

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE:**

**\*\*\*Daytime Meeting\*\*\* Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, at Lincoln County Public Works Department in Davenport.**

**Minutes from the WRIA 53 Monthly Meeting**

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**LOWER LAKE ROOSEVELT WATERSHED PLANNING UNIT  
Lincoln County Public Works - Davenport, WA  
December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**IN ATTENDANCE: (16)**

Gene St.Godard, WNR Group  
Scott Hutsell, Lincoln County Commissioner  
Molly Reid, GSI Water Solutions  
Jaime Short, Ecology  
Roger Savage, Campbell Bay Water Assoc.  
George Livingston, Deer Meadows  
Joyce Mings, Resident  
Craig Madsen, Landowner

Kayti Didricksen, USBOR  
Courtney Harder, Lincoln County Planning  
Jim DeGraffenreid, Lincoln County Planning  
David Lundgren, LCCD  
Ellen Savage, Landowner  
Ed Hanson, Hanson Harbor  
Sue Lani Madsen, Landowner  
Dean White, LCCD

**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. Gene asked if any additions to the agenda were needed. An introduction of the LCCD's nitrate sampling program was added as the first item of business and an update on the proposed governor's budget was added as the last item of business.

**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:**

**Update on LCCD's Nitrate Screening Program**

Dean White of the LCCD gave an overview of the nitrate screening program they were providing to the general public. Dean described how the LCCD provides this service to the public a couple times a year. Residents are informed how to collect samples and transport them to the LCCD office. The screening instruments give a qualitative measurement of nitrate screening in water samples. The LCCD advertised that they would be present at the WRIA 53 meeting and asked if anyone had brought water samples to be tested. Attendees who brought water samples gave their water samples to Dean to be screened during the meeting.

**Review and Acceptance of Minutes**

A copy of the November minutes was distributed to the participants. Jaime Short suggested a couple of edits to the last paragraph of the presentation section. Specifically she requested that arsenic be spelled out instead of using the abbreviation "As". Also she suggested an edit be made noting that "homes may require coordination with Ecology to obtain a water right". The edit will be made to the November minutes. No other edits or modifications were made to the November minutes and they were accepted by general consensus.

**Presentation by Gene St.Godard on Domestic Wells in the NW United States**

Gene prepared a power point presentation on Domestic Well uses in Montana, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. The data collected in the presentation was originally prepared by Peter Scott of Gough-Shanahan-Johnson and Waterman. The presentation should the increase of domestic exempt wells in these four western states. Increases in rural wells appear to be isolated to four to six counties in each of the states. And have drastically increased over the past 20 years. Discussion was held if this is a direct result of land use and growth management policies. Discussion was also held as to whether it is truly a large increase in water use in the watersheds, as land uses are changing from larger agricultural and industrial uses, to the lesser rural domestic uses. These changes are occurring as a result in land use, and potentially there could be a decrease in total amount of water used??? These suggestions by the presenters are theoretical and the presentation was intended to direct people that maybe more localized land use and water management decisions should be utilized instead of state-wide regulations.

**Update by Courtney Harder on GIS Water Inventory Project**

Courtney gave the Planning Unit a status report on the Water Inventory Project. She prepared several PowerPoint slides showing the status of wells in WRIA 53, specifically showing the number of wells, when they were installed, yields of wells, and if they were deepened. Courtney also went over several maps she prepared showing: 1) Static Water Levels, 2) Total Depth of Wells, 3) Yield of Aquifer, and 4) Well completion dates. Courtney informed the group that the project is ongoing and she will update the group at each meeting of the progress of the project.

**Discussion on Water Level Monitoring QAPP**

In October, a draft QAPP was prepared and submitted to Ecology for comment. Jaime informed the group that Ecology had reviewed the draft and only had two comments: 1) requested the elevations be reported in NAVD88 standard, and 2) record latitude and longitude and decimal degrees. Gene asked the group if they had any other comments to the Draft QAPP. Hearing none, he informed the group that he would make the edits requested by Ecology and finalize the document so the LCCD can begin the field monitoring program.

Gene and the LCCD have begun to contact property owners who have volunteered their wells for monitoring. In addition, we have begun to review well logs to determine if the well is completed in the geology we wish to monitor. Access agreements are being sent to property owners to allow us to monitor wells. Monitoring of wells should begin in the next week or two.

**Discussion on Governor's Proposed Budget**

Jaime Short led a discussion on the recently released proposed governor's budget. The governor has proposed to cut funding to the watershed planning budget. Only specific projects may get line item funding. Ecology Watershed Coordinators will be eliminated. In addition, the governor has proposed drastic cuts to Ecology's water resource budget. Jaime met with Jim D., Courtney and Gene a couple of weeks ago to discuss WRIA 53's budget. During these discussions, Ecology requested that funds that been allocated to tasks which have not been initiated be cut. For WRIA 53, this resulted in the elimination of our Task 5, Groundwater CARA designation. The group had budgeted \$5,000 to this task. This task now will not be completed by the group.

**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 January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 10:00 am- 12:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Lincoln County Public Works Building in Davenport.

Note: due to subsequent meeting scheduling, specifically the LCCD Passive Rehydration Public Meeting, the meeting was rescheduled to start at 10:30 AM.

**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](mailto:stgod@comcast.net)