

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE:

*****Daytime Meeting*** Wednesday, February 18th, 2009, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, at Lincoln County Public Works Department in Davenport.**

Minutes from the WRIA 53 Monthly Meeting
LOWER LAKE ROOSEVELT WATERSHED PLANNING UNIT
Lincoln County Public Works
Davenport, WA
January 21st, 2009 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: (14)

Gene St.Godard, WNR Group	Jaime Short, Ecology
Courtney Harder, Lincoln County Planning	Dennis Maier, Lake View Subdivision
Scott Hutsell, Landowner	Kayti Didricksen, USBOR
Fred Belle, City of Davenport	Greg Behrens, Columbia Springs Estates
Jim DeGraffenreid, Lincoln Co. Planning	Eddie Johnson, Landowner
Roger Savage, Campbell Bay Water User	Jed DeBord, Seven Bays Water Assoc.
Kevin Lindsey, GSI Water Solutions	

SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Gene St.Godard with WNR Group, facilitator for the WRIA 53 Planning Group, opened the meeting at 10:05 AM. Gene thanked the group for attending the monthly Planning Unit meeting for WRIA 53. Gene gave a brief overview of how the meeting would be conducted, and then began the meeting by making sure everyone had a copy of the agenda for the meeting and a copy of the meeting summary from the 11/12/08 PU meeting.

Introduction of Participants

Gene opened the floor for people attending the meeting to introduce themselves and who they were representing. Introductions were made around the room. It appeared there was a diversified group of water users who were attending the meeting. The list of participants is presented above.

MEETING DISCUSSION AND COMMENT:

Review and Acceptance of Minutes

Gene asked the participants to review the 11/12/08 meeting summary and provide any comments and/or corrections. No edits were noted on the Meeting Summary and the group accepted them as prepared. Gene also asked if there were any edits and or comments on the proposed agenda. Hearing no comments, he began the meeting.

Old Business

No old business was discussed at the meeting.

Presentation by Gene St.Godard on Water Right Database (WRTS) in WRIA 53

The Phase 2 Level 1 Technical Team conducted an analysis of the Ecology WRTS database. A power point presentation was prepared for the group and is available on the web site. Gene provided an overview of this water rights database in WRIA. In general, Kevin spoke on the following information:

- There are 776 claims, certificates, permits, and applications on file in the WRTS database for WRIA 53. Of these, 561 are claims.
- There are 348 active surface water claims, certificates and permits in WRIA 53.
- There are 83 inactive surface water claims, certificates and permits in WRIA 53.
- There are 286 active groundwater claims, certificates and permits in WRIA 53.
- There are 35 inactive groundwater certificates, permits and applications in WRIA 53.
- There are 17 groundwater applications, and 11 groundwater change applications in WRIA 53.
- There are 7 pending surface water applications in WRIA 53.
- Approximately 35,860 AF of water have been allocated in WRIA 53 (18,910 AF in surface water and 16,949 AF in groundwater).
- There is an additional 209.25 AF of water pending application (25.25 AF in surface water and 184 AF in groundwater).
- There is 595.6 cfs allocated in surface water claims, certificates and permits.

- Of surface water allocations, the largest three are stock watering (52%), irrigation (28%), and Domestic General (14%).
- There is 26,775 gpm (59.25 cfs) allocated in groundwater claims, certificates and permits.
- Of groundwater allocations, the largest three are stock watering (32%), Domestic General (29.5%), and irrigation (25.8%).
- Of the 561 claims on file, approximately half do not document any instantaneous and/or annual quantities.

Discussion was held by the group on the preliminary review of the WRTS database. There is large number of claims for the watershed, of which many do not seem valid. The group asked Gene to do another review of the claims to see how many were obviously not valid (e.g. date of first use in 60's or 70's). Also, the group asked if a quantity could be assigned for stock watering and domestic uses and the quantity refigured for the watershed. Gene will look into the claims in more detail.

Presentation by Gene St.Godard on 1932 Hawk Creek Adjudication in WRIA 53

The Phase 2 Level 1 Technical Team conducted a review of available data for the Hawk Creek adjudication. A power point presentation was prepared for the adjudication and is available on the web site. Gene provided an overview of the adjudication.

The adjudication was done in the early 1930's, primarily for the lower 8-miles of Hawk Creek. The referee for the adjudication made the following conclusions:

- The only diversions are made on the lower section of the creek;
- The bulk of the land irrigated is in the last mile of the creek near Peach, Washington;
- Eleven ditches are present on the creek;
- There are 406 irrigated acres and 147 potentially irrigable acres in the lower part of the drainage;
- The duty of water was determined at: "not greater than one cfs, net, for each 50 acres of land irrigated". This is approximately six feet of water per acre of land.
- Nine classes of water right were developed;
- The adjudication was never finalized.

Discussion on Land Use Analysis

Gene passed out a several figures showing the land use in WRIA 53. These maps are also posted on the web site. In summary, the majority of land south of the Columbia River in the watershed is privately owned (84%). Seven percent is owned by the NPS, four percent by the BLM, and five percent by the DNR.

Public Comment

After completion of business, Gene opened the meeting to public comment and discussion. No public comment was offered.

Setting of Next Meeting Time

A discussion was held on scheduling the next meeting. It was determined that the next meeting will be scheduled for February 18th, 2009 from 10:00 am- 12:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Lincoln County Public Works Building in Davenport.

Actions Completed

Acceptance of November meeting minutes

Actions Needed

- Continue work on Phase 2 Technical Assessment;
- Organize speakers.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM. If you have any questions please call Gene St.Godard at (509) 468-4876 or send an email message to Gene at stgod@comcast.net