



Walla Walla County VSP Work Group

December 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Date: December 2, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Via: In-person and Zoom

Work Group Members Present:

David Talkington, TSS

Ryan Rea, Ag. Community

Lindsey Williams, WWCC (zoom)

Jackie McCool, WDFW

Phil Neumann, Mainstem Malt (zoom)

Absent:

Brian Burns, TSS; Judith Johnson, Kooskooskie Commons; Tom Schirm, WDFW ex-officio; Dana Sheedy, CTUIR; Randy Bright, Ag. Community

Also present: Don Schwerin, Supervisor of WWCCD; Grace Cooper and Jenny Freer of WWCCD. Roman Rangel, Walla Walla Community Development

The meeting began with welcome and introductions.

New or interested work group members: None at this time.

Meeting paused at this time for a request of public comments. There were none.

Approval of meeting minutes: After review, **Rea motioned and Williams seconded to approve the October 2025 minutes as presented; motion passed.**

Approval of special meeting minutes: After review, **Neumann motioned and Talkington seconded to approve the November 2025 Special Meeting minutes as presented; motion passed.**

Project Approvals:

- **Request to approve a contract with Compass Geospatial:**

Cooper shared a program called Compass Geospatial with the workgroup. This program is customizable to what the VSP program wants to monitor. This program allows for a public facing map that can be posted to the WWCCD website. This portion would allow for producers to showcase what practices they are utilizing and how. The non-public facing side of the program can gather information throughout the county that producers or staff has entered into. Cooper can then filter through what BMP's, acreages, and other factors for monitoring purposes. Cooper also share the cost of this software would be less than 5k for start up and one year of maintenance. Cooper is asking for permission to start a contract with Compass Geospatial to start the process of creating this program for the Walla Walla County VSP for monitoring purposes.

Neumann motioned and Talkington seconded to approve a contract with Compass Geospatial, as presented; motion passed.

Program Updates:

- **Capital application rounds 3 & 4:**
 - **Cooper** shared that applications for capital funding round 3 ended on December 1 and our South Fork Russell Creek reseeding application for 34k was submitted. This round had 600k available. Round 4 will open up in April 2026 but will only include returned funds from all districts that will then be redistributed.
- **10-year report:**
 - **Cooper** shared that a partial draft is ready for review of the 10 year report. Cooper showed the workgroup what the technician side of the reporting template looks like and stated that the review side will be in a word document for the groups input. Cooper shared a review schedule with the work group and that the first half draft will be sent out December 3rd. The work group can review and leave comments for questions or request changes. During the work group review period, Cooper will be working on the second half of the 10-year report. This process of editing and reviewing will continue until the February 10 work group meeting.

Project updates:

- A. **Yellowhawk Creek Meter:** This project is complete
- B. **Dry Creek Meters, Screens, and VFD:** This project is ongoing with a possible completion time frame of Spring 26.
- C. **S. Fork Russell Creek Reseeding:** Phase 1 of hydroseeding is happening now and phase 2 has an anticipated start date of December 8

Partner Updates:

Rea: shared that moisture and snow are needed soon to help insulate the crops over the winter.

Talkington: shared that the Bridge-to-Bridge phase 3A is complete. Fish habitat restoration project on Gose street is out to bid. This project involves raising the creek bed and will require a lot of imported materials.

McCool: shared that Tom Schrim has nominated her to be the VSP representative for WWCCD's workgroup.

Rangel: share that a shoreline permit is being worked on.

The meeting was unofficially adjourned at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Jenny Freer
WWCCD


Dan Daffner

Work Group Member

Next meeting: February 10, 2026 at 1 pm