

# LOWER UMATILLA BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA

## MINUTES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018

The attendance list for this meeting was not returned.

From a not very good memory: Please provide names

Tom Straughan	Umatilla Co. SWCD	Wym Matthews	ODA
Janet Greenup	Morrow SWCD	Miff Devin	Port of Morrow
David Anderson	DEQ	Mellissa Lindsay	Morrow County Commissioner
Phil Hamm	OSU Hermiston	Scott Lucas	OSU HAREC
Carla McLane	Morrow County Planning		
Charles Kennedy	DEQ		

Minutes of the November 2, 2017 meeting were approved.

The meeting was a very good discussion and review of where we were, where we are and a future that includes an exit strategy.

David Anderson DEQ provided input on what has been done and reminded the committee that there is data from the original action plan, committee and GWMA designation that must be reviewed. There is no universal fix for GWMA's. The trigger for a GWMA is 7 ppm for drinking water.

It was discussed whether the LUB would be more manageable if the area were "divided" into sections.

There was a comment that the well data we have doesn't really tell us anything about what is going on with the groundwater. Of 38 wells 6 or 7 are within ¼ mile of irrigation ditches. We need to know what the water is doing below the ground and how the nitrates got there. We need to know if the well locations are in an area of high septic density, types of wells-domestic, Ag; depth of wells-shallow or deep.

Septic systems and wells must be tested when property transfers.

The question was asked "Where is OWRD"? They should be at the table.

Funding for projects: Wym reported the CAFO fine fund has a continuous application and there is also the fertilizer research fund available.

Peer review: Carla said the ROGS section will be fine-tuned and sent to Tom S. along with a list of reviewers. Any sections needing revisions should complete them by March 10.

Carla asked where the minutes of the committee are kept. Janet said they are being kept electronically in her office. Carla said they need to be posted to a website for access. It was asked if this information could be posted to the DEQ site.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 26, 2018 at the Stafford Hansell Govt Building.

Submitted by Janet Greenup, Morrow SWCD