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**c. Watershed Council Updates** – Drake reported the Mosier Watershed Council met a couple of weeks ago and it was the last meeting for Kris and Bryce as co-chairs. Unfortunately, there were not enough attendees there to elect new co-chairs, so they are having a special meeting this Wednesday. Staff are still working on the Bakeoven Watershed riparian enhancement project. Implementation will hopefully begin in the spring. Activities in the White River Watershed were discussed by Josh earlier in the Highline Ditch and fire restoration topics. In The Dalles Watershed, Drake needs to meet with Ken and Steve to refine the sampling plan for E.coli monitoring. The Fifteenmile Watershed Council will have their next meeting in early March. And all staff are actively working on the Fifteenmile MUS.

**d. OAH/ SWCC** – Ken reported he has nothing new to report on OAH. The SWCC is meeting Wednesday and Thursday this week and is still discussing director eligibility. They will be meeting at the Clackamas SWCD and will hopefully give tours of their facilities.

#### **District Manager Report**

**a. Work Plan Progress & Grant Status** – Shilpa reported the work plan and grant status reports were emailed out this morning. Things are on track on the work plan. The Mosier Deep Well has been checked off the list and the grant was closed out. The highline ditch project received an extension, so hopefully that will be completed this year. The District currently has 32 active grants, two of which are ready for closeout, totaling a little over \$4 million. Of that, \$2.6 million is remaining on the various projects. There are two pending grant applications to OWEB: one for the partnership with Wy'East and one for weed control. Since 1990, the District has completed 332 grants for a little over \$19 million in conservation projects.

**b. Activity Reports and Schedules** – No activity reports were presented however they are available for review upon request. The schedule was distributed with the agenda.

Phil asked about any weed control programs we're doing and how we could get Wasco County to fund some of that work. Wasco County does not currently have a weed program, but Sherman SWCD does receive funding from Sherman County for a weed program. Consensus was that if the District decided to develop it's own weed program, it would likely be very popular and would need funding and perhaps a dedicated employee. It was suggested this be discussed with the budget committee.

**Adjourned: 3:06 PM**

Jennifer Sampson