



Lower Boise Watershed Council

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING USDA Farm Service Center, Caldwell Thursday, February 11, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

Attendees: See attached sign-in list.

Meeting called to order, introductions made. The minutes from the January 14, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Johanna Bell suggested an addition (i.e., conflict of interest information was distributed to Board members at the meeting), and the revised minutes were approved by the Directors.

LBWC Business

Director Renewal/Officer Elections. Johanna summarized for the Board the bylaws' requirements for Director renewals and Officer elections. Apart from Liz Paul and Bob Braun, the remaining Director positions should have been renewed. In addition, the Flood Control District #10 would like to nominate Helen Larson-Hickman to take over Jack McLeod's Flood Representative position. Liz Paul noted that a strict interpretation of the bylaws would suggest that only she and Bob would be eligible to vote for the remaining Director renewals and the group indicated they thought a larger Director vote would not be in conflict with the bylaws. A motion was made to renew all Director positions and to accept Helen's nomination; the motion passed unanimously by all of the Board members present. Next, the bylaws also state that the Officers should be elected every year at the January meeting. So, a motion was made to renew the existing Officers positions for another year (Johanna Bell-Chair, Henry Hamanishi-Vice Chair, and Lee Van de Bogart-Secretary/Treasurer); the motion passed unanimously.

Bylaws: Open Meeting Laws / Inter-Meeting Voting. Dan Steenson indicated that he hadn't had a chance to review Idaho's Open Meeting Laws to determine if they apply to LBWC but that he would look into it at Johanna's request. The group agreed that ideally Board votes should occur at regularly scheduled (monthly) meetings where notice is provided 5 working days prior to. The bylaws indicate that if a Special Meeting is called, then some notification is required and 50% of the attending Board members must concur with the decision. A Special Meeting should be called out as such, and preferably held via conference call vs. less-efficient email communication. As a last resort, an Informal Action can also be taken but this requires 80% of the attending Board members to concur with the decision.

Nonprofit Board Member Insurance. Given the confusion noted above, the vote taken by the Board at a January 27, 2010, conference call to obtain Directors and Officers Insurance needed to be ratified. A motion was made to ratify the decision to purchase this insurance at an annual cost to cover all Board members of \$735. This money would come from reserve funds that were not previously authorized in the workplan for the year. The motion passed unanimously.

CAMP Nomination Vote. This issue, which was previously voted on by the Board on January 29, 2010, was brought up for additional discussion and possible ratification. Robbin Finch felt

that the State's regulatory framework provided a clear division between water quantity and water quality. Although the CAMP is an important planning process, it would be something to which the LBWC could not contribute the data, expertise, or a single/opinion vision. Liz Paul felt that CAMP will be an essential to water quality in the river and that Lee would provide the important water quality perspective to the larger CAMP discussions on behalf of the LBWC and not the City of Caldwell. Dan thought that the issue of new storage should be discussed in the context of multiple compatible uses, one of which might be water quality. A motion was made to ratify Lee's nomination to the CAMP process with the understanding that the scope of his involvement would be limited to water quality issues that arise as part of that process. Lee will provide updates to, and solicit feedback from, the Board within the CAMP process. The motion passed unanimously.

Update: Flood District and County Reps. As noted previously, Helen Larson-Hickman was nominated and approved to take over Jack McLeod's Flood Representative position on behalf of FD #10. In addition, Johanna let the group know that Paul Calverly has expressed interest in assuming the empty Local Governmental/County position. Paul was the former State Conservationist and currently sits on the Ada Soil and Water Conservation District Board. He is expected to attend our March 2010 meeting with a nomination on behalf of both Ada and Canyon Counties.

New Member Orientation Packet. An updated list of packet materials was provided to the group for discussion. Johanna's intent is to provide a wealth of information for new members to help them better understand the group, its history, and its activities. The group thought that the packet should also include a watershed map but exclude specific information related to contribution amounts given the general sensitivity to budgets.

LBWC Retreat. Johanna discussed a potential retreat for Board members that would focus on a number of items that might include strategic planning, roles of the chair, roles of the facilitator, level of oversight for the facilitator, potential contributions formula revisions, level of formality, bylaws revisions, etc. Liz felt something like a 1-day retreat within the next 6 months would be valuable. Dan thought there would also be value so long as none of the approved budget would be applied to the event. Lee, Robbin, and Erica Anderson-Maguire agreed that keeping costs down was important. Bob wondered what the retreat would fix or accomplish, and Alan Newbill asked whether the Board could put these items into regular Board meetings instead. Erica stated that she thought the value of a retreat would be to help the group define its direction as we move from a TMDL/planning phase to a funding/implementation phase. A motion was made to hold a self-facilitated, 1-day Board retreat within the next 6 months; the motion passed unanimously.

TMDL Updates

Craig Shepard provided his perspective on a phosphorus TMDL for the Boise River. He felt that turning the existing Implementation Plan into a TMDL would not be accepted by EPA. DEQ also isn't thinking about incorporating any of the 2009 de-listing information into the 2010 process because EPA has been clear in its position that the Boise River is impaired by nutrients. Having said that, EPA does not require that a TMDL be developed immediately and DEQ's priorities are currently their 5-year reviews and the TMDLs that are already in the queue from its 2002 TMDL priority list. DEQ has not scheduled a TMDL for the Boise River and will not get to that anytime soon unless the LBWC recommends that DEQ do so. If the LBWC requests that

a new TMDL be completed, IDEQ will clear staff from their current priorities to respond to that request.

Dan informed the group that some of his clients were concerned about EPA's decision to not delist the Lower Boise River for nutrients. And, whether it was together or as individual stakeholders, he felt that we should continue to push for resolution on the nutrient issue and suggested that we reach out to the Congressional delegation for assistance. Robbin indicated that the municipalities have done that already as part of their permitting process and that we should be careful and strategic about additional Congressional involvement. Dan offered to take the lead on interfacing with the Congressionals so that we might make some progress with EPA on the nutrient issue and requested that CH2M HILL provide him with a short summary that he could craft into a position paper. Liz recommended that Dan and Johanna take the lead together on developing a written position for the Board to review and discuss at the March 2010 meeting. Dan asked that Sherrill provide a 1-page summary piece for him and Johanna to work from. A motion was made as such; there were 5 votes for, 3 votes against, and 1 vote abstaining.

FY2011 319 Grant Process

The pre-application deadline for the FY2011 funding cycle is May 9, 2010, and the program notice was distributed. Discussion was postponed until the next meeting due to time constraints.

FY2009 319 Grant Process

Liz requested that this item be added to the agenda. Tanya let the group know that three of the projects are ready for Dan's signature. Delwyne is working on his contract documents and expects to have them completed shortly. Steve Sweet (FD#10) let the group know that their project is in progress in partnership with Rob Sampson from NRCS and Scott Koberg from ASWCD. Liz asked about how the projects were being documented and could be leveraged for public outreach and education? Tanya said they generally take pictures but the group thought that willing landowners might also want to be interviewed so that this information could be passed along to other potential landowners. Johanna suggested that a TAC meeting be scheduled to talk in more depth about the monitoring and public education strategy of the grant and our partnerships with other agricultural groups, including the Canyon Soil Conservation District.

Public Outreach / Conference Participation

A motion was made to ratify the January 25, 2010, vote to develop a banner and purchase a stand to support the IDEQ February Water Quality Workshop Session. Sherrill let the group know that the approximate cost was \$700. The motion passed unanimously. Other discussion was postponed until the next meeting due to time constraints.

Status of Contributions

Discussion was postponed until the next meeting due to time constraints.

Meeting Adjourned

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