursery in MT, to distribute to MT and CO. Expects there to be enough to bring to ID. This program got reduced in force, lost staff, so lost the option of releasing 2 bugs. Houndstongue bugs have halted.

6. Coming Up

- a. 7/23: Public Meeting for Blue Mountain Forest Plan Revision - 5:00-8:00 pm
- b. 8/4: OWEB grants Due

7. Adjourn meeting, Next meeting date: Monday, September 8th, 2025