

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE:

*****Daytime Meeting*** Wednesday, December 16th, 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
November 18th, 2009 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

IN ATTENDANCE: (20)

Gene St.Godard, WNR Group
Scott Hutsell, Lincoln County Commissioner
Molly Reid, GSI Water Solutions
Jaime Short, Ecology
Roger Savage, Campbell Bay Water Assoc.
Lon Ottosen, USBR
Fred Bell, City of Davenport
Heather Cannon, DOH-ODW
Scott Torpie, DOH-ODW
Tim Hood, Hanson Harbor

Kayti Didricksen, USBOR
Jeff DeWinkler, USBOR
Jim DeGraffenreid, Lincoln County Planning
David Lundgren, LCCD
Ellen Savage, Landowner
Eddie Johnson, Landowner
Jim Barbieri, Resident
Danielle Finley, WA DOH
Gregg Behrens, Columbia Springs Estates
Dennis Maier, Lakeview Subdivision

SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Gene St.Godard with WNR Group, facilitator for the WRIA 53 Planning Group, opened the meeting at 10:00 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

A copy of the October minutes was distributed to the participants. Eddie Johnson requested that he had requested a copy of the liability policy requirements by the county for their subcontractors. This was conducted under the public comment session during last meeting. The edit will be made to the October minutes. No other edits or modifications were made to the October minutes and they were accepted by general consensus.

Presentation by DOH on As and N in Water Supplies in WRIA 53

Scott Torpie with the DOH led a discussion on arsenic and nitrate. Heather Cannon and Danielle Finley were also present for the discussion. Scott is the lead engineer with DOH for the Lincoln County area. Danielle is the lead for Group B systems and Heather is the Regional Planner for the northeast area and works mostly works on Group A systems.

Scott began the discussion with an overview of nitrate and arsenic issues in WRIA 53. He stated that arsenic MCL is 10 ppb, and Nitrate is 10 ppm. He referenced that not many water systems in Lincoln County have arsenic or nitrate problems. Only a couple systems are slightly over the standards. Deer Meadows is slightly over arsenic MCL, and River Rue and Deer Meadows are slightly or right at the standard for nitrate. Nitrate is an acute contaminant and arsenic is a chronic contaminant.

Due to the lack of known impacts, Scott asked the group what their primary interest were. A discussion was held on whether the arsenic is a localized issue or pervasive throughout the Columbia River. Scott said the department did not know at this time, and only addresses the issue when they arise in a specific water system. Dave directed the discussion to the nitrate issue being an issue more to the domestic wells, and how could we potentially address the nitrate in domestic water without landowners getting red-flagged for their water. A general discussion was held on the general health affects of nitrate in water supplies, possible BMP's, and potential homeowner mitigation measures. Scott also stated that there are 4,000+ Group A water systems serving 86% of population, there are 13,000+ Group B water systems that serve 2% of population, and the remaining 12% of population is on

domestic wells. Therefore, the DOH focuses on the water systems that supply 88% of population and do not focus on domestic exempt wells. Scott referenced numerous areas on where information on nitrate is available for the general public. He also distributed some information to the PU. Most information can be found at the Office of Drinking Water web site: www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw.

A discussion was also held on the difference in sampling and reporting requirements for Group A and Group B water systems. Group B systems would only have to sample at the initial well installation for As, and if passes the MCL, DOH would not require and further sampling and reporting. DOH also said they have a proposal to require 1250 gpd per connection in eastern Washington, which would mean any development over 4 homes would require a water right.

Discussion on Water Level Monitoring QAPP

Gene gave the group an update on the status of the QAPP. A draft QAPP has been prepared which followed the guidelines put forth in the USGS guidance document. The draft document was sent to Jamie who forwarded it to Guy Gregory and John Colvert at Ecology for review. Jamie requested that we get Ecology's review and comment by the 16th of December. Gene informed the group that he had emailed a copy of the Draft QAPP to everyone and requested that group review the document and provide any comments by the 11th. The goal is to finalize the QAPP in December so the LCCD can begin the field monitoring program.

Discussion on Level 2 Projects

Gene handed out a copy of the list of people who have volunteered their wells for the monitoring program. Once the field program is initiated, the first thing to be conducted is to inspect the well and the well log to determine if it is a feasible well for the groundwater monitoring program. Gene also showed the group a draft map of the distribution of the volunteered wells. There are several areas which we could use some more wells (just north of Route 2 between Davenport and Creston, just east of Davenport in the Mondovi area, and an area south of Egypt). Gene requested that if the group knew anybody in these areas to ask people if we could monitor their wells.

Gene also went over the landowner access agreements for the monitoring program. The group reviewed the draft agreement and did not see any issues with the form. Gene will finalize and have it ready once we speak to landowners. Jamie asked if the PU will be updated periodically on the data collection, or will we just be given a report at end of year. Gene informed the group that the data will be shared with the group the meeting following the monitoring program.

Gene also updated the group on Courtney Harder's work on the Water Inventory GIS project she is conducting. Courtney had prepared several draft maps from the data. Gene distributed them to the group for review and informed them that Courtney will give a formal update next meeting.

Jaime asked if the County had completed access agreements with the other landowners where they wanted to monitor the stream. Gene stated he knew the County had contacted the landowners but was not sure if final agreements had occurred. Jaime also updated the group on some of the data that was available from the stream flow monitoring. She will forward to Courtney.

Gene also informed the group that he emailed the Boise State grant database to the group. No-one had reviewed the database at this time.

Public Comment

Gene informed the group that he had requested Derek Sandison give a presentation to the group but had not talked to Rachael Osburn yet until he got a commitment from Derek. No other 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 December 16th, 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 12:00 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