

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE:

*****Morning Meeting*** Tuesday December 13, 2011 10:00 AM – 1:00 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

November 16 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: (12)

Ellen Savage, CBWUA
Roger Savage, CBWUA
Tom Busker, Planning Commission
Greg Behrens, Columbia Springs Est
Dean White, LCCD
Rusty Post, Ecology

Scott Hutsell, Lincoln County Commissioners
Courtney Thompson, Lincoln County Planning
Bob Derkey, Retired Geologist
Fred Bell, City of Davenport
Lon Ottossen, USBOR
Gene St.Godard, WNR Group

SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Courtney began the meeting at 10 AM.

MEETING DISCUSSION AND COMMENT:

Gina Hoff told the group that a representative from the Water Smart program would like to come and present to the group. That is scheduled for the following meeting in December. The group thought it would be a good idea to invite other groups such as WRIA 43 and the Passive Rehydration groups.

Issues in WRIA 53 need to be solidified and prioritized to begin plan development. Discussion followed on the process of creating a watershed plan, in-stream flows, domestic exempt wells and their impact on senior water rights (Kittitas County). The requirement for proof of a sustainable water supply when applying for a building permit and/or subdivision was also discussed. The Health Department approval may not be enough as it does not prove legal availability...just physical availability, and not necessarily sustainable physical availability. The group asked Courtney to compile a list of issues, goals, objectives and recommendations from other watersheds in the state to use as examples for the WRIA 53 plan; this way we can benefit from all the work other groups put in to fine tuning statements and not “reinvent the wheel”. At the next meeting, the group will go through the lists and begin narrowing it down to see where the issues are.

Public Comment

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 Tuesday December 13, 2011 10:00 AM – 1:00 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 Courtney Thompson at 509-725-7911 or email cthompson@co.lincoln.wa.us