



Walla Walla County VSP July Work Group Meeting

Date: July 5, 2016 Time: 1:00 p.m. Place: Conservation District
Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Robert Riley, Ag. Community	Judith Johnson, Kooskooskie Commons
Tom Schirm, WDFW	David Haire, CTUIR
Brian Burns, Tri-State Steelheaders	Chris Marks, CTUIR (alternate)
Mark Klicker, Ag. Community	

Absent: Brian Maiden, Ag. Community; Dwelly Jones, Ag. Community; Jonathan Hellburg-Wilson, Ag. Community

Representatives of Other Agencies: Tom Glover, Walla Walla County; Jason Bulay, Blue Mountain Land Trust; Evan Sheffel, Washington Farm Bureau via phone

Also present:

Joanna Cowles, Audrey Ahmann, Renee Hadley, Lisa Stearns, WWCCD;
Kevin Scribner, Anderson-Perry; Brian Mahoney, Anderson-Perry

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mark Klicker.

Minutes: The minutes were reviewed by those present. Robert Riley moved and Judith Johnson seconded to approve the minutes as presented, motion passed.

- 1. Introduction of Brian Mahoney and Kevin Scribner:** Mahoney and Scribner introduced themselves as consultants for the work group.
- 2. Selection Vice-Chair, Term of office:** David Haire was suggested as Vice-Chair and with no opposition (or formal motion) was approved by those present for the office. In the same manner, a term of two years for the two office holders was approved.
- 3. Composition of group:** It is apparent that Dwelly Jones will be unable to participate as a work group member so another volunteer will be sought. The group agreed to add Jason Bulay of the Blue Mountain Land Trust as a work group member.
- 4. Presentation:** Stearns gave an update on her progress in developing maps and listing of conservation work completed after June 2011.
- 5. Discussion Potential Presenters:** Several people were suggested as potential presenters for future work group meetings. Mahoney and Stearns will coordinate.
- 6. Scope of VSP:** The group discussed whether municipalities are included in VSP; it would appear there is some overlap such as ag activities occurring on city-owned property and the Mill Creek

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Channel being maintained by the County but running through the city. It was suggested that areas where there is overlap be included in the work plan with notes to that effect. The group also noted that all watersheds in the County should be included in the work plan.


7. Discussion: Baseline for Ag. Viability: After some discussion of how the pilot counties developed a baseline for Ag. viability, Sheffel said Kelly McLain and Ron Schultz are working on coming up with a method for determining this.

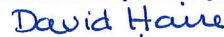
8. Upcoming meetings: The next meeting will be August 2nd 5th at 1:00.

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted


Audrey Ahmann
WWCCD


Mark Klieker
Chairman


David Haire
Vice Chair

Next meeting: August 2nd 1:00