

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE:

*****Evening Meeting*** Wednesday, June 18th, 2008, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, at Memorial Hall in Davenport.**

Minutes from the WRIA 53 Monthly Meeting
LOWER LAKE ROOSEVELT WATERSHED PLANNING UNIT
Lincoln County Public Works
Davenport, WA
May 21st, 2008 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: (21)

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	Jim Barbier, Landowner
Courtney Harder, Lincoln County Planning	Jaime Short, Ecology
David Lundgren, LCCD	Scott Cave, CBGWMA
Frank Hanson, Hanson Harbor	Lois Aldrich, Landowner
Scott Hutsell, Landowner	Mike Blakkenship, Ferry County Comm.
Penny Rosenburg, Landowner	Orville Lanway, Lakeview Water
Loren Brown, Whitestone Land Mngmnt	Riechelle Brown, Resident
Andrew Lampe, Okanogan County Commissioner	

SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Gene St.Godard with WNR Group, facilitator for the WRIA 53 Planning Group, opened the meeting at 1:35 PM. 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 4/16/08 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 4/16/08 meeting summary and provide any comments and/or corrections. Several grammatical corrections were made. 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.

Old Business

Gene presented a summary of old business action.

- 1) Gene met with the Lincoln, Ferry, Okanogan and Grant County Commissioners to update them on the status of the Planning Unit. Meetings occurred on 5/11/08 (Ferry County), 5/12/08 (Okanogan County), and 5/19/08 (Lincoln and Adams County). At the meetings, Gene stressed to the commissioners that the Planning Unit would like them all to be represented at the Planning Unit meetings. Ferry and Okanogan Counties committed Commissioner Mike Blakkenship, and Andy Lampe, respectively, to keep up on WRIA 53 activities and attend the meetings when time is available. Gene will keep an open communication with the commissioners' offices. Pursuant to Chapter 90.82.130 RCW, Grant County is opting out of the watershed planning process in Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 53, the Lower Lake

Roosevelt Watershed due to the limited land area of Grant County (less than 0.5%) within the WRIA.

- 2) At the April meeting, the Planning Unit also requested that Gene attempt to see how many fee land owners were present on the Colville Reservation that are within WRIA 53. Gene spoke with the Okanogan and Ferry County assessors' office to develop that information. There are 34 fee land owners in Ferry County, and 480 fee land owners in Okanogan County. The group then requested Gene to prepare a mailing to send to these land owners informing them of the Planning process.
- 3) Gene discussed briefly on how he researched the 303(d) listings for WRIA 53. He passed out the 303(d) lists to the group. There are seven (7) contaminants listed on the list. Three are in Buffalo Lake on the Colville Reservation, and the other four are in Lake Roosevelt/Columbia River.

Action to be taken:

- ⇒ *Gene and Courtney will develop a mailing to send out to the fee land owners within the Colville Reservation that is within WRIA 53 and invite them to the next PU meeting.*
- ⇒ *Gene to keep communication open with Counties.*

Discussion on Draft Operating and Voting Procedures

A review and discussion was held on the draft operating procedures that were developed at the April 2008 meeting. Several further edits were recommended:

- 1) Under section III.b.ii the following sentence should be added: "Alternates must declare their representation prior to initiating business of the Watershed Planning Unit".
- 2) Under section IV.b.i, third paragraph: the words "Initiating Government representatives" will be replaced with "members present".
- 3) Under section IV.b.ii, first paragraph, second sentence: the words "Voting rights for new members" will be replaced with "Voting membership for future members".
- 4) Under section IV.b.ii, third paragraph: the words "a city council and" will be deleted.
- 5) Under section IV.b.iv, first paragraph, second sentence: the words "unit of government that disagreed with the decision: will be replaced with "entity that did not agree to the obligation".
- 6) Under section IV.b.iv, third paragraph, first sentence: the words "RCW 90.82.080 and .130 and within" will be inserted between the words "stated in" – "the Guide".
- 7) In Appendix A, item 3, first sentence: the word "is" will be replaced with "be".
- 8) In Appendix A, item 7, the group requested that this sentence be revised. Scott Clave and Gene St.Godard will revise for next meeting.

Motion by Joel Jahn, Second by Loren Brown: "Adopt the Operating and Voting Procedures as revised by Planning Unit on 5/21/08, with the availability that procedures can be modified at future meeting".

Motion PASSED with general consensus.

Action to be taken:

- ⇒ *Gene to make edits to operating procedures*
- ⇒ *Scott Clave and Gene to rewrite Appendix A, item 7.*

Discussion on Finalizing Mission Statement

A motion was on the table from last month to adopt the Mission Statement:

"To define and guide the management the water resources in the Lower Lake Roosevelt (WRIA 53) Watershed for sustainable beneficial uses of water users"

A general discussion was held on this mission statement. Some friendly amendments were proposed during the discussion. However, Gregg Behrens who made the motion and Dennis Maier

who second the motion were not in attendance. In order to continue the discussion on the Mission statement, the following motion was made:

Motion by Scott Hutsell, Second by Mike Blakkenship: *“Motion to remove previous motion for adoption of Mission Statement currently on table in order to continue general discussion”*. Motion PASSED with general consensus.

