

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE:

*****Daytime Meeting*** Wednesday, July 16th, 2008, 1:30 PM – 3:30 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
June 18th, 2008 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: (21)

Gene St.Godard, WNR Group	Mimi Wainwright, Ecology
Courtney Harder, Lincoln County Planning	Roger Savage, Campbell Bay
Eddie Johnson, Landowner	Ellen Savage, Campbell Bay
Joel Jahn, Landowner	Ken Long, Landowner
Jaime Short, Ecology	Flora Long, Landowner
Harold Dunlap, Landowner	Deral Boleneus, Lincoln Co. Commissioner
Frank Hanson, Hanson Harbor	Chris Martin, Water Quality Engineering
Scott Hutsell, Landowner	William Guhlke, Farm Bureau
Penny Rosenburg, Landowner	Marlena Guhlke, Landowner
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 6:05 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 5/21/08 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 5/21/08 meeting summary and provide any comments and/or corrections. No edits or comments 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

Gene presented a summary of old business action.

- 1) Gene gave a brief summary of the CRWMP Lake Roosevelt Drawdown open house that was put on by Ecology in Grand Coulee on June 16th, 2008. Gene explained some of the key issues, such as the allocation of water from the drawdown. It has not yet been determined, and is discussed in Section 2 of the Supplemental EIS. Gene had about a dozen copies of the Supplemental EIS prepared by Ecology on disk, and handed them out to those in the group that wanted to review the SEIS. Comments on the SEIS are due by June 30th, 2008.
- 2) During the May meeting, the group asked if a mailing could be sent out to fee land owners in Ferry and Okanogan County which are within the CCT Reservation. Gene and Courtney updated the group on the mailing. Over 450 postcards were sent out to fee land owners inviting

them to participate in the WRIA 53 Planning Unit. Two fee land owners were present at the meeting (Ken and Flora Long).

- 3) In April 2008, Gene met with the Grant County Commissioners regarding the WRIA 53 planning process. Gene notified the group that he had received a letter from Grant County opting out of the planning process under RCW 90.82.130; which allows a County to opt out of the process if less than 0.5% of their land area is within the watershed.
- 4) Gene updated the group on the results of the Superior Group decision to overturn parts of 1338-the "muni" bill. Gene informed the group that he would attempt to find out how it may affect some of the land developers in the watershed. Gene passed out an article on the court decision and a link on how to get to the judges summary judgment.

Discussion on Draft Operating Procedures – Appendix A – Item 7

A review and discussion was held on the language in Appendix A – Item 7 of the Operating procedures. During the May meeting, the group had asked Scott Clave and Gene St.Godard to develop recommended language for communication with the press. Scott and Gene developed some alternative language which was presented to the group on a hand-out. Discussion was held on the language and the following recommendation was developed:

“Members of the WRIA 53 Planning Unit agree that all official communications with the news media representing the Lower Lake Roosevelt Watershed Planning Unit will be periodic, planning unit approved press releases, and through presentations provided by approved representatives of the planning unit such as the WRIA 53 Watershed Coordinator and/or the representative of the lead agency.

In addition, the WRIA 53 planning unit recognizes that Ecology may periodically develop and distribute information, including news releases, regarding the progress and actions of the Watershed Planning Unit.”

Motion by Scott Hutsell, Second by Flora Long: “Adopt the recommended language for Appendix A – Item 7 (as presented above)”.

Motion PASSED with general consensus.

Some further discussion was had by the group as to whether Ecology should be a voting member of the Planning Unit. Joel Jahn, Penny Rosenberg, and the Guhlkes provided question as why Ecology should or should not be a voting member. Commissioner Boleneus, Jaime, Mimi, Gene and Ellen Savage spoke on the benefits of having Ecology as a voting member. Gene informed the group that at the initial kick-off meeting, Ecology had been invited as a voting member, and if the group wanted to remove Ecology as a voting member, it might be better addressed entering into Phase 2. Gene informed the group that it appeared Lincoln County wanted Ecology at the table. Commissioner Lampe (Okanogan County) discussed some of the planning efforts in central Washington which have Ecology as voting members, and watersheds in which Ecology is not. Commissioner Lampe informed the group that the watersheds which did not have Ecology as a voting member, was probably due more to personality conflicts. Joel Jahn asked Ecology is they could look into how many watersheds have Ecology as a voting member vs. those that do not; and give a presentation on the pros and cons of having Ecology as voting members. Mimi agreed that she could develop something for the group.

Action to be taken:

⇒ *Mimi to prepare a presentation on the pros and cons of Ecology as a voting member.*

Discussion on Finalizing Mission Statement

Over the past several months, discussion was held on the Mission Statement for the WRIA 53 Planning Unit. During the May meeting, the group asked Gene to summarize four options for a vote by the Planning Unit. The four recommended Mission Statements are:

MISSION STATEMENTS 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"*

General discussion was held on the four Mission Statements. Many members and County Commissioners liked the Mission Statements which referenced the economic value of watershed planning in the Mission Statement.

Motion by Ellen Savage, Second by Flora Long: *"Motion for WRIA 53 Planning Unit to adopt #4 (as described above) as the Mission Statement".*

Motion PASSED with general consensus.

Discussion on Phase 2 Technical Elements

A motion was tabled from the May meeting to address Water Quantity, Water Storage and Instream Flow for the Phase 2 technical elements. During the May meeting, the group asked Gene to develop a general scope of work for each of the five technical elements in watershed planning prior to voting on the motion. Gene gave a presentation on the Phase 2 technical elements possible scope of work. Technical tasks for each element was presented and discussed. Gene informed the group that what was presented on the slides may be things the group would like to undertake in their technical assessment, and are not required. The group could select some the technical studies or even add some if they like. General discussion was held on what could be accomplished for each element. Watershed Planning requires Water Quantity to be studied, with Water Quality, Habitat, Instream Flow, and Water Storage optional elements. The general discussion revolved around understanding where the possible water resources are in WRIA 53, and if they will be strained from the development which is occurring. Courtney and 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 although she had recommended the group undertake instream flow, it may be premature to undertake it at this time because there is limited data in the watershed at this time. Mimi offered a friendly amendment to remove instream flow from the motion made at the last meeting. The group agreed. Discussion was held that some data should be collected on stream flows. Mimi and Jaime informed the group that other funding options may be available to purchase stream gauges and collect stream flows.

Motion by Penny Rosenberg, Second by Joel Jahn: *"Motion for Gene to prepare the Phase 2 grant applications to address the Water Quantity and Water Storage elements in the WRIA 53 Phase 2 Technical Assessment".*

Motion PASSED with general consensus.

Action to be taken:

⇒ *Gene to prepare the grant application for the group at the July meeting.*

Gene recommended a technical committee review the grant applications prior to the July meeting. Volunteers for the Phase 2 Grant Committee included: Penny Rosenberg, Ted Hopkins, Chris Martin, Loren Brown, Marlena Guhlke, and Mimi Wainwright.

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 July 16th, 2008 from 1:30-3:30 pm. The meeting will be held at Lincoln County Public Works Building in Davenport.

Actions Completed

Acceptance of May meeting minutes
Acceptance of Final Operating Procedures
Acceptance of Final Mission Statement
Selection of Phase 2 Technical Elements

Actions Needed

Gene to develop Phase 2 grant applications for each the Water Quantity and Water Storage technical elements

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 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