

Wood River Watershed Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

Big Wood Canal Company
409 North Apple Street, Shoshone, Idaho
May 27, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees

Rich Bupp – DEQ, Twin Falls Regional Office
Bill Davis – CAFO
Patti Lousen – Wood River Land Trust
Rob Sharpnack – Soil and Water Conservation Commission
Sue Switzer – DEQ, Twin Falls Regional Office

Welcome

There were not enough people in attendance for a formal meeting. The meeting continued as an information meeting. No motions or decisions were made.

WAG Business

- The minutes for the Wood River WAG meeting held on October 22, 2013 were made available; however, they will not be reviewed and approved until the next meeting.
- Sue handed out the bylaws as presently constituted and suggested that the WAG review them and make any updates or changes as seen fit. They have been looked at previously and suggestions were made, but nothing had been changed. She suggested that updated, approved bylaws be posted on the Wood River WAG web page. Sue will mail the bylaws out for discussion topic for the next meeting.
- Sue handed out a list of the interests as stated in the current bylaws and who is holding the positions on the executive board as well as alternates. There are a few empty positions and several who do not attend regularly. Bill and Patti indicated that Bryan Ravenscroft and Lee Brown no longer live in the area. If we get into a position that we need to have something approved and your bylaws are so stringent on having a quorum, we will be in a bind.

The BAG and WAG appointment process was discussed. An advertisement for members to participate in the Wood River WAG was presented. This will be put in the newspaper as public notice and also on our web site. Patti Lousen would be happy to apply for a position on the WAG.

- Sue will send out all the handouts and information from this meeting to the WAG member.

2014 BURP Sites

Sean Woodhead was not able to attend. Sue handed out a list of BURP sites. The first priority is to monitor the assessment units that have never been assessed. Second priority is to monitor sites that have not been monitored for 5 years or more. They will monitor until 40 perennial streams are done. This is a 3-year plan.

Camas Creek Monitoring Plan and Review

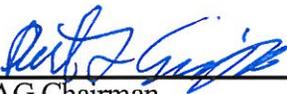
Rich Bupp is doing a subbasin review of the Camas watershed. Rich gave an overview and timeline for this project and made available a handout of his presentation. As required by EPA, a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) has been completed and waiting to be signed. A Field Sampling Plan (FSP) has been created identifying where the sampling takes place. DEQ will be monitoring 27 waterbody units as described in Idaho's Water Quality Standards beginning in April and concluding in October 2014. Following field sampling, data analysis and document preparation will occur. The completion target is March 2015. Rich accepted discussion and questions.

DEQ Updates

- 319 grant funding cycle is open. They are accepting application from April 14 through August 1.
- 2013 Integrated Reported is still in draft form. It has been finalized, but it has not been approved by EPA.

Adjourn

The meeting ended at approximately 8:10 p.m.



WAG Chairman

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Date approved