

Columbia County Voluntary Stewardship Program Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2017

I. Call to order

Roland Schirman called to order the regular meeting of the Columbia County Voluntary Stewardship Program at 5:30 PM on November 8, 2017.

II. Attendance

Chair Roland Schirman, Greg Abramson, Don Brigham, Tom Schirm, Marty Hall, Justin Pearson, Don Howard, Janet Howard, Terry Bruegman, Kraig Horlacher

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as is.

IV. Agenda items

A. General Concerns and/or Issues

- i. None.

B. Update from State VSP

- i. The state has some new information regarding Priority Habitat Species (PHS). A new database is being created, which is intended to be state-of-the-art. The Walla Walla County plan is being revised again, following comments and changes.

C. Chapter 3 Revisions

- i. Page 10-Change “productivity”
- ii. Some edits to “Strengths and Weaknesses” table

D. Chapter 4 Revisions

- i. Strike “major role” in first sentence with “are key to”.
- ii. Third line-Replace “adopted” with “developed”.
- iii. Table 4-1-Replace “reduces soil disturbance” with “maintains and improves soils structure to minimize wind and water erosion”.
- iv. Under Pest Management-Use “pesticide choice to minimize impact to surface and ground water”.
- v. Tables should use “official” terminology and phraseology.

V. Schedule changes

- i. The schedule will change to two meetings per month for the remainder of the workplan development process. This is to ensure the workplan is complete by the end of June, 2018. Additionally, the meetings will take place at 1:30-3:00 PM for the months of January through March.

VI. Adjournment

Roland Schirman adjourned the meeting at 6:55PM

Minutes submitted by: Greg Abramson