

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE:**

**\*\*\*Daytime Meeting\*\*\* Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM, at Lincoln County Public Works Department in Davenport.**

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**Minutes from the WRIA 53 Monthly Meeting**  
**LOWER LAKE ROOSEVELT WATERSHED PLANNING UNIT**  
**Lincoln County Public Works**  
**Davenport, WA**  
**February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**IN ATTENDANCE: (18)**

Gene St.Godard, WNR Group	Jaime Short, Ecology
Courtney Harder, Lincoln County Planning	Andy Lampe, Okanogan Co. Commissioner
Scott Hutsell, Landowner	Kayti Didricksen, USBOR
Fred Bell, City of Davenport	Robert Heath, Ferry Co. Commissioner
Jim DeGraffenreid, Lincoln Co. Planning	Roz Virg, Landowner
Jim Barbieri, Resident	Ellen Savage, Campbell Bay Water Users
Barb Blacker, Resident	Dean White, LCCD
David Lundgren, LCCD	Molly Reid, GSI Water Solutions
Kevin Lindsey, GSI Water Solutions	Loren Brown, Whitestone Land Develop

**SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:**

Gene St.Godard with WNR Group, facilitator for the WRIA 53 Planning Group, opened the meeting at 10:00 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 1/21/09 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 1/21/09 meeting summary and provide any comments and/or corrections. Minor grammatical edits were noted on the Meeting Summary and the group accepted them as corrected. 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 Bob Derkey of DNR on Geology of Hawk Creek Area**

Mr. Bob Derkey, Economic Geologist with the Geology and Earth Division of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) gave a presentation to the group on the geology of the Hawk Creek area. Mr. Derkey began the presentation with a general overview of what aquifers are, and the historical deposition of the unconsolidated aquifers in eastern Washington. A general overview of the last glacial ice age was given and how most unconsolidated aquifers are within the sediments deposited during the last ice age. A discussion was also held regarding the aquifers within the basalt rocks. General recharge to aquifers were described and how water is transferred through the sediment and rock aquifers.

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

During the January meeting, Gene provided an overview of this water rights database in WRIA. In general, Gene 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). After review of the claims, the following information/conclusions were developed:

- The surface claims that were quantified averaged 0.04 cfs each and there are 98 unquantified claims so that is approximately 4 cfs, a reasonable number to set aside to satisfy those claims.
- The ground water claims averaged 15 gpm and there are 143 unquantified ones, for 2145 gpm or 4.7 cfs so we would set aside 5 cfs to satisfy those claims.
- There were 41 claims that had invalid priority dates - in an adjudication some of them may be deemed valid while others would be thrown out but that could also be said for a number of the claims with valid priority dates so they would balance each other out for the most part.
- 24 of the claims were surface water for a total of 542.8 cfs but one claim was for 540 cfs out of a spring for group domestic irrigation of 20 acres so the numbers are really bogus and skewed as a result. We would throw that one out and say the surface claims were for 2.8 cfs.
- The 17 ground water claims were for 2894 gpm but two of the claims were filed by the same person for identical amounts, annual quantities, both in Ferry County etc. so We are sure they are duplicates which would reduce the amount to 1894 after removing one of the duplicates which is basically 4 cfs.

#### **Public Comment**

After completion of business, Gene opened the meeting to public comment and discussion. Dean White with the LCCD mentioned that he will be submitting an application for a scholarship to the Lake Roosevelt Forum on behalf of the WRIA 53 Planning Unit. The conference will be held in April. If people would like to attend the meeting using the scholarship, please contact Gene. No other 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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