

LOWER PAYETTE RIVER WATERSHED ADVISORY GROUP (WAG)

102 NO. MAIN ST. PAYETTE WATER DIST#65

PAYETTE, ID

NOVEMBER 2, 2011, MINUTES (DRAFT)

Meeting called to order at 1:09

In Attendance:

Jo Anne Smith, PSWCD

Susan Beattie, DEQ

Julia Achabel, DEQ

Lance Holloway, DEQ

Karl Siller, IED, WAG

Johna Gabiola, PSWCD

Mike Raymond, NRCS

Review of Minutes:

Karl Siller made a motion to accept the minutes of June 2010 as presented. Mike Raymond seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Financial Report

JoAnne Smith (PSWCD) said that she has been communicating with Sheryl Stelling about the possibility of funds to help with the administrative costs of running the WAG. She stated that they had the dollar amount of \$725.42 and that she was going to forward the check to the Payette Soil & Water District office to help defray the cost of overseeing WAG business. Susan Beattie suggested to JoAnne Smith that she could maybe contact other WAG Committees and see how they get funding. Lance Holloway said unfortunately that they used to be a budgeted item but with recent cuts the funding was lost. Johna Gabiola (PSWCD) invoiced Sheryl and the check was to be mailed to Payette to use for the costs of running WAG business.

Status of Waterbodies(Lower Payette RiverSubbasin)

- Integrated report 2010 just approved.
- Lower Payette listed; the portion of Bissell Creek without a TMDL was re-listed for sediment.
- DEQ reassessing and trying to delist Bissell Creek because, the stream was intermittent and that a new assessment is necessary.
- 2007 data is the only available information for Little Willow Creek, calling for new data from any sources. Mike Raymond said that there is data from the Lower Payette Ditch but the system has so many outlets that it is hard to get accurate data.

Little Willow Creek TMDL Development

- Have skeleton of TMDL concept paper. Trying to get physical, eco region, rainfall, controlling geology and data on annual flow.
- Need to identify potential problem areas, dairies, confined cattle operations, mines, and roads and open grazing.
- Mike Raymond stated that irrigation maps do not break down the types of irrigation, whether it is gravity, sprinkler or drip.
- Karl Siller recommended replacing “Salmon River Mountains” with West Mountains.
- Jo Anne Smith wanted to know if there is a deadline. Susan Beattie stated that the DEQ has no power to impose a deadline on the WAG but could go with the plan now and have projects on the ground by next summer.
- Julia Achabel said that DEQ possibly could help with 319 grants but it would be nice to have prioritized lists of projects and explained how the implementation plan could be developed at the same time as the TMDL.
- Susan Beattie stated that it would be nice to have an announcement put into the local paper to keep the public informed of the meetings.

Little Willow Creek TMDL Development

- Lance stated that JG Schwartz is worried that Big Willow is being damaged by motorcycle traffic and has posted areas.
- Mike Raymond said that man power is very limited and the funds are rapidly dwindling. The “319” grant pool decreased from \$1,000,000 to \$800,000 with a \$250,000 cap on all projects. They have about 40 applications on file now.
- Mike and JoAnne said they will speak about the WAG at the district board meetings and encourage more community participation.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm. No date was set for the next meeting, but a date in January was discussed. Susan will send a “doodle” calendar to the contact list the first week in January and schedule a meeting based on the response. A location for meeting has not been determined.