

**Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council Meeting**  
**July 15, 2024**  
**Meeting Minutes (draft)**

**Attendees**

**Board Members:** Jeremiah Bonifer, James Baker, Ed Chesnut (Zoom), Caty Clifton(Zoom), Jack Ferrise, Joel Huesby, Steve Irving, Malcolm Millar, Ralph Perkins, Vern Rodighiero, Kevin Scribner (Zoom), Nathan Viavant, and John Zerba

**Staff:** Troy Baker, Wendy Harris, Sara Harris, Graham Banks, Tara Patten, Luke Adams, Brandyn Chaney, and Eric Hoverson. Intern: Arin Iverson

**Minutes:**

1. **Call to Order and Opening Remarks (7:00 PM)**
  - John Zerba called the meeting to order. The previous meeting's minutes were distributed and approved without additions or corrections.
2. **Board Business (7:07 PM)**
  - Announcement: Sara Harris resigned from the board to accept the WWBWC Outreach and Education Specialist position.
3. **River Vision Presentation (7:08 PM)**
  - **Speaker:** Jeremiah Bonifer
  - Presentation on the CTUIR River Vision framework used by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation for habitat restoration. He highlighted the importance of restoring river processes holistically rather than focusing solely on specific areas. He also discussed how the River Vision framework could be applied to the Watershed Council's mission.
4. **Flow and Snowpack Update (7:38 PM)**
  - **Speaker:** Luke Adams
  - Luke provided updates on river flow rates, snowpack conditions, and the ongoing drought affecting the region. Detailed flow measurements at various locations were taken, highlighting the recent dry conditions in some areas.
5. **Project Updates (7:54 PM)**
  - **Speakers:** Troy Baker, Tara Patten, Brandyn Chaney, and Wendy Harris
  - Updates on ongoing projects at Couse Creek, North Fork Walla Walla River and Mill Creek. Discussions on the River Fest Gala fundraising progress, including ticket sales and promotional activities.
6. **Announcements (8:00 PM)**
  - Announcement of an upcoming pub talk in Walla Walla on wildfire management.
  - The Basin Advisory Committee meetings will resume in September.
7. **Adjournment (8:07 PM)**
  - John Zerba adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.