

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE:

*****Afternoon Meeting*** Wednesday, November 17th, 2010, 1:00 PM – 4:00 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
August 18th, 2010 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

IN ATTENDANCE: (26)

Gene St.Godard, WNR Group	Scott Hutsell, Lincoln Co. Commissioner
Courtney Harder, Lincoln County Planning	Bob Heath, Resident
Molly Reid, GSI Water Solutions	Jim DeGraffenreid, Lincoln County Planning
Rusty Post, Ecology	David Lundgren, LCCD
Dennis Bly, Lincoln Co. Comm.	Ellen Savage, Campbell Bay Water Assoc
Roger Savage, Resident	

SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Gene St.Godard with WNR Group, facilitator for the WRIA 53 Planning Group, opened the meeting at 10:10 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. Gene asked if any additions to the agenda were needed. No changes were requested.

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

A copy of the June 2010 minutes was distributed to the participants. No July minutes were prepared for the special meeting held on July 13th, as that meeting was just conducted to review and finalize the 2011-2013 budget requests. Gene asked if there were any edits or corrections to the June minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were accepted by consensus.

Discussion by Rusty Post – Ecology, on the 2011 – 2013 Watershed Budget Process

Rusty Post of Ecology gave an overview/update on the Ecology watershed funding process, specifically related to the FY 2011-2013 funding cycle. Ecology and the watersheds are developing the proposed budgets to conduct watershed planning, and will submit a proposed budget (this is developed from the proposals developed in July). He informed the group that the future of watershed planning is still in doubt and if there is any funding available, it will be a lot more competitive to receive funds. After the recent submittals are reviewed for the proposed watershed planning, another round of applications will be conducted. These applications will have to be submitted with a lot more detail.

Regarding the leftover FY2011 watershed funds (of which WRIA 53 was requesting \$30,000), there has been no decision made. Ecology is holding onto funds and they may not be distributed due to state budget shortfalls. The current funds that WRIA 53 has under grant contract will remain. These include the funds to conduct stream flow monitoring, groundwater level monitoring, and meetings.

Review of WRIA 53 Grants Prepared by Gene St.Godard

After the July 13th meeting, Gene finalized the WRIA 53 proposed budget request. It was submitted on time to Ecology. The WRIA 53 Group submitted proposed funding for conducting Phase 3 Plan development, Phase 4 DIP development, conducting a water storage evaluation, and conducting studies on well inventory, eastern WRIS 53 hydrogeologic modeling, stream flow monitoring, spring/seep identification, analytical modeling of geologic/hydrogeologic connection, and nitrate/arsenic sampling. More detailed applications on these projects will be submitted at the end of the year.

Discussion on Water Level Monitoring

Gene gave an update of the groundwater level monitoring program. He discussed how the LCCD were monitoring the wells and most are remaining at a constant level except for a few outliers that are dropping, most likely as a result of being in hydraulic continuity with Lake Roosevelt. Gene gave a handout of the water level tables and graphs of wells currently being monitored by the LCCD. The project is moving forward collecting data every 6 to 8 weeks and more well level information should be available next month.

We also looked into potential other funding options to support the program. As of this meeting, no other funding alternatives were identified.

Gene also reviewed the stream flow monitoring with the group. The LCCD has taken over monitoring on Hawk Creek. Handouts of the data were supplied to the group. Gene discussed that a more representative impact to the stream will be available after measurements are collected after the irrigation season. Results will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

Public Comment

Gene asked the group if there was any public comment. No public comment was offered

Setting of Next Meeting Time

A discussion was held on scheduling the next meeting. Gene notified the group that there is not much on the agenda for the next month. The group is currently in a holding pattern, until the next funding cycle starts in June 2011. The LCCD is still conducting the monitoring on the wells and those results can be reported every couple of months. Therefore the group elected to meet every other month until the next funding cycle. It was determined that the next meeting will be scheduled for October 20th, 2010 from 10:00 am- 12:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Lincoln County Public Works Building in Davenport.

NOTE: the October meeting was cancelled due to maintenance and construction activities in the meeting room at the Public Works Building. Next meeting was rescheduled by Lincoln County for November 17th, 2010 from 1 PM to 4 PM.

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