General discussion was continued with recommendation from Joel Jahn to change the Mission Statement to:

“To define and guide the management of the water resources and the voluntary implementation of those management practices in the Lower Lake Roosevelt (WRIA 53) Watershed for sustainable beneficial uses of water users”

Jim Barbieri also put forth the following recommendation:

“To define the hydrologic resources of the Lower Lake Roosevelt Watershed”.

Eddie Johnson requested that the Mission Statement be constructed similar to the WRIA 43 Mission Statement. No one present had the WRIA 43 Mission Statement and it could not be discussed further. Eddie requested that Gene bring the WRIA 43 Mission Statement (as modified for WRIA 53) to the next meeting.

[For purposes of the minutes, the WRIA 43 Mission Statement is: *“To develop a plan to manage and protect the water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner that is in the interest of the residents and landowners of the upper Crab Creek Watershed”*]

Motion by Joel Jahn, Second by Eddie Johnson: *“Table the discussion on the Mission Statement until the June meeting, at which time Gene will submit the four Mission Statements discussed tonight”*.

Motion PASSED with general consensus.

MISSION STATEMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED AT JUNE MEETING:

- 1) *“To define and guide the management the water resources in the Lower Lake Roosevelt (WRIA 53) Watershed for sustainable beneficial uses of water users”*
- 2) *“To define and guide the management of the water resources and the voluntary implementation of those management practices in the Lower Lake Roosevelt (WRIA 53) Watershed for sustainable beneficial uses of water users”*
- 3) *“To define the hydrologic resources of the Lower Lake Roosevelt Watershed”*.
- 4) *“To develop a plan to manage and protect the water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner that is in the interest of the residents and landowners of the Lower Lake Roosevelt Watershed”*

Action to be taken:

⇒ Gene compile the four Mission Statements to be voted on at June meeting.

Discussion on Phase 2 Technical Elements

Gene gave a brief overview of the technical elements which could be studied during Phase 2 of Watershed Planning (Water Quantity, Water Quality, Habitat, Instream Flow, and/or Water Storage). A review and discussion was held on the technical elements. Dave Lundgren spoke to the group regarding WRIA 43's process. He suggested to the group that they start smaller and not take on all the technical elements, so the group would not get overwhelmed like the WRIA 43 group. Gene informed the group that Lincoln County would only like to start with Water Quantity and Water Storage, and that

other elements could be added later if the group wanted to undertake them. Mimi informed the group that the additional monies for instream flow, water quality and water storage may not be available if not requested in the beginning of Phase 2. Some discussion was held that the main concern in the watershed is water availability for the future, and that there are no 303(d) listings that the group could address. Discussion was also held that Hawk Creek is the only major tributary in the watershed and that flows intermittently at places. Discussion led to the following motion:

Motion by Penny Rosenberg, Second by Ellen Savage: “*Motion to address the Quantity, Storage and Instream Flow (as a second phase by applying for grant first, then determining if the group wants to proceed) for the elements in the WRIA 53 Phase 2 Technical Assessment*”.

No general consensus, discussion was continued. The group asked if a more detailed presentation on what scope of work would be required if they undertook the technical element could be discussed. Gene offered to develop a general scope of work for each element for the group to review. Then a decision could be achieved on which elements to undertake.

Motion by Jaime Short, Second by Loren Brown: “*Table the motion on the three elements to be undertaken in Phase 2 and the discussion until a general scope of work is presented to the Planning Unit at the June meeting*”.

Motion PASSED with general consensus.

Action to be taken:

⇒ *Gene to develop a general scope of work for each of the technical elements and present to the group at the June meeting.*

Public Comment

After completion of business, Gene opened the meeting to public comment and discussion. Announcements were made for some upcoming meetings: 1) the Lake Roosevelt Forum boat tour to be done on May 30th, and the Ecology presentation on the Lake Roosevelt Drawdown EIS to be held on June 16th, 2008 in Grand Coulee and June 17th, 2008 in Colville, both from 4-7 pm. Gene emailed the announcement of the meetings to the group.

Setting of Next Meeting Time

A discussion was held on scheduling the next meeting. It was determined that we should hold the next meeting at night on June 18th, 2008 from 6-8 pm. Due to a meeting hall conflict, the meeting will be held at Memorial Hall in Davenport.

Actions Completed

Acceptance of April meeting minutes
Acceptance of Final Draft Operating Procedures
Representation from Okanogan and Ferry County Commissioners

Actions Needed

Gene develop a mailing to send out to the fee land owners within the Colville Reservation
Gene to make edits to operating procedures
Scott Clave and Gene to rewrite Appendix A, item 7
Gene compile the four Mission Statements to be voted on at June meeting
Gene to develop a general scope of work for each of the technical elements

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 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