

Wood River Watershed Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

Big Wood Canal Company
409 North Apple Street, Shoshone, Idaho
Tuesday, January 25, 2011
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendees

Bill Davis – CAFO
Bob Bolte – Gooding SCD
Bob Simpson – City of Carey
Chad Chorney – DEQ-Twin Falls Regional Office (TFRO)
Chuck Pentzer – SWC
Daryle James – Recreation
Jerry Nance – Lincoln County
Leslie Moore – Friends of the Cottonwoods
Lynn Harmon – Big Wood Canal Company (BWCC)
Mark Toone – Livestock
Sue Switzer – DEQ-Twin Falls Regional Office (TFRO)
Sean Woodhead – DEQ-Twin Falls Regional Office (TFRO)
Tom Hellen – City of Hailey

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was brought to order by Bob Simpson, WAG Chairman. The attendees introduced themselves and who they represented.

WAG Business

- The minutes from the previous Wood River WAG meeting on December 14, 2010 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as written.
- The review and update of the bylaws was not discussed at this meeting. It will be on the agenda for next meeting.
- Sue read a statement from the DEQ rules which says that representative are suggested to the BAG who presents them to the director of DEQ who appoints them members of the WAG. It was decided that advertisements for WAG representatives would be placed in local newspapers: Times News, Mountain Express, Camas Courier, Up City News. Sue would prepare the advertisements and get them in the papers.

- Bob Simpson will be contacting a couple individuals to see if he can find someone who is interested in performing secretarial duties and minutes for the WAG. This will be paid for by the WAG.
- Financial Report: The checking account balance is \$7908.35. It was originally designed for educational projects. Bob will go to the bank and get signature cards current prior to the next meeting.

Little Wood 5-Year Review

Sue presented Section 4 of the Little Wood 5-Year Review. The Soil Conservation Commission has completed the Little Wood Implementation Plan for agriculture; however, this has not yet been implemented into the tables. Planned and accomplished activities of agencies, organizations, and individuals responsible for the Little Wood River Subbasin were presented and discussed. It was suggested that a description be put in the 404 permitted table in Section 4.3 or in a footnote for the NWP numbers to provide clarity. Sue asked the WAG members to read through the Future Strategy Section and let her know of any conflict or suggestions. One of the items imperative for future strategy is sufficient on-the-ground water quality restoration projects, which is the responsibility of the WAG in cooperation with DEQ.

319 Schedule for 2011

The new 319 schedule will be on the internet soon. The first or second week in April will begin the pre-application period for 319 projects. At the end of May, the pre-apps will be reviewed. Early August, the complete online application is due. Second week of September the applications will be sent to each respective BAG for review. Early December the Super BAG will meet to vote of the project. The list of projects for this year's funding was distributed to the WAG members; however, none of the projects in this region were funded.

Updates

Chuck Pentzer shared a map called the Wood River WAG; it includes the Camas, the Little Wood and the Big Wood. They can print out more if anyone wanted one.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Bob Simpson at approximately 8:10 p.m.



WAG Chairman

8-23-11

Date approved