

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Special Board Meeting  
November 4, 2009, 10:00 a.m.  
Commissioners' Conference Room  
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

**Present:** Chairman Max E. Benitz, Jr. Chairman  
Commissioner James Beaver  
Clerk of the Board Cami McKenzie

**Absent:** Leo M. Bowman (excused)

**Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting:** Adam Fyall, Community Development Coordinator.

#### Watershed Planning Update – WRIA 31

Dave McClure summarized the funding status for WRIA 31 watershed plan implementation and briefly discussed the following:

- Instream Habitat Assessment Grant - \$125,000 (local match \$0)
- Planning Unit Support Grant - \$39,000 (local match \$0)
- Water Storage Appraisal Study Grant - \$170,000 (local match \$0)
- Watershed Plan Implementation Grant - \$100,000 (local match \$11,111 in kind/cash)
- Water Quality Improvement Project Grant (pending) - \$60,000 (local match \$0)
- Tentative Schedule for WRIA 31 Detailed Implementation Plan
- Summary of recommended WRIA-Wide actions
- Summary of recommended actions for the Rock Creek planning area
- Summary of recommended actions for the Wood/Glade Creek planning area
- Summary of recommended actions for the Kennewick planning area

Tim Flynn, Aspect Consulting, gave a Powerpoint presentation on the storage study and discussed the following items:

- Sharing range of preliminary alternatives with advisory committee and storage committee
- Horse Heaven water storage pre-feasibility assessment
- Prior storage studies for Horse Heaven area
- Projected water demands
- Screening criteria for comparing storage alternatives
- Preliminary alternatives – devised 9 alternatives into eastern and western areas

- Surface reservoir capacity
- Aquafir Storage and Recovery Capacity
- Next steps
  - complete screening of alternatives
  - select preferred alternative; provide analysis
  - pursue funding for feasibility study

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:46 a.m.

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Clerk of the Board

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Chairman