

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE:**

**\*\*\*Daytime Meeting\*\*\* Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008, 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM, downstairs meeting room at Lincoln County Public Works 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**  
**April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**IN ATTENDANCE: (24)**

Gene St.Godard, WNR Group	Mimi Wainwright, Ecology
Jim DeGraffenreid, Lincoln County Planning	Roger Savage, Campbell Bay
Eddie Johnson, Landowner	Ellen Savage, Campbell Bay
Joel Jahn, Landowner	Lon Ottossen, USBR
Gregg Behrens, Columbia Springs Estates	Jim Barbier, Landowner
Dennis Bly, Lincoln Co Commissioner	Beth Aldrich Barbier, Landowner
Fred Bell, City of Davenport	Richard Dreger, Roosevelt Views
Frank Hanson, Hanson Harbor	Chris Martin, Water Quality Engineering
Scott Hutsell, Landowner	Dennis Maier, Lakeview

**SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:**

Gene St.Godard with WNR Group, facilitator for the WRIA 53 Planning Group, opened the meeting at 9:10 AM . Gene thanked the group for attending the 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 3/19/08 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 meeting summary and provide any comments and/or corrections. Several corrections were made on spelling of participants names. One edit was made to verbiage in the “setting of next meeting time” section. No other edits or comments were noted on the Meeting Summary and the group accepted them as edited.

Gene also asked if there were any edits and or comments on the proposed agenda. Hearing no comments, he began the meeting.

**Watershed Planning Presentation – Mimi Wainwright Ecology**

Mimi Wainwright was introduced by Gene St.Godard to provide the Planning Unit with an overview of the Watershed Planning process. Mimi spoke on the four phases of watershed planning and what the group would expect to complete during the planning effort. Discussion was held on how to keep up the participation of residents and attract new residents. Suggestions ranged from: talking to CDs to advertise meeting dates in their public reports; advertising in more newspapers, getting word of mouth out, and addressing County Commissioners to get more participation.

Discussion was also held on how residents in Okanogan and Ferry County who are located on fee land within the Colville Reservation boundaries are affected by the Planning process and how they are represented. Gene noted that the County Commissioners of Ferry and Okanogan County signed onto the Planning process and support it. However, they have not participated in the Planning Unit meetings. Gene also informed the group that the Colville Tribe has a resolution passed by their Council that does not let them participate in ESHB 2514 Watershed Planning. However, Gene is still in contact with the Tribe to let them know what we are doing. Discussion was held to try to get representation by some people in the watershed on the north side of the Columbia River.

*Action to be taken:*

- ⇒ *Gene will advertise in more newspapers, and meet with County Commissioners to attempt to generate more participation.*
- ⇒ *Gene to try to open more communication with Colville Tribe.*

### **Discussion on Planning Unit Structure**

A discussion was held on how the Planning Unit should be structured. Mimi suggested that some Planning Units structure their group with certain “groups” represented (e.g. voting members for farming, timber, residents, water groups, etc.). Discussion was also held on how groups in the surrounding watersheds were structured. Persons familiar with other close watershed planning units such as WRIA 43 and WRIA 54 informed the group that they primarily had a requirement to achieve voting status to any individual, and once that voting requirement was met, they could be an active membership of the Planning Unit. These Planning Units do not have individual “groups” specified in which representatives hold voting status. The discussion also covered the “initiating governments” and how they are represented in the voting structure. Gene informed the group that typically the initiating governments (all counties in the watershed, largest water purveyor, and largest town) hold a voting seat and do not have to meet the meeting requirements. The initiating governments are typically represented by one designated individual, and if several employees of the initiating government are present, they still only hold one vote. Gene further explained that seeing the initiating governments typically take on most of the obligations under the watershed planning process on behalf of the planning members, they are given this vote. Most Planning Units also have a requirement that the initiating governments should have consensus to move obligations forward. Some groups also allow federal agencies, or multiple state agencies (such as Ecology, WDFW, DNR, etc.) to have an individual vote. RCW 90.82 states that Ecology speaks on behalf of all the state agencies under an MOU, however, the group can allow the individual agencies a separate vote. Discussion was also held regarding the federal agencies, specifically BOR and Parks Service, which are active in this watershed. These federal agencies can have a vote on the Planning Unit, or just act in an advisory role. Lon Ottossen with the BOR voiced that his agency would prefer to only act in an advisory role. The group had a discussion with a general consensus that: 1) the WRIA 53 Planning Unit should be structured to allow any person or person representing an entity be represented on the Planning Unit and allowed a vote if they meet the voting requirements, 2) state agencies should be only represented with one vote through Ecology; and 3) the federal agencies act in an advisory role.

A discussion was also held on Steering Committees. Roles and responsibilities of other steering committees in other watersheds was held. The Planning Unit decided that forming a Steering Committee at this time was not warranted, but the Operating Procedures should allow for a Steering Committee to be formed on approval of the Planning Unit.

*Action to be taken:*

- ⇒ *Gene to contact the Parks Service and BOR to discuss acting in an advisory role*

### Discussion on Planning Unit Voting Procedures

A general discussion was held on how the Planning Unit should set up how to achieve voting status and voting procedures. Discussion was held on other Planning Units and how they have set up their voting membership, and where do they start membership. After a detailed discussion, the following motions were made and discussed:

**Motion by Joel Jahn, Second by Greg Behrens:** “Every person who has attended a meeting to date (April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008), except for consultants and speaker representatives, has achieved voting rights”. Motion PASSED with general consensus.

**Motion by Dennis Maier, Second by Joel Jahn:** “New members must attend three of four consecutive meetings to achieve voting status”. Motion PASSED with general consensus.

**Motion by Greg Behrens, Second by Jim DeGraffenreid:** “Voting members must attend three meetings in a calendar year to maintain voting status”. Motion PASSED with general consensus.

A discussion was also held on that if a voting member could not attend a meeting where an important vote was to be taken, could there be absentee ballot or vote by proxy. Many speakers did not like the proxy voting, but thought there should be some criteria for absentee voting. The Planning Unit also requested Gene to develop some language for the operating procedures so voting be allowed by absentee ballot. The Planning Unit will review at next meeting.

*Action to be taken:*

⇒ *Gene to develop a final draft of the Operating Procedures, incorporating the discussion and motions approved.*

### Public Comment

After the presentation, Gene opened the meeting to public comment and discussion. Much discussion was held on whether the Hawk Creek project would be constructed. People involved in the process did not feel it was a feasible alternative. Jamie and Mimi from Ecology noted that Ecology does not make the decision on the construction of these storage facilities. Approval of the reservoirs would have to come from the U.S. Congress and siting and building of any storage facilities would be conducted by the Bureau of Reclamation.

### Setting of Next Meeting Time

A discussion was held on scheduling the next meeting. Participants discussed whether to keep meetings during the day, or schedule night time meetings. Many local landowners were in favor of night time meetings. However, many participants at the February meeting requested daytime meetings. It was discussed that we would alternate the meetings every month from daytime to night time. The next meeting was set for April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at the Lincoln County Public Works building. The next meeting would be held to finalize Operating and Voting procedures. Gene also mentioned again that Lincoln County has already developed a web site for WRIA 53. It is located on Lincoln Counties Planning web page.

### Actions Completed

Acceptance of March meeting minutes

**Actions Needed**

Gene to advertise in more newspapers for the WRIA 53 meetings.  
Gene to meet with the four County Commissioners to generate more participation.  
Gene to get draft Operating Procedures ready for next meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 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](mailto:stgod@comcast.net)

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