

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE:

*****Evening Meeting*** Wednesday, March 19th, 2008, 6 PM – 8 PM, downstairs meeting room at Lincoln County Public Works in Davenport.**

Minutes from the WRIA 53 Monthly Meeting
LOWER LAKE ROOSEVELT WATERSHED PLANNING UNIT
Lincoln County Public Works
Davenport, WA
February 20th, 2008 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: (24)

Gene St.Godard, WNR Group	Mimi Wainwright, Ecology
Jim DeGraffenreid, Lincoln County Planning	Ted Hopkins, Lincoln Co. Commissioner
Eddie Johnson, Landowner	Dean White, Lincoln Co. CD
Roger Savage, Campbell Bay Water Users	James Tillman, Town of Elmer City
George Cordier, Seven Bays	Joel John, Landowner
Gregg Behrens, Columbia Springs Estates	George Rodeck, Landowner
Lon Ottosen, USBOR	Monica Krause, Hanson Harbor
Fred Bell, City of Davenport	Tim Hood, Hanson Harbor
Alan Krause, Hanson Harbor	Gerry Hanson, Hanson Harbor
Mike Todd, Landowner	Mrs. Todd, Landowner
Loren Brown, Whitestone Land Mngmnt	Chris Martin, Water Quality Engineering
Scott Cave, Columbia Basin GWMA	Lois Aldrich, Landowner
Scott Barr, Citizen	Ellen Savage, Landowner

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 kickoff meeting for WRIA 53, and introduced the key people who will be moving the watershed planning process forward: Jim DeGraffenreid, Ted Hopkins, and Mimi Wainwright. 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.

DISCUSSION AND COMMENT:

Opening Comments by Lincoln County

Gene introduced Jim DeGraffenreid of the Lincoln County Planning Department. Jim gave an overview of why Lincoln County had decided it was time to initiate Watershed Planning in WRIA 53. The key reason is that it is the highest growth area in Lincoln County and water supply may be an issue in the future, especially water rights. Gene also commented that many other water resource activities are ongoing in the watershed like the Columbia Basin Hydrostratigraphic Mapping Project, Ecology's review of the Hawk Creek Water Storage project, the Columbia River Water Management Program, the proposed grant for the Lincoln County Passive Rehydration project, and other smaller water resource studies ongoing in Lincoln County. Jim gave a brief overview of the initiating governments who were invited and signed on to start the planning unit and watershed planning effort. These included: Lincoln, Grant, Okanogan and Ferry Counties (counties with lands in watershed) and the City of Davenport (largest city and largest water purveyor). The Colville Tribe and Spokane Tribe were also invited but at the current time, will not be participating.

Jim distributed a handout that provided an overview of the WRIA 53 watershed and the Watershed Planning process. He also distributed a color copy map of the watershed for people's reference.

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.

Watershed Planning Presentation

Gene presented a power point presentation of the Washington State Watershed Planning process. Prior to his presentation he distributed handouts of the slide presentation. Gene also passed out a copy of the RCW 90.82 Watershed Planning Act. For the presentation, he discussed the four (4) phases of watershed planning: 1) Phase 1 - Organization, 2) Phase 2 - Assessment (with the required element of water quantity, and the four optional elements of water quality, habitat, instream flow and water storage), 3) Phase 3 – Development of Plan, and 4) Phase 4 – Implementation. Numerous questions were asked during the presentation and Gene answered their questions.

Public Comment

After the presentation, Gene opened the meeting to public comment and discussion on whether there should be watershed planning in WRIA 53. All persons speaking during the open public meeting voiced support for Lincoln County to conduct the Planning effort. Gene then called for an informal roll call to see if the group should set up a formal Planning Unit with operating procedures and voting requirements. All present voiced their approval to move forward.

Gene then distributed a draft copy of Operating Procedures for the group to review. Gene requested the group review the operating procedures and deliver any comments to him.

Setting of Next Meeting Time

A discussion was held on scheduling the next meeting. Participants discussed whether to keep meetings during the day, or schedule night time meetings. Most were in favor of daytime meetings. However, they did discuss that it would be good to have a night meeting at times. The group requested that next month's meeting be held at night to see about getting more participants involved. The meeting was set for March 19th, 2008 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Lincoln County Public Works building. Gene said he would start to look for presenters who could update the group on water resource activities ongoing in the watershed. Gene also mentioned that Lincoln County has already developed a web site for WRIA 53. It is located on Lincoln County's Planning web page. Some discussion was also held on whether to set up a blog on the web site. Gene said he would look into the logistics on getting it set up.

Actions Completed

Vote from attendees to proceed with Watershed Planning in the Lower Lake Roosevelt Watershed – WRIA 53.

Actions Needed

Gene to check into TMDL listings in WRIA 53.
Mimi Wainwright to get Watershed Planning documents for group.
Gene to set up mailing list for group.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 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