

**Upper Grande Ronde River Watershed Partnership  
Place Based Integrated Water Resources Planning  
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 29, 2016**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mark Davidson, Jed Hassinger, Nick Myatt, Brett Moore, Kyle Carpenter, Dana Kurtz, Scott Hartell & Darcy Carreiro. Steve Parrett joined via Poly Com

Convener, Mark Davidson opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

**I. Welcome:**

- A.** Mark welcomed all members present as well as Steve via Poly Com.
- B.** There was discussion from all members present regarding the most recent Stakeholder meeting & feedback received from those present. Nick heard a lot of complaints on the background noise issues. Scott shared that we will primarily be using the Earl Misener Conference Room, next to the Planning Department, moving forward for Stakeholder meetings. Steve added that he thinks that we still need to keep encouraging members of the Stakeholders group to speak up and that may include personally reaching out and speaking to them.
- C.** Jed and Kyle shared how their presentation was received at the recent Farm Bureau annual meeting. Nick asked if someone should present the power point at the next Grande Ronde Model Watershed meeting, December 13th. Brett will make the presentation to the GRWM, using the power point. Jed also mentioned that we should make sure to reach out and asked to be placed on the agenda for the 2017 Seed Growers meeting on February 1st. Jed asked if John Unger could attend the meeting on February 1st, Steve said the Committee could ask him when they meet him on Dec. 6th.

**II. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.** Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 18, 2016 Steering Committee minutes were reviewed. The Steering Committee approved the October 18th minutes. November 2, 2016 Stakeholder Committee minutes were reviewed by the Steering Committee, slight changes were offered. Darcy will make these edits and the Stakeholder meeting minutes will be presented at the next Stakeholder meeting for approval as well as post the final Steering Committee minutes on the County webpage. Dana asked if anyone had heard from Rodger Huffman. Mark will reach out to Rodger in follow up to the latest version of the Governance Agreement.
- B.** Review & approval of the December 6th Stakeholder Committee meeting agenda. The Committee reviewed the agenda for the upcoming meeting, made very slight changes and discussed those. Also to make sure we review some of the documents quickly for any new Stakeholder members. There was

emphasis on keeping that “review” to a very brief time frame, remembering that this Stakeholder meeting is primarily a Collaborative training session. The Committee discussed the Governance Agreement, how versions will be updated with this being a “living document” and when to expect signatures to the MOU. The Committee decided to present this to the Stakeholders December 6th, opening the timeframe for signatures that day.

- C. Step 2- Technical team: The Steering Committee asked Jed to think of the best possible representative from the farming/ranching community to be on the tech team. There will be more discussion regarding this group at the Stakeholder meeting.

### **III. Conclusion:**

- A. The forms for reporting are due the end of December. Steve shared that they are planning to coordinate another conference call with the pilot project representatives.
- B. Next Steering Committee Meeting: January 11th 2017
- C. Mark shared that there will be a changed in Commission January 2nd 2017. There will be a meeting of the Commission to discuss and task each member with projects. Mark said that he really doesn't have a final answer, how to move forward fulfilling the role of Convener. Scott committed that the County will not stall out, he vowed that we will stay involved and keep moving forward on this project and how important it is to Union County. Steve was concerned that he feels the County is possibly slowing down its momentum in this project. Brett clarified that this is not entirely true and shared that contracted help will take more work on helping to alleviate that burden of the Planning Department.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be January 11th 2017 at 8:00 am.

Mark adjourned the Steering Committee meeting of November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 9:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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