

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE:

*****Daytime Meeting*** Wednesday, November 18th, 2009, 10 AM – 12:00 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

October 21st, 2009 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: (17)

Gene St.Godard, WNR Group	Courtney Harder, Lincoln County Planning
Kayti Didricksen, USBOR	Scott Hutsell, Lincoln County Commissioner
Molly Reid, GSI Water Solutions	Jim DeGraffenreid, Lincoln County Planning
Jaime Short, Ecology	David Lundgren, LCCD
Roger Savage, Campbell Bay Water Assoc.	Ellen Savage, Landowner
Lon Ottosen, USBR	Eddie Johnson, Landowner
Fred Bell, City of Davenport	Jim Barbieri, Resident
Sam Rosen, Lincoln County Resident	Muriel Anderson, Lincoln County Resident
George Livingston, Resident	

SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Gene St.Godard with WNR Group, facilitator for the WRIA 53 Planning Group, opened the meeting at 10:05 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.

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 informed the group that the minutes were never approved for the June 2009 meeting. A copy of the minutes was distributed to the participants. No edits or modifications were made to the June minutes and they were accepted by general consensus. A copy of the August minutes was also distributed to the group. No edits were noted on the August Meeting Summary and the group accepted them as prepared. Gene also asked if there were any edits and or comments on the proposed agenda. Commissioner Hutsell requested that a discussion be added regarding Sam Rosen and Muriel Anderson's concern over a storage facility being constructed on Hawk Creek. Gene added the item to the agenda as the first order of business.

Discussion on Level 2 Consultants

Gene St.Godard turned the meeting over to Jim DeGraffenreid of Lincoln County for closed discussions regarding the proposals submitted for the Level 2 consultant contract. Gene St.Godard, Molly Reid and Dave Lundgren left the room for the closed discussions. Two proposals were submitted for the Level 2 contract from the WNR Group/GSI Water Solutions team and from Fulcrum Environmental. The Planning Unit had discussions in closed session for approximately 30 minutes, at which time a motion was made to select the WNR Group/GSI Water Solutions team. The motion passed in closed session.

Discussion on Hawk Creek Issue

Sam Rosen, Mureil Anderson and Commissioner Hutsell opened a discussion on a small storage facility that is being constructed on Hawk Creek by a private property owner. The concerns Jim and Muriel have is that flooding may occur from the storage facility as it is located immediately adjacent to Hawk Creek Road. Runoff from the construction activities was also a concern and potential hazards from a

future dam failure was discussed. A general discussion was had regarding the process for constructing these small scale structures on private property. Jim DeGraffenreid informed the group that a SEPA checklist was completed for the project and no objections and/or comments from Fish & Wildlife and Ecology was submitted. The pond was estimated to be smaller than 10-acre feet of storage and did not have a 6-foot or higher dam, which makes it exempt from permitting and water rights. The group informed Sam and Muriel that small scale water storage is a good thing for most streams in eastern Washington and has been expressed as a priority by some local water resource groups. In general, the group instructed Sam and Muriel that they should bring their concerns to Ecology in Spokane. Jaime also said she would inquire to the dam safety group in Spokane to see if any violations are occurring.

Discussion on Level 2 Projects

Courtney Harder updated the group on the Water Inventory GIS project she is conducting. Courtney says the project is moving forward and data is being entered into the GIS database. She informed the group she may have some maps ready by the November or December meeting.

Gene discussed the results of the Groundwater Level task. The County had mailed out requests to all property owners in the watershed. Approximately 30 residents with approximately 40 wells volunteered access to their wells. Gene discussed with the group that the first task to be completed will be to prepare the QAPP and the property access agreement. Jaime said she would find some representative Ecology approved groundwater sampling QAPP's for groundwater level monitoring and get them to Gene. Dave and Gene said they would try to obtain the QAPP developed by the Franklin Conservation District for the GWMA monitoring. A draft property access agreement and QAPP will be prepared for the November meeting, if possible.

Jaime also led a discussion on potential funding. She informed the group that next year's funding is still looking slim. Jaime suggested to the group that other funding alternatives be sought to continue some of the groundwater monitoring. Jaime said she would research other potential funding opportunities. Gene also said he could research funding alternatives and get the Boise State funding site to the group. The Boise State Funding site is: <http://efc.boisestate.edu/watershed/>

Update on Hawk Creek Flow Monitoring Sites

Jamie Short updated the group on the flow monitoring on Hawk Creek. Jaime and Mitch collected flow monitoring data in the basin on 10/14/09. They monitored three of the potential five sites on Hawk Creek. They requested help from the County to gain access to the other two sites. Jaime informed the group that the upper Indian Creek site was not good for monitoring also. The monitoring program will continue as scheduled and additional sites may be added if access to the creek is obtained.

Public Comment

After completion of business, Gene opened the meeting to public comment and discussion. Katie led a discussion on the potential nitrate concerns in groundwater. She asked if the group could sponsor a nitrate testing program. The group suggested we start looking at public education, and further look into a free testing program. Scott Hutsell said he will talk to GWMA to see if he could get some funding for nitrate sampling. The group will also look into other funding options.

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 November 18th, 2009 from 10:00 am- 12:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Lincoln County Public Works Building in Davenport.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 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