

LUBGWMA HYBRID Committee Meeting – 3*

11/04/2022 - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Meeting Location

SAGE Center, 101 Olson Rd NE, Boardman, OR 97818, USA

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Agenda:

Time	Action Item
9:30 -9:35 am	Welcome and present the meeting agenda
9:35 – 9:40 am	Salini Sasidharan Minutes and recap
9:40 – 9:50 am	Randy Jones LUBGWMA Committee Membership Update
9:50 - 10:05 am	Melissa Lindsay and Dan Dorrان (Commissioners Morrow and Umatilla Counties) Announcement of LUBGWMA Committee Members
10:05 – 10:10 am	Randy Jones DEQ Appoint LUBGWMA Committee Members
10:10 – 10:25 am	Self Introduction of New Committee Members
10:25 – 10:35 am	Randy Jones DEQ Establish Lead Agency
10:35 – 10:45 am	Election of a new Vice Chair from the LUBGWMA Committee
10:45 am – 11:00 am	ODA Update (ODA Representatives)
11:00 am – 11:15 am	DEQ Update (DEQ Representatives)
11:15 am – 11:20 am	Commissioner Melissa Lindsay Postdoc Update
11:20 am – 11:40 am	Salini Sasidharan Bylaw Action Committee, Subcommittee, Website, Chair activities Updates, and Plan
11:40 am – 12:20 pm	Open Discussion
12:20 pm – 12:25 pm	Schedule the Next Meeting Date and Time
12:30 pm	Adjourn

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LOWER UMATILLA BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA
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Sage Center (Boardman) & Zoom video

Attendance:

Kate Ely	Salini Sasidharan	Monica Samayoa
Kevin Payne	Chris Kowitz	Abigail Tomasek
Tom Straughan	Paul Measeles	Torrie Griggs
Greg Harris	Jared Huddleston	Maria Isabel Zamora
Kelly Doherty	Tom Demianew	Karen Lewotsky
Melissa Lindsay	Elizabeth Schultz	Aaron Palmquist
Marganne Allen	Ana Pineyro	Wym Matthews
Randy Jones	Don Wysocki	Rob Hibbs
Kristin Ostrom	Gibb Evans	Robert Waldher
Tamra Mabbott	Antonio Sierra	JR Cook
Dan Dorran	Collen Swafford	Justin Green
Zaira Sanchez	David Anderson	Jessica Keys
Carla McLane	D. Kilkenny	Nella Mae Parks
Miff Devin	Fred Ziari	Russ Kazmierczak
Brian Crawford	Mike Hiatt	

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 am by Salini Sasidharan.

Salini gave an update on the membership committee

Randy Jones outlined the 10 membership categories, fulfilling DEQ's statutory responsibility. The categories are Morrow County, Umatilla County, Science and Research, Production Ag, Livestock/Dairy/CAFO, Environmental Organizations, Industry and Business, City Government in the LUBGWMA, General Public, and Tribal Government.

Paul Measeles wondered if irrigated ag and dry land ag should be split.

Dan Doran wanted to get the committee started with the proposed categories and address any potential changes at a later date as needed.

Aaron Palmquist agreed with Dan Doran.

Randy Jones said the categories are reflective of the second action plan.

Tom Demianew mentioned that irrigated vs. dry land ag will be touched on in the local Morrow and Umatilla biennial reviews of their respective Ag. Water Quality Plans.

Brian Crawford inquired about Port of Morrow representation. Wondered if Industry and Business covered the port.

Elizabeth said she had requested the port be 1 of the categories given their interest.

Dan Doran presented the proposed members from each committee for Randy to appoint. The members presented were Melissa Lindsay; Morrow County, Dan Doran; Umatilla County, Salini Sasidharan; Science and Research, Aaron Madison; Production Ag, Greg Harris; Livestock/Dairy/CAFO, Karen Lewotsky, Environmental Organizations, Brain Crawford; Industry and Business, Aaron Palmquist; City Government in the LUBGWMA, Kristin Anderson Ostrom; General Public, and Eric Quempts; Tribal Government. The action committee will take names for the 2nd General Public selection at a later date and voted on by the body as a whole.

Aaron Palmquist wondered if alternates should be presented now as well, to get DEQ's blessing.

Dan stated that those selections will be voted on by the voting committee.

Randy accepted the 10 members presented and appreciated the Counties work achieving forward momentum.

Committee members that were present gave brief introductions.

Randy Jones explained the role of the Lead Agency and appointed the Morrow SWCD.

Kevin Payne stated that he was happy to accept the appointment and continue as the Lead Agency.

Salini proposed selecting a vice chair for the committee.

Melissa nominated Dan Doran for Vice Chair.

The nomination was seconded by Aaron Palmquist and called for a vote.

The voting members present voted unanimously for Dan Doran as Vice Chair. Those present and voting yes were Salini, Brian, Melissa, Aaron, Greg and Kristin.

Tom Demianew and Marganne gave an ODA update with comments from Robb Hibbs and Wym Matthews. Tom mentioned having measurable objectives as part of the local Ag Water Quality Plan reviews. It was mentioned that the goal is to advance the maturity of the groundwater program to match the surface water program.

Randy Jones with DEQ reminded everyone that State agencies are not on the committee by design to avoid any conflicts of interests, and that they are able to serve as advisors.

Mike Hiatt and David Anderson with DEQ gave an update. They currently monitor around 30 wells, most of which are drinking water wells, and look for trend analysis with regards to nitrate concentrations. They mentioned that a synoptic sampling event may be of use to the committee. There are 7 facilities in the GWMA that can use wastewater as part of their permits. There have been some recent violations and those facilities are currently in settlement talks.

Dan Doran gave an update on the Postdoc position. Dan is hoping for some modeling of historic and current data to drive potential solutions. The position is being assisted by Todd Jarvis, Salini and Scott Lukas. They would like to see it funded one cycle.

Tamra Mabbott stated that she hopes some congressional direct spending with County support could be put towards collection and analysis of new data.

Melissa Lindsay mentioned that the Counties do not drive the postdoc position to keep the data trusted and neutrality is preserved.

Chris Kowitz with OWRD offered to supply OWR data sets and suggested that anyone looking at collecting new data to make it known and other agencies may be after the same set. That could provide some efficiencies in data collection in the LUBGWMA.

Salini mentioned the importance of finding out whether there is significant surface water/groundwater interaction.

Paul Measels stated that flow rates and connectivity of the systems are keys to look at.

Salini gave updates on the Chair position since the last meeting. She also highlighted the work of the membership action committee and the bylaw action committee.

Dan Doran mentioned the importance of following Robert's Rules now that the committee is an official body. Also stated the importance of providing meeting minutes, posting public notices, etc.

Melissa Lindsay said that she hopes the 10 new committee members go to their respective categories they represent and engage them to bring back new ideas to the committee to encourage action.

Salini reminded everyone to think about selection of alternate members for consideration at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 pm.

The next meeting will be in-person with Zoom option, Friday January 6th, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Location TBD.

Submitted by Kevin Payne

Reviewed by Salini Sasidharan